

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moville**

Ref: **103**

County: **Donegal**

Mark: **239**

Category: **C**

Date: **10/08/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	39
The Built Environment	40	37	36
Landscaping	40	35	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	28	30
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	25	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	28
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>235</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

You have responded very positively to the observations contained in last years report.

The development plan provides you with a real focus as to what is required so plan ahead now for the coming years. Your strategy of consultation with Local Authority, FAS and other agencies and the 3 year plan done to date should enable you to produce the next plan for Moville. Keep your objectives realistic and carefully consider the observations contained in this and previous reports.

Thank you for your entry form and map.

### The Built Environment:

Good all round presentation is the norm except for the small number of unoccupied premises, which continue to pose a problem. The Church of Ireland on the Greencastle Road is picturesque, The Catholic Church, the parochial house, Foyle Hotel, Garda station and A.I.B. all caught the eye but the area outside the Inishowen co-op required attention. The Moville Community School is nicely maintained and Termperance Hall is nearing completion which is an added advantage to the streetscape. The Corner shop exterior requires a lift although it was lovely to see a group of children outside having an ice cream.

Some shop fronts have maintained the old world charm, however ,there are still a number of shops

requiring attention. A well presented and attractive environment is a great asset to the community and will attract many visitors.

### **Landscaping:**

The Slí na Slainte walk looked well on adjudication day and this area in general is important in flagging the tourism potential of Merville. The landscaping at the new Industrial units - Glencrow is nicely maintained some construction work still taking place. Landscaping at Merville community School is most noteworthy as is the gardens of Admiralty B&B.

The tree planting that has taken place on one side of the Derry approach road would be further enhanced if planting took place on the other side. Many colourful hanging baskets, window boxes and flower tubes were noted around the village and more are needed to impact extensively on the street scape.

A lot done - more to do!

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

You have outlined a very ambitious and exciting programme under this heading. The adjudicator commends work completed to date on Slí na Slainte what a wonderful amenity for both locals and tourists.

For advice and guidance please refer to the 'Tidy Towns Handbook' and in conjunction with information already obtained from 'Coastwatch Europe Survey' engage the support of the local schools in carrying out research.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter continues to pose problems for Merville. Litter was very apparent on the Carndonagh approach road. The bin outside the Cosy Corner shop was overflowing and the area of the Market square litter was very visible. As suggested in last years report the tidy Towns committee should encourage shopkeepers to ensure the area in front of their premises is litter free. The screening of the recycling bins was a note worthy although attention does need to be paid to the area surrounding them.

This is an area where valuable marks could be obtained of business within the village took more responsibility.

### **Tidiness:**

The observations contained in last years report remain - vacant premises and premises already mentioned like the Corner Shop & Inishowen Co-op, are in need of attention.

The dust bin at the Corner Bar needs replacing and the area around the Pier as some unused material which could be removed. The phone box in the market square had broken glass and in need of repair.

### **Residential Areas:**

The observations contained in last years report remain. The row of terraced houses along the shore front provide a lovely display of color.

Good to note the committee runs an annual garden competition and this is evident in the private houses throughout the town. Rose Bank Court Green Areas where in need of some attention.

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

Roads in general were presented well - the new stone name plate on the approach roads is most welcoming. Footpath repairs on the Carndonagh road were in progress on day of inspection.

The Cararow Road is in need of re-surfacing and the area around the bridge requires some attention.

## **General Impression:**

Attention to detail is now a priority to expedite progress with a view to being a serious contender. Moville has great potential to do well. Built on your strengths and continue to work with the local authority, the fact that Moville has been designated a Heritage town by Donegal County Council should work in your favour when seeking support from agencies.

Your plan is awaited with interest..

## **Second Round Adjudication:**

Moville enjoys an enviable setting on the shores of Lough Foyle which gives it strong recreational amenity status. The rise and fall of its streets add interest and drama to its built environment of handsome two and three storey period buildings.

Submit details of your investigations into the use of lime washes and mortars for the treatment of your Late Georgian buildings as this could win you the National Heritage Award.

Well done on your involvement in Coastwatch Survey Europe and your objective to protect Movilles environmental heritage.

Litter control appears to have lapsed since last year resulting in a small loss of marks; a littered site was noted on the entrance from the Carndonagh road near the speed limit signs; litter was noted along the Main Street also; weed growth was noted at several locations; we wish you well for the extension and relocation of the recycling facility.

The new namestones ( towers ) were admired; the area between the slipway and the rear of the Hair of the Dog premises needs to be resurfaced.

A section of river bank at a mature residential development urgently requires maintenance.