

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	14
Litter Control	40	35	33
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	26
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	200	198

Threemilehouse, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your ongoing entry to the Tidy Towns Competition. It is a pity you did not give us a more detailed programme of your work for this year together with a map. Both would have been most helpful for the adjudicator and I recommend them for the years ahead. I also note your comments that adjudication should take place over the year. Be assured that adjudicators look at the overall effect of your work and have a general sense of how it would impact upon the community at times other than at the high flowering season.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Threemilehouse is obviously a very integrated community. This is reflected in the high standard of your public buildings. The National School and grounds were in excellent condition. The adjudicator noted the new lighting that has been erected since last he visited your village and also the Catholic Church and the excellent condition of the buildings there. The hedge by the cemetery wall was noted as being particularly appropriate. Which you rightly pointed out in your application the tractor shed is undoubtedly a major problem for you. This should not be simply screened with a judicious planting or indeed a more solid wall with a chain link fencing which is currently there. One understands the commercial necessity of a business like this in a rural community but it is certainly holding back the overall impact of your efforts.

LANDSCAPING

The village is very nicely planted and I most appreciated the beautiful beds on the approach roads especially the begonias and the planted boxes on the Monaghan Road. Also noted were the planting of deciduous trees for generations ahead on the approach roads and around the village. Well done on this!

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your application noted that no effort is being made to deal with the wildlife element of the Tidy Towns Competition. This is a pity, given that you have such a young community and that knowledge of the flora and fauna of the countryside would be most beneficial for your children. It occurs to your adjudicator that a country walk to some of the lanes at the back of the Catholic Church might be very appropriate and worthy project. It would be a simple matter identifying the trees, plants, flowers and fauna on that route and

having them signposted.

LITTER CONTROL

There was simply no litter prevalent at all on the day of adjudication. This is a huge achievement with a young community - plenty of children playing about and not a paper in sight. Equally impressive was the cleanliness of the GAA recreation centre. Congratulations to all.

TIDINESS

As already noted there was a general atmosphere of good husbandry about and this was reflected in the tidy impression that Threemilehouse made on the adjudicator. It was noticeable that the ongoing work in terms of tidiness, such as the building of the wall at the GAA Park goes ahead. Well done!

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing on the other side of the village is very well maintained by the residents and they are to be congratulated. Noted was the upgrading of the walls in this area. Also the flowering bank at Lynch's shop and the flower boxes along the Post Office were very good. Houses especially on the road behind the Catholic Church in both directions were excellently maintained.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were in good condition and verges well kept without being over manicured. Chain linked fencing between the housing and Lynch's Shop was a bit unsightly and could be upgraded. The back lanes on either side of the Catholic Church could be better maintained, they were overgrown.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Looking down on Threemilehouse from the elevation behind the Post Office it appears to be a very tidy community with a great sense of its own wellbeing and good. This is reflected in the overall higher mark which you got this year and in the very positive comments. Keep up the good work.