

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	23	21
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	160	157

Moyvore, Co. Westmeath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Moyvore is a small, attractive village that could benefit greatly from some simple, but effective measures. The introduction of hanging baskets and window boxes would greatly enhance the streetscape and give some colour to the village. It is also recommended that you further develop the landscaped grass verge on the Ballymahon road.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church on the Ballynacargy road is a fine building, but at present is a little weather stained and may need a repaint over the next few years. The school building is nicely painted and its grounds are well looked after. The prefab needs to be painted however, and a window needs to be replaced. The Community Centre has beautifully restored stonework which looks very attractive. The area in front of the centre needs to be weeded and unused stones and gravel removed. McCawley's shop is kept clean and tidy but needs a fresh sign. The Winning Post pub looks well and I would recommend the addition of window boxes for next year. Flower tubs in the forecourt would also give a lift to the place.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaped area on the Ballymahon road has great potential. The young trees are maturing nicely. The grass needs to be maintained a little better and the flowerbed is overgrown and needs weeding out. You might consider putting in more flowerbeds and shrubs and creating a small seating area.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Under this heading I would advise you to undertake a wildlife survey in conjunction with the school to highlight and raise awareness of the wildlife indigenous to your area. Your Tidy Towns Handbook should give you some ideas and helpful advice.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is of a very high standard. There was no evidence of litter in the village. The forecourt and car park next to McCawley's was immaculately clean and tidy, as was the school yard further up the road. Well done to all concerned.

TIDINESS

Make sure to maintain the areas in front of house boundary walls. Some road sides need to be weeded and grass verges cut. Keep shrubberies and flowerbeds weeded. Remove grass cuttings from the corner of the breen on the Ballymahon road. The path to the church is badly overgrown. It needs to be cut back and to have the weeds dealt with, particularly along the kerb.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There is an attractive row of houses surrounding the post office, some of which are decorated with lovely flower tubs and window

boxes. Opposite the post office there is a beautiful stone building with a wonderful landscaped garden. The bungalow next door is also well kept. Houses on the Mullingar side also look well maintained, but one or two boundary walls need to better maintained.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach from Ballymahon is very good with grass verges being well cared for. The nameplate on the Mullingar approach needs to be cleaned. As already mentioned above, the Ballynacargy roadsides need some attention. The approach from Ballymore is quite good. You might consider planting flowers at the base of the village nameplates.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Great efforts have been made to keep Moyvore a tidy and litter-free zone and in this respect you have been very successful. I commend everyone for taking responsibility for this aspect of the village. In terms of improving the village, the introduction of floral displays and further development of landscaped areas would have a big impact. I am delighted to hear the Tidy Towns Competition has had a positive effect on the community and good luck for the future.