

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moyvane**

Ref: **145**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **207**

Category: **B**

Date: **19/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	39
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	24	23
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	25
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>200</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Moyvane is an attractive village and a number of touring cyclists were enjoying its charms on the day of adjudication. Thank you for the well completed entry form and additional information, including a map of Moyvane and surrounding area. This documentation was very helpful to the adjudicator on the day. From the information given, it is obvious that the Moyvane Development Association work to involve all the community in their efforts and also liaise with the necessary public bodies who can provide assistance. This broad partnership approach is the way to achieve your aims in the long term.

### The Built Environment:

Ninety percent of the business premises in Moyvane present themselves to a very high standard including the historic Co-Op established in 1895. The latter, while well painted and neat, presents a rather stark appearance with its overall grey colour. Perhaps this could be alleviated to some extent – no doubt a colour consultant could come up with some attractive suggestions. Work was in progress at the church where new railings were being installed and the adjacent school was neat and tidy. The community hall was also well presented. However, Mulvihill Motors was rather poorly presented. There was mostly good use of colour in the village and attractive stone walls were noted throughout. Two unsightly derelict buildings, one on the Tarbert Road and one on the Glin Road, need to be addressed. The premises on the Glin Road is for sale and hopefully the new owner will develop the building to a high standard.

## **Landscaping:**

The adjudicator was impressed with the imaginative planting near the church and sports grounds. Other landscaped areas around the village were also noted and admired, including the new flower bed by one of the attractive Fáilte signs. The tree planting, which is ongoing, is maturing nicely. The bog oak and hand-won slean turf on display on the Glin Road is very appropriate for Moyvane and indeed larger pieces of bog oak could be used to greater effect.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The nature trail which you have developed is an excellent project under this heading. The other planting undertaken also contributes to this section.

## **Litter Control:**

There was very little evidence of litter throughout the village on the day. We note that you are awaiting an upgrading of litter bins. This will, no doubt, extend to the entrances to the nature trail where it was evident that such upgrading was necessary.

## **Tidiness:**

The town was mostly neat and tidy. However, some kerb-side weeds were noted at a number of locations throughout. These should be removed and the areas sprayed earlier in the year.

## **Residential Areas:**

Private houses on the outskirts and in the village were mostly contributing to the tidy towns effort. However, it should be remembered that the roadside walls should be painted to the same standard as the houses.

## **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The good road surfaces throughout the village were noted. As mentioned above, the map supplied was very helpful. However, there were no directional signposts in the centre of the village.

## **General Impression:**

Moyvane is a very attractive village with the potential to do well in the competition by more attention to detail being undertaken. Keep up the good work.