

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moygownagh**

Ref: **709**

County: **Mayo**

Mark: **192**

Category: **A**

Date: **25/06/2004**

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2004 | Mark Awarded 2003 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 27 | 28 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 29 | 28 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 26 | 26 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 16 | 30 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 24 | 25 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 13 | 12 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 19 | 18 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 30 | 30 |
| General Impression | 10 | 8 | 8 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 192 | 205 |

Overall Developmental Approach:

Welcome to the 2005 Tidy Towns Competition. No documentation was provided with the entry form which was a great pity. For next year you might include a village map indicating all projects that you wish to bring to the attention of the adjudicator. Progress in the competition will be dependent on everyone working towards the same ends. With this in mind you should prepare a "3/5 Year rolling Tidy Towns Work Programme". This programme should have the support of the community, local groups other agencies and the County Council. It would therefore guide your Tidy Towns actions for the next three to five years. The Work Programme will detail the Tidy Towns objectives to be achieved by your committee in the years ahead. The preparation of such a Plan that is updated annually is now an essential aspect of the Tidy Towns Competition. You are working with the Local Authority and FAS and that is indeed a good start.

The Built Environment:

The village signs are rather unusual and attractive. The GAA building was once again excellently presented, but the builders materials at the back of the site should be removed or screened from view. The building itself has a rather interesting front facade. The School was attractively presented but a little weed growth was noted at the road boundary wall. The garage was neat and tidy again this year and good landscaping was noted in the Church grounds.

Landscaping:

The painting of the light poles that have the hanging baskets might be considered but do consult on this with the ESB. Your work on hanging baskets, flowers and shrubs has been noted by the adjudicator. The central green area requires some colour and perhaps some elevated low maintenance flower beds might be considered for 2005. Overall the centre of the village lack an impact in colour terms. You might examine this for 2005. When you enter the centre of the village it would be nice to have a strong visual effect of colour before you. Fine hedging with planting at the base was noted on the Crossmolina approach road. Again this year the Grotto with it's heavy planting looked well.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Additional marks are available under this heading for committees who can take steps to develop the wildlife aspect of the town or village. Have you considered having a Survey carried out of the flora and fauna in the village area? The results of such a Survey would help your Committee to focus on planting that will encourage wildlife to the area. A logical step following the Survey would be to provide display plaques illustrating the local flora and fauna. Your work on the river was examined. On the river access grass and weeds are taking over the path. At the bottom the grassy area could be cut and some seating provided in this quite area beside the river. At the second access path below the Grotto grass and weeds were again noted and quite an amount of litter. This path ends at a unit near the river that appears to be leaking badly.

Litter Control:

The recycling area was neat and tidy, but an overflowing blue litter bin was noted at the School. Slight litter was to be found around the green, and some on the Crossmolina side of the village. Litter was also found below the Church and at the path to the river below the Grotto.

Tidiness:

The builders materials at the GAA ground need to be removed or screened. At the GAA property the inside of the road boundary wall/entrance needs repainting. The village itself was quite tidy on adjudication day.

Residential Areas:

Private houses were well maintained and some good landscaping was admired. Again this year the estate on the Ballina side was excellently presented and this demonstrates tremendous pride shown by the residents. Well done to you all!

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads were well presented, however the small grass area by the village sign on the Ballycastle approach needs more careful cutting. Do remember that all grass areas need to be cut on a very frequent basis if they are to look their best during the Summer.

General Impression:

Moygownagh is a small attractive village that would look even better if some colour impact through planting and landscaping could be added to the village centre. Well done to all involved!

