

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **MONIVEA**  
County : **GALWAY**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	44	42
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	20
Litter Control	40	28	30
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	20	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	32
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>229</b>

## **Monivea, County Galway**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The committee of five appear to have a very comprehensive developmental plan in conjunction with the Community Development Co-Operative Society and working in tandem with the statutory bodies. This is reflected in the effort put into keeping the Town tidy. The map of the town as presented in the centre of the brochure is not really ideal for use in a Tidy Towns competition and it is suggested that one be drawn for any future years.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Garda station is a gem of the village and all credit to the authorities for showing it at its best festoon with flowers with its bright yellow door in contrast with its excellent stone facing. This building was photographed and entered for consideration under the heritage sector. McGiverns lends an air of architectural integrity to the town – the external proportions and overall appearance speak of a long tradition in the area. All the buildings along the main street appeared well maintained with An Sciobal standing out for its excellent façade. One building still had an Xmas decoration still visible and if possible this should be removed for the remainder of the year. Stonewalls in and around area looked impressive – particularly the wall near Glennaslat. Encouragement should be continued to stone face the outside of the derelict site to maintain continuity throughout the town. A fresh coat of paint would improve the railings at the national school and the basketball court cleaned up somewhat.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Monivea is fortunate in having been one of the few planned towns that have features such as the expanse of greens running through its centre. The planting and bedding was a riot of colour and texture and had the hallmarks of professionalism combined with a love of nature. Weed control at the GAA centre could be improved. The barrels with flowers looked well at the national school. The vast expanse of shrubbery with its high wall backdrop as one enters the town at McGiverns is a cascade of different shades of green and is complimented by the private garden next door.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Monivea woods and its contents of Mausoleum and icehouse are an asset to the town and the new signposting looked well. The newsletter and web address of [www.monivea.20m.com](http://www.monivea.20m.com) on the efforts to preserve Monivea woods is very informative. This enhancement and conservation will be of benefit to the area for years to come

– keep it up!

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control plans appear to be in evidence. In addition to a weed control problem at the GAA pitch there was also some litter nearby. The playground near the Garda station inevitably had a small amount of litter. “Nailers corner” had litter and some old tyres strewn about. Overall, the central area of the town was litter free and looked really well so congratulations to all involved in the regular clean up.

## **TIDINESS**

Overall, there was a general air of tidiness. There were a lot of paint scrapings on the ground outside a residence opposite the national school and nailers corner but it is accepted that this was very temporary as they were re-painting their perimeter wall. Verges all appeared neat and tidy. The monument/signage for the playground could be upgraded and the entrance to the woods/rugby club area inside the wall could be tamed somewhat.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Ard Aoibhinn Estate had some fine gardens, in particular the house with shutters. The shrubbery at the entrance sign to the estate also looked very well.

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

In general roads appeared adequate and well maintained

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Beautiful town with a tranquil air well looked after by those who are showing an interest in their surroundings.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (30/07/01)**

The limestone nameplates at village entrances create a good first impression for visitors. The green spaces and trees which comprise the village centre were magnificently maintained. The stone Garda Station looked quite charming with its colourful displays of flowers in hanging baskets and window boxes. Perhaps the re-instatement of the original sash windows could be considered in future years. The gates to the graveyard should be painted up before next year’s competition. A number of papers both in the village centre and adjacent to a stone wall on the Galway Road created a bad impression. The ruin of the old church tower on the village green is a quite charming relic from the village’s past.