

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MONAGEER**
County : **WEXFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	25
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	28	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	18	12
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	191	177

Monageer, County Wexford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Few centres have achieved the same dramatic advance as Monageer did this year. The presentation of your three year development programme, the result of extensive consultation is important. The resultant sense of engagement and involvement by a wider range of people within the centre is very apparent in the results achieved. Thank you for the helpful map and also a copy of your three year programme. Committing to writing the anticipated and attainable objectives you have set yourselves give a structure and framework for your ongoing activities. Monageer has already achieved the desirable clear cut division of the centre from its rural surroundings.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The newly installed 1798 memorial was very well presented, while the pub opposite was neatly and well painted. The church and priest's house looked well but do sweep the stones from the foreground for best effect. We admired the fine stone wall and the new private houses beyond the cemetery. The little thatched cottage in the village is a delight.

LANDSCAPING

The large sized grotto, an important asset in any location, still provides opportunity for enhanced presentation. The grass, when cut, ought to be collected and weeds, inside the kerb stones of the parking area should be removed. The presentation of the new cemetery, a celebration of colour, is a delight with extensive flowering displays. The picnic table at the 1798 memorial is a nice touch. The school grounds were very well presented. The cemetery beside the church appeared to be somewhat overgrown and some attention is recommended here. The large entrance area to the GAA ground calls for additional attention. Ground planting is to be preferred to the use of containers or planters. Where planters are deemed necessary it is important to ensure that they are very fully planted for best effect. The enhanced presentation of communal grassed areas is applauded

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The provision of the nesting boxes and feeding tables envisaged by your development plan is an important additional inducement, encouraging bird and wildlife within the area. The extensive grounds of the grotto are clearly a major resource to be developed in this regard. The extensive areas within the Moin Rua housing estate are

also significant as suitable wildlife habitats. Their development in this regard should be considered as well.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter presentation throughout the centre was of a very high order. The litter bin at the grotto was extensively used and needed to be serviced. The school area was free of litter but minor amounts were observed in the foreground of the pub. The pole-mounted litter bin on the Enniscorthy Road was suitably located.

TIDINESS

Some additional marks are achievable under this heading. The statue at the grotto would benefit from a washing and a more appropriate treatment for candle cans after they are extinguished, is recommended. Some spoil has been allowed to accumulate between the roads and pavement, especially on the road leading to Moin Rua. The Recycle for Life installation at the GAA ground is being well maintained. Sand and gravel appears to be stored in the corner of the church car park. Sweeping along the kerbs at the roadside would enhance a sense of tidiness and neatness in the village itself. The cobblestone effect, which is a feature of the Moin Rua housing estate has begun to unravel and attention is directed to this as a matter of urgency.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual houses have been very well presented. The communal grassed area in the Moin Rua housing estate, together with the splendid planting, is an absolute delight and the transformation here is warmly applauded. The new houses on the Cemetery Road together with the two new dwellings on the Oulart Road, will, when completed, add to the housing stock in the centre. The house above the school was delightfully presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The village nameplate, speed limit signs and the practice of cutting hedges and verges all collectively help to give an excellent good impression of Monageer. The road surface, particularly on the new Cemetery Road, needs attention. Some spoil has been allowed to accumulate by the wall base and needs attention. In a number of locations throughout the centre, the area between the garden walls of dwellings and the road proper has not been appropriately treated. In some cases weeds, grass and general untidiness has marred the overall vista. On the Oulart Road the village nameplate would benefit from washing, as would the 30mph speed limit sign.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It is important to stress that of their nature Tidy Towns reports can often appear to dwell, over much, on negative aspects or items still needing attention. This should not in any way disguise or diminish the superb progress being made in Monageer. All associated with this splendid presentation and the improvement of the centre are applauded and encouraged to keep up the good work