

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moynalty**

Ref: **189**

County: **Meath**

Mark: **274**

Category: **A**

Date: **27/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	46	44
The Built Environment	40	36	36
Landscaping	40	37	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	28	27
Litter Control	40	36	34
Tidiness	20	18	18
Residential Areas	30	26	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	38	37
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	274	267

Overall Developmental Approach:

Many thanks for your application, plan and map. It was noted that one of your projects (Moynalty bridge) was being undertaken on the day of adjudication - no doubt in time for the Entente Florale judging. Congratulations on your entry into this competition. The leaflet detailing your entry into the competition is excellent and motivational in relation to the participation in the event.

Congratulations on your award in the Meath County Council anti-litter league. The formation of a Junior Tidy Towns committee is highly commendable as many of the communities have difficulty in getting the younger generation to become involved.

The Built Environment:

McCormacks stands out in the main street as a most attractive premises - the use of colour and the single species planting really looked superb. It was nice to see the old style telephone box - in good order and looking very well. The Village Store was neat though this might benefit from some additional exterior planting. Both the school and the graveyard looked well and the RC church was magnificent in its appearance - well done. The judges look forward to the completion of the Green Schools project. The pump outside the school would benefit from some attention as would the shelter in the school playground and the walls of the graveyard. At this level of the competition, it is important that all aspects are considered throughout the village. Towards the Carlanstown end of the village, there are some exceptional dwellings and landscaping. The Village Playgroup, The Credit Union, the Clinic (though this might benefit also from additional planting) and Farrells all looked

well.

Landscaping:

Congratulations on your input in relation to the landscaping. It was a good idea to take on expert advice, especially in relation to the trees throughout the village, as they play an important part in its appearance. The school garden was nice, though evidently newly built - the vegetables will need some care over the summer holidays. The pottery planters looked well on the Carlanstown road though only one of them was planted up. The planting outside Moynalty GFC could be better linked and integrated i.e. the choice of plants and colours around the dwarf trees in the tubs should complement each other or even if possible be the same, as this does create a better impact.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The threshing field project is commendable and the planting undertaken excellent. Work was being undertaken on the framework for the museum. At the pond, there was plenty of wildlife and flag irises cheered the area. Some form of interpretation might be of use up near the island area - well done on your approach to the wildlife in the area. It has truly considered it as part of the village.

Litter Control:

Apart for the couple of pieces of litter (plastic bottles) noted on the Mullagh approach , the village was litter free - congratulations. Well maintained litter bins were also noted an these seem to be emptied regularly.

Tidiness:

Both the village and the amenity areas were very tidy - well done. The road/bridge works will be completed, presumably in the summer and cones, etc. removed. A rusty barrel and a mound of sand did require removal in front of St. Marys.

Residential Areas:

The centre of the village is presented very well with both residence and commercial areas playing an important role. The houses on the Mullagh road had some fine gardens with evidence of hard work. The houses in St. Marys looked well - good luck with the yellow roses - they tend to be hard work some time and perhaps shrubs or more permanent type planting should be considered to decrease the amount of maintenance required. The planted area in front of Bellair did need attention as there were some long nettles and grasses emerging from the shrubs.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Roadworks and bridge building were ongoing on the day of adjudicating. Cobbles were also being laid - all these projects will significantly contribute to the village in the long term. Hedges on the Kells approach did require a trim closer to the village though the village may have been waiting until late in the season to ensure the departure of bird life form nests. There was a nice lead in on the Kingscourt road and it was well cut on the Baileboro road. The use of marginal mowing is important on the approach roads as it helps to integrate the village into the rural hinterland.

General Impression:

Moynalty looked well on the first day of judging. The deadline is mid July in relation to the Entente Florale hence the amount of work being undertaken at this time. Good luck with the completion - the village is most pleasant and good luck with your continued work.

Second Round Adjudication:

The good taste and consistency of the Moynalty entry impresses tremendously; simple signage on business premises, complete absence of ostentatious decorative planting, neatness and discretion in all things. (Your map is not only useful, but is a work of artistry in itself!) Your marking for Wildlife and Natural Amenities, and for Landscaping, are among the highest in the country. Mowing was in progress on second adjudication day by the river and tennis courts, giving a sense of continual care. The first adjudicator's Report prepared the second for a real treat, and there was no disappointment under any heading. Congratulations to the committee, to the residents and business people, and to all the sponsors and other well-wishers.