

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MOONE**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	24
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	28	30
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	23	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	26
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	191	188

Moone, Co. Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Moone is very welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed application. You do not appear to have a planned work programme spanning the next two to three years. It does not have to be prepared by a professional, a simple one or two page plan will suffice. This may work against you as all work should be of a planned, rather than a piece-meal, nature. This is the first time the adjudicator has been in Moone for many years and was pleasantly surprised at the quality of life in the village now that the bypass has been opened. The village is now a very safe environment.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The school and the church look really well. The Post Office could look better if its dated plastic box neon signs were removed.

LANDSCAPING

Green areas at the entrance from the bypass need a little more attention, these were overgrown during adjudication. However other green areas in the village, particularly at the southern end of the village from the high road were being well maintained. Flower displays were noted and were in bloom and looked colourful. However these are not as important as permanent planting such as trees and shrubs. Hedgerow planted along the timber post fencing will be a great addition to the landscaping of the village as these mature. Landscaping could be extended to incorporate the handball alley, it would look well with some variegated ivy. The young trees on the road down to the High Cross from the village are almost lost in the high grass. This will detract from their growth and also takes from their visual impact.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The river Griese which flows at the boundary of the village offers an opportunity for amenity development. Do try to keep the bridge wall free of weed growth to feature the handsome stone work here. There are wonderful opportunities in the immediate environs of the village for nature trails and country walks. These should be identified and developed.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was noted on the verge approaching the speed limit sign on the high road at the southern end of the village. You should submit details of your litter control activities as these can be a source of additional marks.

TIDINESS

Sprayed weeds on the footpath near the handball alley should be removed, as indeed should sprayed weeds at the handball alley itself. Be vigilant regarding side and back areas visible from the public road.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The large ivy clad three storey house in the village centre looks magnificent. Other older houses ensure that Moone retains its rural character. Newer houses and bungalows were well presented and there are some really magnificent gardens particularly at the northern end of the village. The new Shackleton Village residential development is excellent in its standard of finish, landscaping and presentation.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Eircom utility building and its boundary wall needs cleaning and / or painting. Some road signs need cleaning or refurbishing and some planters should be taken in as they are only growing weeds or they could be planted with shrubs.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Moone is very favourable compared to what it had been when it was busy with through traffic. There are many opportunities now to develop the quality of life in the village further. We wish you well in the future.