

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moyvane**

Ref: **471**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **211**

Category: **B**

Date: **23/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	41
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	6	7
TOTAL MARK	300	211	207

Overall Developmental Approach:

Your submission proved very helpful on adjudication day. In particular the illustrated map keyed in to developments in hand and work planned was very explanatory. You seem to have a good relationship with Kerry Co. Council and this is beneficial to both parties. The village has improved in recent years and you have made good steady progress over a short period of time. You still have your problems with dereliction and with non cooperation from some areas, but this will come in time if you persevere. You must also bear in mind that the more you develop the more maintenance is required, so we suggest you tailor your developments to your capacity to keep them to a high standard. Relevant to your population you have a very large area to cover and several approach requiring attention.

The Built Environment:

Public buildings looked well again this year and the new railings at the church is an improvement and in keeping with the structure of the building. You need to go the extra mile now and tarmac the church car park and upgrade the tree planting and introduce some shrubbery to give more colour. The school is well presented with well kept boundary walls and some landscaping. The community hall is clean and tidy but has no identity. In time, car parking surface should be improved. Most shops in the village looked well again this year, but some have excessive signage. Mulvihill Motors is a disappointment and needs a good clean-up on this very prominent location. The creamery is still the best presented in the county.

Landscaping:

Well done on all the rich landscaping, tree planting, tubs, embellished village approach signs, window boxes and hanging baskets, all combining to give good colour to the village. The picnic areas are welcome and the village walk is extensive, accessible and well presented. We suggest you open a style in the post and rail fencing from the housing estate to this walk. The shrubbery on the Listowel approach is extensive and no doubt demanding on maintenance. The traffic island in the village is somewhat minute and needs to be improved: make it attractive to passing traffic. Your plans for planting up to 500 trees is praiseworthy. Plant species that will serve the next generation well.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The village walk offers scope for promoting wildlife and we urge you to pursue this policy. You are already contributing to wildlife with all the shrubbery and tree planting, so well done.

Litter Control:

You have scored well again in this section this year. Litter does not seem to be a problem and litter bins, though not too numerous seem adequate. We did witness a little amount of litter at the grotto and in the church car park. The national school litter bin is well placed and well presented.

Tidiness:

Because of the many derelict sites, unattended open spaces, poor boundary walls and the occasional black spot your marks have not increased in this section. You should remove the abandoned red car on the Tarbert Road. The small derelict site beside the grotto should be cleaned up by yourselves and the site opposite the Credit Union is a black spot. We should also mention that the local authorities have special powers to deal with owners of derelict sites.

Residential Areas:

We note with pleasure the development of some house in the village core and the new 42 housing scheme on the Knockanure Approach will further enhance and bring increased vibrance to the village. New residents offer potential for new recruits for your committee. You have a weakness with identifying housing estates and indeed on identifying village streets. You should, in association with Kerry Co. Council, arrange for the erection of appropriate bilingual signs for 2005. We also note some new housing development on the approach roads and we hope these will blend in well with the rural character of Moyvane.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The standard of streets and footpaths is high and well defined. We note your intention to lobby Kerry Co. Council for more footpaths and these should blend in well with the existing buildings: avoid red cobble lock footpaths as they are out place in villages like Moyvane. We notice some very untidy back and side lanes and we would urge you to impress upon owners that adjudication extends to all of these areas. The approach roads from Listowel and Tarbert were quite overgrown and you need to give them the same attention as the Knockanure approach.

General Impression:

A suggestion made some years ago for the erection of Fáilte signs has resulted in a wonderful introduction to the village from all approaches: these are very attractive and practical. It was a pleasure to visit Moyvane once again and witness the progress on hand. You now need to

consolidate your achievements to date and raise your sights to tackle some of the aforementioned requirement. To achieve this you will need the backing of the community, the cooperation of the various agencies and most of all the continued commitment of your committee: good luck for 2005.