

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MONASTEREVIN**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	18
Litter Control	40	15	14
Tidiness	20	8	8
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	18
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	167	163

Monasterevin, Co. Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed entry form and accompanying development plan and maps. They were most helpful. Unfortunately, the judges could not locate the new tree planting around Culeen Bridge along Moore Abbey Wall – perhaps a more detailed and clear map can be included with next year's entry indicating the location of such developments.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church building looked well, however, some weeds are present on the main structure. The derelict buildings on Dublin Street detract from the overall impression of Monasterevin. Mock shop fronts opposite Molly's Diner looked well and brightened up this side of the street, however they do need to be cleaned. The problem of weeds at the base of the derelict buildings needs to be addressed. Some premises that were well presented include Molly's Diner, The Public Library, Mooney's, Sean Dunphy's, Manly Hopkins and the River House. St. Peter's primary school is also very well maintained.

LANDSCAPING

The grounds of Moore Abbey are extremely well maintained and display good quality signage. The grass is neatly cut and mature trees add to the tranquil nature of the grounds. The Hazel Hotel displayed tasteful landscaping and was well painted, neat and tidy. Outdoor furniture is well maintained and the car park was litter free. The green area opposite the Ballyfarrsoon entrance outside the cemetery was well cut and very tidy.

WILDILFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Riverside Park is an exceptional local amenity. Gravel pathways in the park are neat, tidy and weed free as are the flowerbeds at the monument opened in 1996. Attention to detail is required regarding the overgrown areas at both bridges. The Millennium 2000 fountain was most impressive and it was pleasing to note that the park is an evolving entity.

LITTER CONTROL

St. Peter and Paul's Church is litter free – bedding plants in the grounds are well presented. There was a scattering of litter outside Jennings Truck Centre.

TIDINESS

As pointed out in your application form the Tourist Information Point outside Finlay's needs to be either removed or replaced, as it is currently an eyesore. Outdoor furniture in this focal area also requires upgrading. Recycling bin outside St. Paul's Secondary school is a welcome asset to the town, however on the day of adjudication it appeared to be quiet burnt and needed repainting. A Tidy Towns bin was also spotted outside Luigi's Takeaway on Dublin Street.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

New bungalows at the side of the Church are well maintained as are the terraced houses opposite. The houses opposite the church had an impressive display of hanging baskets. House directly opposite the Church had a fine display of roses on the day of adjudication. The water pump in this area also looks well. Woodview Estate, Togher Grove, Rose Terrace and Abbeygate Estate were well presented. Residences on the Portlaoise Road are very well maintained with roadside verges well cut back.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Outdoor furniture in some area needs to be replaced or repaired. Repainting of barriers along the Canal. Paths are in very good condition in this area and very little litter has been noticed. There is a need for better street signage throughout Monasterevin and there is huge potential for the Georgian buildings, which align Dublin Street. The Barrow Way is clearly indicated with good signage.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is huge potential for the further progression of Monasterevin in the Tidy Towns Competition. Undoubtedly the large volume of through traffic passing through the town impacts somewhat on the level of development that can occur. The impact of the Tidy Towns Committee is commendable to date and is to be encouraged.