

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **THREEMILEHOUSE**  
County : **MONAGHAN**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	15
Litter Control	40	33	32
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>195</b>

## **Threemilehouse, County Monaghan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Threemilehouse has an idyllic setting and it was a pleasure to adjudicate on a nice summer's day. You obviously have almost the full support of the community and you are congratulated for this. In identifying a work programme for next year you should acknowledge the recommendations contained in this and previous reports - attention to detail is now a priority. Work closely with the Local Authority and FAS and continue your awareness programme with the young people of Threemilehouse. You are progressing well and your efforts this year have again gained you an increase in marks. Thank you for the completed questionnaire.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Public and private buildings were all presented to satisfaction. The Church, School, GAA Park, Post Office and McGearys all looked well. The new stone facing on the boundary wall of the park is very attractive and when finished will further enhance the presentation of the village, however, the derelict vehicles and untidy garage on the Newbliss Road are still a problem and not helping your cause. Your efforts in this regard have been noted by the adjudicator.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Well maintained green areas, rockeries, colourful planting and maturing young trees all combined to promote an attractive and pleasant environment. Again the generous planting outside Lynches was eye catching and the river area is also landscaped to a very high standard. Please do give consideration to the greater use of trees as same are most important plants in the urban landscape and Threemilehouse has many areas suitable for such planting. The use of a small number of large containers in such open spaces as car parks and forecourt areas should also be considered to further enhance the presentation of Threemilehouse. Another good and strong performance under this heading.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You have not performed well under this heading - as a Tidy Towns Committee you have an important role to play in protecting, enhancing and increasing the wildlife value of your community. For expert advice and guidance please refer to Tidy Towns Handbook - Page 65 "Wildlife and Natural Amenities" - you will find this of great help in

establishing a Wildlife Programme. The river areas was nicely presented and the car park at McCreary's has improved in presentation.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Very good on adjudication day - do standardise the presentation of litter bins. Your art competition for local school children is obviously a great help in the promotion of anti-litter awareness. You must not get complacent - keep up the good work.

### **TIDINESS**

The village had a very tidy appearance - litter free, well maintained green areas, rockeries, colourful planting, nicely presented public and commercial buildings all contributing to an attractive environmental presentation.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The comments contained in last years report still applies - "Houses were well presented with attractive hedges, lawns and colourful flower features". The housing estate also looked well, however, additional planing in these areas is recommended.

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

The Monaghan and Newbliss Roads were tidily presented with trimmed verges, rockeries, colourful planting and a variety of shrubs all making a real impact on the environmental presentation of Threemilehouse. However, some back areas need attention and the support of landowners and the County Council in this regard is a matter you should progress. Other problems inhibiting your progress under this heading have been identified elsewhere in this report and the adjudicator is aware of your efforts to resolve some. Freshen up the presentation of village furniture and monitor the condition of signposting and litter bins on a regular basis. Whilst performing well in this section there is still a lot of room for improvement.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

You are progressing nicely thanks to your excellent relationship with the community and Local Authority which is in no small way due to your determination to do well in this competition. Attention to detail is now required to expedite progress. Well done and best wishes for the Millennium.