

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moone**

Ref: **651**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **198**

Category: **A**

Date: **04/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	23
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	32	30
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>195</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission that included a map of the village and a copy of your 2003/2005 plan. These are excellent. The Moone/Timolin Community Council have been extremely active and have been working with other community groups and with the local authority.

### The Built Environment:

Moone consists of a long linear type village, with a range of houses and public buildings fronting onto the road. The tall portals to the Moone Cross road are an unusual and attractive feature. The improvements to the church frontage and the community hall are good.

### Landscaping:

The open aspect of the Main Street is attractive with trees, planting, shrubs, and tubs. The village pump is an attractive feature. The committee's new planting is excellent, as is the planting on the ball-alley.

### Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

As previously pointed out, a proposal for the development of a nature project around the village area

would be well worthwhile.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter management around the village is good. The approaches were litter free except for a small scattering on the Moone Cross Road and along the Main Street.

### **Tidiness:**

The village is generally neat and tidy, but some of the buildings around the Moone Cross junction are in need of upgrading. Also, some weeds around the village need management. The removal of the plastic sign over the Post Office is an excellent start to improving this area.

### **Residential Areas:**

There are a range of house styles and sizes and these are, for the most part, distributed along the linear street. These are well presented with attractive gardens. Shackleton Village is laid out in the form of a small estate. It is very pleasant with well managed houses, gardens, and a well landscaped open space and entrance. The front boundary metal railings of the sites are an unusual and attractive feature.

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

The approach roads to the village are excellent and inviting, particularly the approach from the by-pass. This includes a range of landscape features: attractive verges, well managed hedges, trees, shrubs and a village sign. An unusual and attractive feature of the Timolin approach is the high-level pathway and stone wall. The Moone Cross approach on the village side of the bridge is excellent, but the road suffers from a lack of weed management on the far side of the bridge. However, work is currently under way in upgrading the stone wall and the nearby verge.

### **General Impression:**

The work of the Community Council and the community has resulted in real achievements around the village to date. The proposed developments for the Moone Cross site, and the access from the village, should contribute to a major improvement - in terms of access and appreciation.