

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moyne**

Ref: **646**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **196**

Category: **A**

Date: **30/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	13
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	196	188

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the completed entry form, mini action plan and sketch map of the village.

The committee's hard work has been noted and the village looks all the better for this collective effort.

Maybe it might be possible to develop links with the County Council to consider a village renewal plan for the village and its environs as it has potential and it would be a pity not to investigate all avenues of support.

The Built Environment:

It has been a few years since this adjudicator last visited Moyne and there have been some positive changes in the built environment since then.

Moyne Motors always attracts favourable comment for the simple but effective manner in which it is presented, this year was no different.

St Mary's Parish Church was in the throes of refurbishment and will be the focal point of the village when completed.

Basic things such as the installation of a new phone box helps the look of the village and is one more positive addition to the look of the street. Similarly the provision of new footpaths at Grotto is a bonus in terms of space to walk in.

The re surfacing of roads in the core of the village would set this area off very well.

The Mid West Health Board, Moyne Hall and National School were also noted for good presentation

and it seems as if comments in last years report about the school have been taken on board as it looked very well.
Quinlans and Mullaney also deserve mention for having each respective premises in good condition.

Landscaping:

The standard of landscaping in the village and its surrounds was very good with the green area on the road to Templetohy taking this adjudicator's eye for simple detail.
The centre of the village has a series of healthy horsechestnut trees lining the street on both sides,these give a softening effect without having to resort to too much colour.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The placing of bird tables was noted and this is a progressive step in helping to promote good wildlife conservation.
The Committee should build on this and install additional feeders next year as well as giving consideration to putting in place an information board on various wildlife species of the area.
Seek financial support by way of sponsorship from local businesses and then commission some local wildlife enthusiast to do a study that would lead to producing such a board.

Litter Control:

The Village was virtually litter free on the day and this a testament to the local people who support the Committee in keeping Moyne litter free.

Tidiness:

Weed growth can be a problem as the climate fluctuates between sunny and showery over the summer months.
There was some weed growth at kerbsides in different sections of the village so it behoves individuals to clear any excess growth in the vicinity of premises.
The receptacle area near the Garda station could be a little tidier.
There are a number of new houses under construction and sites are that bit cluttered at the moment, but I am sure these will be in pristine condition in a year's time.
A number of rusty gates were observed and maybe some committee member could do an audit of same and encourage owners to paint them.
Small things such as this make a difference.

Residential Areas:

The village is basically a residential area, some new houses have been built and some in the process of being constructed since this adjudicator last visited the village some years back. Natives returning or others that have discovered the hidden beauty of places like Moyne and decided to settle !
Overall the standard in this category was very good and there were very impressive gardens and established farmhouses to be seen on the outskirts.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

All approach roads to the village were in good condition the Thurles entrance benefitting from new post and rail fencing.
The unusually named Burma Road has a nice name sign engraved in a side wall and this road was in very good condition with clean back areas.
The road surface ,which if I can recall some years back was not good, is now improved and it makes

a big difference to the village entrances.
Overall signs were clean and visible.

General Impression:

Moyne is a pleasant village something similar to the one that this adjudicator grew up in ironically near the Tipp boundary on the west of the county.
The Committee is to be congratulated for keeping the spirit of tidy towns to the forefront.