

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **MOVILLE**  
County : **DONEGAL**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	32	32
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	20
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>194</b>

## **Moville, County Donegal**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

There do not seem to have been many new projects completed this year, but your Development Plan is impressive and it is clear that several initiatives are on the way. It is also clear from viewing the town that an enormous amount of work has gone on, simply in maintaining the high standard. Do not, therefore, be disappointed that there has not been a significant increase in marks this year: from what has been read and seen this should alter considerably in 2000 or 2001, all going well. Incidentally, it is worth noting that your marks under Litter Control and Tidiness are well above the national average.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Churches and the principal public buildings are very well maintained, as always. The Gatehouse of the Inishowen Co-Op impresses as an architectural focus point. This adjudicator was particularly taken by the splendid Temperance Hall in two shades of blue. The superb warehouse on Malin road could do with whitewashing before long. One of the most notable features of Moville is the terraces - these are considered under RESIDENTIAL (below). The ESB HQ is not as well kept as neighbouring buildings.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The Green is as usual most pleasant; the balance between a formal park and a natural seaside area is well kept. Planting here and there throughout the town, in private as well as public places, adds visual charm - one example is the delightful grounds of the Church of Ireland church. Major development at St Finian's park is eagerly anticipated.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The Sli na Slainte is a first rate project, and its development will also be looked forward to. An informational point, as suggested by last year's adjudicator, is something to be kept in mind. School groups could be encouraged to identify and list plant, bird and animal species, and exhibit resulting drawings, perhaps in a competition.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Disposable litter was quite conspicuously confined to two points, in the Market Square and at the sea front. Your efforts, however, and those of your student and FAS helpers, deserve the highest commendation, for most of the

town was remarkably  
litter-free on adjudication day.

## **TIDINESS**

Moville is undoubtedly a tidy town. There was very little kerbside weed on adjudication day, though it was apparent on the fine stone wall opposite the Church of Ireland, and flyposting was absent. Plastic and other mass-produced signs should be discouraged.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

As mentioned before, the Victorian terraces are a most impressive feature, as are the older street houses, for example in Malin road and also near the harbour where there are beautifully kept cottages. The coastguard houses near the pier are very smart indeed. Two superbly renovated street houses next to the Bank of Ireland particularly caught the eye. Suburban housing in the upper part of the town, especially where there are well nurtured gardens, add to the pleasing stock. New housing on the Greencastle road looks promising and will be assessed when completed.

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

Surfaces and paving are generally good. The blue street furniture is excellent, and the handsome new lighting standards in the Market square might be extended to other streets with advantage, as a future project. Stone walls, where they exist, are a fine feature. The clearing of a derelict site on Lower Main Street, and the provision of well planted tubs and a gravelled surface is a huge improvement. (Ideally one would like to see reinstatement of housing to match buildings on either side).

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A prosperous-looking and friendly town, from which further important additions to the townscape and natural environment are confidently expected.