

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MOVILLE**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	33
The Built Environment	40	34	32
Landscaping	40	32	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	15
Litter Control	40	31	31
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	222	209

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OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your three year plan is well written and lucid, informing, as it does, of your aims and achievements. You are to be congratulated on the work, highlighted within your plan, and carried out within the past year. The enclosed Map, however, is not particularly clear, several buildings are highlighted and numbered but a key is not provided. You could improve on this for next year.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The temporary accommodation, provided as a part of the new secondary school development, looked impressive together with the boundary walls and entrance. The permanent development that follows will indeed be a great addition to the town. Overhead cables remain in Main Street and Malin Street, are there any plans to have these ducted underground? The Foyle Hotel and The Clock Tower did indeed look splendid. The two and three storey building along Bath Terrace were well presented with the exception of the first and second floors above the Ulster Bank where the paint was peeling of the façade and in need of urgent attention. The former Convent School, the Methodist Church and the Parochial House all looked very well. Rawdons Bar was also admired. Congratulation on the restoration of both piers, how rewarding to see them so vibrant through use.

LANDSCAPING

The boat shaped flower bed at the upper pier looked splendid and the area was well landscaped. Good areas of landscaping were admired just before the bridge over the river Bredagh and to the front of the new Health Centre. Market Square was admired as a pleasant public space with good landscaping of planters, trees (with guards), street lights, seating, bins, telephone boxes, bollards and flag poles and the absence of overhead cables. The beautiful white lilies in the grounds of the Methodist Church were much admired. The grounds of the National School are very well kept as are those to the Church of Ireland. Finally, well done on the completion of St. Finians Park recreational area which looked very good indeed.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Shore walk is very pleasant and a great asset to the town. It is well maintained with a good quality footpath that will accommodate prams and wheelchairs. Good luck with the development of the sli-na-slaite – a very worthy exercise. Your commitment to natural heritage and your connection with the Coast Watch Europe Survey are to be highly commended. Moville is indeed rich in natural wildlife and we look forward to the realization of your proposals to promote and protect it.

LITTER CONTROL

The anti litter art competition is a great idea and will improve public awareness of this matter. A fair amount of litter was seen in Market Square on adjudication day with bins full and requiring to be emptied. There is good provision of litter bins generally within the town. The location and provision of bottle banks is to be commended, especially as they are walled off from the amenity area.

TIDINESS

Very attractive town with fine views out over Loch Foyle. An area at the pier in front of the Hair of the Dog pub appeared in disarray with old boats and quite a lot of mess. There is an unsightly building (disused factory?) on Malin Street near to the Shell garage.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses on left hand side of the Derry approach road are in lovely condition with very attractive gardens. Housing prior to the Garda Station was well developed. The terraced housing on Malin Street is most attractive with window boxes in full bloom and the new estate also looks well appointed. The three storey houses on Montgomery terrace were admired as were the brightly painted houses of Quay Street.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The stone town, bi-lingual, signs on the main approach roads were admired. The Derry approach road is very pleasant with fine trees and shrubs lining the road and the hedges well trimmed. However, the pavement needs reinstating along a part of this road. Try to keep the pavements and walls free of weeds. There was a lot of fly posting in the vicinity of the Esso filling station on the Derry approach road which does nothing to enhance the town. The road surface to Main Street was in poor condition. The pavement in the vicinity of the Methodist Church also requires attention whilst the stone wall opposite this area is well maintained. The provision of bi-lingual street plaques is to be applauded although they do not appear on every street as yet. The road surface of Quay Street requires attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Moville is making positive progress in most areas of the Tidy Towns adjudication headings. There is much to be admired within the town.