

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MOYVORE**
County : **WESTMEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	24
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	22	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	21	19
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	157	148

Moyvore, County Westmeath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Moyvore is welcome to the first Tidy Towns Competition of the third millennium. Thank you for your completed application. It is good to note that you enjoy so much support from the local community, both physical and financial. It is also good to note your regular liaison with the County Council and FAS. Well done on including the school children in your litter control programme. The village is set in lush pastureland and the gentle rise of the road when approaching from the Mullingar entrance together with the first glimpse of the handsome two storey building adds interest.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The school which had been recently painted looked quite magnificent. The circulation area of the Maxol garage is nicely surfaced and tidy, well done here. Macawleys plastic neon sign should be replaced with more modern signage. The church is an attractive development, particularly its belfry, the boundary wall here however needs to be cleaned or painted and the carpark badly needs to be weeded and landscaped and potholes eliminated to its roadside edge. The grotto makes a bold statement and is attractive.

LANDSCAPING

A green area with shrub beds and young trees at one end of the village together with flower displays look well. Landscaped verges at the Ballymahon end of the village made for a wonderful introduction from this approach road. Take care in choosing trees and shrubs and ensure species chosen will enhance wildlife. Place more emphasis on permanent planting than on flower displays.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There are a number of ways to compete under this heading. The development of a wildflower garden should be considered. A habitat survey and species count should be undertaken. Your Tidy Towns Handbook should be helpful with ideas and advice.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is good. Your work with the children in this respect has been worthwhile. Do send us in details of your activities with the children regarding litter control.

TIDINESS

Weed growth is a problem under this heading, sporadic outbreaks were noted, this should be eliminated altogether. The Community Centre is an important building in the village, its façade looks a little weatherstained, no doubt this will be rectified in due course when work has been completed. The circulation area around the building should be landscaped. The derelict buildings and the derelict wall present a problem under this heading at the Ballymahon end of the village. Weed growth was also quite prevalent along the footpath out the Ballynacargy road to the church.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Single storey residential properties along the main road are well presented for the most part, however one or two boundary walls are in urgent need of attention. The two storey residential property at the Ballymahon end of the village features attractive colourful flower displays.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Grass verges had been recently cut for adjudication and all looked neat and well presented. The nameplates looked well also. The field boundary through the centre of the village, (which is half stone wall, half hedgerow) was being maintained to an excellent standard and was much admired. The Eircom utility building looked well, although sprayed weeds here were a little unsightly. Two field boundary walls leading to the telephone kiosk could also be better presented, as could the weatherstained roadside boundary walls at the Maxol garage. The inner verge of the footpath out the Ballynacargy road should be cut back for safety.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Moyvore is an attractive village located on a busy thoroughfare, the difficulties in presentation are understood by the judges, however the community seems to be deeply committed as is evidenced by the tidy, neat appearance of the village, well done.