

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moone**

Ref: **203**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **208**

Category: **A**

Date: **04/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	25
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	34	32
Tidiness	20	17	17
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	208	202

Overall Developmental Approach:

The map and plans for Moone submitted with the application form were welcome and these give a good idea of the type of work the committee is engaged in. Choosing a small number of items to concentrate on is a good idea as greater focus can be diverted to these items until a satisfactory result is achieved. A careful watch on planning applications should be made in order to assess their impact on the village. A watch also should be kept to ensure that those developments that are undertaken are completed satisfactorily and that the site is properly landscaped before the developers leave the site.

The Built Environment:

The Church and school buildings appear in good condition. The roadside school wall needs attention to painting. The buildings – garage and incomplete shed opposite the Lackagh corner needs some attention. The derelict house sadly remains. The Piers to the High Cross make a lovely feature and these form part of the character of the village. They are nicely treated with the well-kept verges and mature trees. The post office building is in need of décor.

Landscaping:

The completion of the Lackagh corner is a good achievement. The planting will take a couple of

years to mature and give of its best. The entrance shrubberies by the main road need attention to weeding in places. Along the roadside in the village the grass verges are very well presented and give a very pleasant effect. The entrance to Shackleton Village is beautiful and this presents a very good feature along the road. Individual gardens of houses along the roadside contribute well to the overall landscape of the village and good credit is due to those concerned. As stated above the treatment at the entrance to the High Cross is attractively maintained. The maintenance of the graveyard is good and this forms a fine project. The side of the ball alley is nicely treated with planting. The side of the shed by the post office is well-screened using tree and shrub plantings. The church grounds are well maintained.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

There is a need for a project under this category. The committee should put some thought into possible projects and schools involvement would be beneficial.

Litter Control:

There is a very good standard of litter control in the village and good credit is due to all for this. Continued awareness programmes, recycling programmes and campaigns with the school all help in this respect

Tidiness:

Partial underground cabling has taken place – perhaps the complete job could be done to further enhance the village. The new housing development ongoing - appears to be lowering the wall at the site. Hopefully this will be finished off to a satisfactory state. The site opposite the ball alley appears very neglected.

Residential Areas:

The small number of residences in the village is well cared for and the housing estate looks very attractive. Great credit is due to homeowners who look after their own house, garden and road frontage as this form the fabric of the entire village.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road surfaces are generally good except for some patchiness along the where roadworks have taken place. A footpath from the Shackleton Village to the High Cross entrance would be useful

General Impression:

Moone has become a fairly quiet village since the opening of the bypass. This is welcome as a better village community spirit can now develop. The continued work of the committee focusing on particular aspects will result in good progress in this village.