

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moyne**

Ref: **68**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **188**

Category: **A**

Date: **02/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	28	26
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	30	28
Tidiness	20	13	14
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	188	184

Overall Developmental Approach:

Moyne Tidy Village's Committee is obviously one which shows great care in the village's future. It has a large committee - with ten members - given the size of the village and its population. Many thanks for your numerous maps and accompanying sheet explaining the work that has been progressed over the year. It was mentioned in last year's report that a long term programme for the village is required. This document need only be two or three pages long outlining your objectives for the village's future and setting a timeframe in which you intend to achieve these objectives. This document will be useful to both yourselves and the adjudicators to monitor your progress as the years go by.

The Built Environment:

Do remember that traditional vernacular buildings in Irish villages were intended to be rendered. It is important to resist the temptation to remove this render, as it is inappropriate from a conservation point of view and can lead to practical problems, such as water penetration. Moyne Motors was admired - it is a charming old industrial style building with its curved roof. Quinlan's looked very fresh in red and green. Although the hall was well presented, it sported a cracked window. The school was fine but will need freshening up before next year's competition - in particular, the tower. However, its attractive grounds and bird box were admired. The imposing stone church is centrally located and well maintained. Mullanny's is an attractive traditional shop front.

Landscaping:

Your work in this regard has been noted and admired. Tree and hedge planting is something that should always be encouraged as it will pay dividends as the years go by and is an investment for future generations. The horse chestnut trees on the main street make a most attractive feature. The grotto was simply presented with petunias. The attractive landscaped area on the Templetuohy Road was admired with its green grassy verges, gravel and seats. However the plastic red and white striped chain detracts somewhat from its presentation. This should be removed and replaced with bollards or boulders which will have the same effect of preventing people from parking on the grass, as this is presumably the reason for its presence?

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your bird feeding tables were admired. The planting of trees and hedges has been previously mentioned. Do get the local school children involved in drawing up a study of the wildlife habitats in their locality. You should also consult local experts in order to gain some insight into the natural habitats in your locality.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good. Obviously your hard work in this regard is paying dividends.

Tidiness:

Weed control was a problem on the day. Weeds were evident in the area around the garda station, in particular at the recycling area and along the roadside to the graveyard. The outbuilding on the Two Mile Borris Road should be re-whitewashed before next year's competition and the graveyard wall should also be freshened up. The "Slow Through Moyne" sign appeared quite grubby on the Templetuohy side of the village.

Residential Areas:

The standard of houses within the village centre and along approach roads was generally very good on the day. Local residents show an obvious pride in their surroundings.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Although the road surface on the Two Mile Borris Road was in bad condition, the signage was quite fresh and the verges had been well maintained. The surface to Bóthar Aluan was in bad condition. The Templetuohy Road was well maintained.

General Impression:

Moyne is a small but busy centre, which shows the evidence of being extremely well cared for by the local community.