

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moyvore**

Ref: **98**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **173**

Category: **A**

Date: **07/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	26	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>170</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Moyvore is a small, attractive place highlighted by its presentation of hanging baskets along a trimmed verge which runs almost the entire length of village. It would be a considerable advantage for you to prepare a 3 to 5 year plan so you can identify the objectives you wish to achieve and gain full community support for your programme.

### The Built Environment:

The community centre and its car park were well presented. There were two flower boxes and hanging baskets at its entrance. The stone walls around its car park look well. The ESB transformer station should be camouflaged with creepers. The national school was tidily presented with window boxes, flower boxes at the entrance door and lawns maintained. The garden supplies shop on the left of the Mullingar road is interesting with its array of flowers and equipment. McCawleys Garage has made an effort to improve its presentation with hanging baskets along its roadside wall. The green fuel tanks and surrounding small wall in the car park area is quite tidy but a creeper would help hide them from view. McCawleys grocery shop and the Winning Post pub were attractively dressed with colourful window boxes and hanging baskets. The church on the Ballynacargy road is a fine building, but at present is a little weather beaten and may need a repaint over the next few years.

## **Landscaping:**

Within the village's built area the verges were trimmed, and along with hanging baskets and an attractive floral display with seating, looked very well. There were a number of hanging baskets displayed along the run of houses between McCawleys and the Ballymahon end of the village. At McCawleys there were hanging baskets at the entrance to the car park and there are planters of flowers also at the entrance. The cut verge on the opposite side of the main street extends the full length of the village at the back of which was well maintained hedging. At the Ballinacargy junction was a nice grass and floral area with seating. The road front wall of McCawleys shop could be freshened with new painting. At the Ballymahon entrance to the village was a small grass fronted water feature surrounded by a stone wall. It needs a little more imaginative presentation to be effective. Closer to the village the verge is banked to the left but nicely cut.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The surrounding countryside offers good wildlife habitats with plenty of mature trees and hedging. You should undertake a wildlife survey in conjunction with the school to highlight and raise awareness of the wildlife indigenous to your area.

## **Litter Control:**

Moyvore is generally cleanly presented and litter free. Given the high traffic movements through the village your litter control is of a very high standard.

## **Tidiness:**

The line of gas tanks which fronted the roadside at McCawleys should be moved to a less conspicuous location. Adjacent to this central area were 4 recycling bins, and along the wall the cap stones are being replaced. The 'shop ahead' and plastic ice cream cone should be removed from the grass verge on the Mullingar side of the village and the Moyvore sign needs to be cleaned. There was a small show of kerbside weed near the school and cars awaiting servicing around the garage area were somewhat untidy. Wiring is underground which means there is little wirescape and the small lamp standards were in keeping with village size. Church and grounds are cleanly presented.

## **Residential Areas:**

There are a number of bungalows with well maintained gardens and the row of houses with their hanging baskets highlighted the village presentation. The new house with equine association on the road to the Church looked very well with its timber fencing.

## **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The approach from Ballymahon is quite attractive with its arch of mature trees. At the 40mph sign the verge is nicely trimmed and a well preserved old wall on the opposite side features a Marian Shrine. The verge on the left has a selection of young trees, at the base of which the grass needs to be cut. There is a nice planter of shrubs at the end of the verge. The painted concrete fencing could be camouflaged with hedging. The Moyvore sign is attractively placed above a planter of flowers. The approach from the Mullingar side is not as good with some untidy placement of signs as indicated above. The roadway down to the church is badly weeded.

## **General Impression:**

Excellent work is being done in Moyvore and the general presentation of the village colourful and attractive.

