

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moynalty**

Ref: **182**

County: **Meath**

Mark: **267**

Category: **A**

Date: **02/08/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	44	42
The Built Environment	40	36	36
Landscaping	40	37	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	27	24
Litter Control	40	34	31
Tidiness	20	18	18
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	37	36
General Impression	10	9	8
TOTAL MARK	300	267	256

Overall Developmental Approach:

The committee is thanked for their entry into this year's Tidy Towns Competition which included a completed entry form, a comprehensive three-year plan and an excellent village map. The committee is to be congratulated on this excellent presentation. The adjudicator was particularly pleased with the wide range of both private and statutory bodies that the committee have had discussions with.

The Built Environment:

As stated in last year's adjudication report, Moynalty is a classic model estate village with a range of public and private buildings laid out along a main street. The street architecture offers notable examples of "picturesque" buildings. The buildings generally are exceptionally well maintained and presented. I wish to confirm that the committee's nominations for special category awards were entered.

Landscaping:

The landscape elements throughout the village are outstanding and include the new Borara River and Threshing Field Walk, Kells road landscaping (using lime trees), two housing groups - Bellair and St. Mary's villas - (both of which have won landscape awards), the rehabilitation of Chapel Wood

(with re-introduced native plants under oaks) and the restoration of the pond and introduction of wild duck into the river. All these are most excellent projects and deserve outstanding praise.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Again, two excellent projects. (a) The Wild Duck project on the local river which is practically completed and (b) the creation of a wild flower meadow in wetlands adjoining the river, which are an example to other villages and towns to study.

Litter Control:

There was no litter on the day of adjudication, except for one plastic bottle which had floated down from higher levels of the river. The committee is to be congratulated on this achievement.

Tidiness:

The village was extremely neat and tidy. The untidiness of last year around the filling station was gone. Again, the committee are to be congratulated. It is noted that there is joint activity between the community, FÁS and the county council.

Residential Areas:

Two housing groups, Bellair and St. Mary's Villas, have already received landscape awards. The project the committee is at present working on is developing further planting schemes outside the credit union and on the riverside. The adjudicator looks forward with much interest to the completion of this project.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

All the approach roads to the village are most attractive and very well maintained. A pleasant feature of these roads are the very attractive gardens which give a feeling of care and welcome on approaching the village.

General Impression:

As was said in the adjudicator's report of last year, great attention has been given to maintaining and presenting the richness of this village. The Moynalty Tidy Towns Committee have obviously worked very hard and have achieved excellent results. They are to be congratulated.

Second Round Adjudication:

One can not fail to anticipate that one is approaching a very special place by observing the way roadside properties quite some way out of Moynalty are so well looked after. Congratulations are once again due for achieving your well deserved marks and the possibility of moving upwards from there. Of special note this year has been the progress in wild life conservation - something quite often neglected elsewhere. Your marks under the other headings are also exceptionally high. Agreement with the marks of the first adjudicator is gladly confirmed. The whole community is to be highly commended for their effective planning, hard work and splendid achievement.