

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **MOYNALTY**  
County : **MEATH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-99

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	37
The Built Environment	40	34	34
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	21
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	33	31
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>230</b>

## **Moynalty, County Meath**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The way that the essential charm of the village has been retained is one of the most attractive features of Moynalty. The on-going improvements together with commendable future plans, e.g. purchasing of threshing field, millennium clock etc. indicate a strong commitment to continue to upgrade and enhance the appearance of the village. Your entry form outlined in detail what works had been carried out as well as your future plans. The clear map was appreciated by the adjudicator.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The scale and standard of presentation of most of the houses and shops in the village contribute significantly to the appearance of Moynalty. However, considerable clutter was noted around the Filling Station. St. Mary's Credit Union is the focal point of the village with its tower and attractive stone work. The Catholic Church, School and Community Hall are well maintained.

### **LANDSCAPING**

As has been mentioned in previous reports the mature trees add enormously to the beauty of the village. The different species of trees add interest. The trees heighten ones sense of expectation as you approach the village on the Kells road and other approaches. The well tended grass verges and hedges together with the planting and colourful hanging baskets and flower beds throughout the village are noteworthy.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The river is an important natural amenity and more of a feature could be made of it. The possibility of developing a walk has been mentioned previously and should be explored further. The tennis court is an attractive amenity. A number of suitable shrubs might be planted to help screen the chain-link fencing at the entrance path to this amenity. The purchase of the threshing field will provide additional opportunities in the years ahead. The river is an important wildlife habitat. It was lovely to see the occasional fish rising in the river and large numbers of swallows and martins hawking under the trees above the water on the day of inspection.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control continues to be satisfactory. However there is

no room for complacency. On the day of inspection a light scattering of litter was noted on stretches of road margins, especially on the Kingscourt Road and at the cemetery. A litter bin at the cemetery would help.

## **TIDINESS**

The village has a tidy appearance brought about by the standard of presentation of grass margins, hedges, roads, footpaths and the buildings, etc. The wire-scape is unsightly and impacts adversely on the village.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The standard of presentation of most of the houses in and around the village is good. Landscaping at entrances was noted particularly on the Carlanstown Road and Kells Road.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

All the approach roads show the results of continual and on-going maintenance with well tended grass verges and hedges. The footpaths and kerbs are weed free. The regular sweeping of street gutters does much to sharpen up the appearance of the village. A number of weedy entrance areas were noted on the Carlanstown and Kingscourt roads. Weeds were also present in the car-park at rear of the Community Hall. The extensive and well maintained stone walls throughout the village is a highlight.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Moynalty continues to improve and demonstrates what can be achieved by a community working together and in co-operation with State Bodies.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (13/08/99)**

The standard of the verges on the approach roads was exceptional - there was scarcely a blade of grass out of place! Indeed, the entire village had such a cared for appearance that it was difficult to find fault. Nonetheless, there was just a small number of yards/gaps between buildings which could have been improved upon. Litter, commendably, this time was not a problem. Do ensure that commercial premises avoid the temptation to over clutter their frontage. The old phonebox in its original colours is most fitting. We look forward to further development under the Wildlife section.