

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moyne**

Ref: **32**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **196**

Category: **A**

Date: **28/07/2005**

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2005 | Mark Awarded 2004 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 34 | 34 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 29 | 29 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 26 | 26 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 14 | 14 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 31 | 31 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 13 | 13 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 19 | 19 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 23 | 23 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 196 | 196 |

Overall Developmental Approach:

Moyne Tidy Village Committee certainly seems to be one which shows a great deal of care and concern for its village and obviously has a great pride of place. In your application you have outlined your achievements to date but what do you plan to do in the future? It is essential at this stage in the competition that you formulate a three to five year work programme. This document need only be two or three pages long outlining your plans and objectives for the village's future and setting a timeframe against their achievement. You will find this a valuable document as the years go by as it charts your progress in the competition. It will also give the adjudicator a clear idea of how you are progressing and what you plan to do.

The Built Environment:

The church was simply presented in its central location in the centre of the village. The adjudicator was glad to hear that its centenary celebrations went so well. Cheerful displays of flowers outside were admired. The national school looked well with its well maintained grounds, however, the coping of the boundary wall appeared a little stained and should be painted before next year's competition. Moyne motors with its attractive curved gable was admired but it will also need painting before next year. Quinlan's Bar was quite fresh. The yard area adjacent to the hall and Garda station appeared a little weedy.

Landscaping:

The metal uprights to the fence in the playing fields on the Thurles side of the village appeared quite rusty. The magnificent landscaped spaces with colourful flowers such as cheerful poppies and permanent planting and seating on the Templetuohy Road was admired as was its limestone Failte sign. The boundary wall to St. Mary's graveyard was freshly whitewashed, and the attractive timber planters outside were admired. The lime trees on either side of the main street give it a great sense of elegance. The grotto was well maintained as was its adjacent incidental landscaped space. New trees were noted on the Templetuohy Road but the bird tables appeared not yet to be in place.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your work in relation to the provision of bird tables is indeed highly commendable. Has any progress been made on having a wildlife information board as suggested in last year's report? Other centres have found it helpful to work in conjunction with the local school children in regard to this category of the competition. There are a number of projects that can be worked upon, such as creating a wildlife garden, the making of bird tables and bird boxes and bat boxes, a study and survey of the wildlife evident in the locality. Consult your Tidy Towns Handbook for further ideas in relation to this. It might be useful if a member of the committee works in conjunction with the local school teachers in this regard.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good both within the village centre and along approach roads. Small outbreaks were noted on the main street but this was quite minor.

Tidiness:

Yard areas such as that in the vicinity of the graveyard should be screened from public view. Do ensure that outbuildings are not neglected when considering overall presentation - in particular their attractive tin roofs should be repainted in their traditional red or green colour. The recycling area was quite neat.

Residential Areas:

Houses within the village and along approach roads were generally well maintained. Some new houses were noted on the Templetuohy Road. A number of them, the adjudicator was pleased to see, had clad their boundary walls in stone.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

On the Thurles Road the grass verges were well maintained although the hedgerows appeared a little overgrown. The bench in this locality was admired and the village nameplate was quite fresh. On the Templetuohy Road, the nameplate appeared quite grubby but the road itself was quite well presented. Streets and paving in the village centre were generally well maintained to a high standard.

General Impression:

Moyne is a most attractive Irish country village which its residents are maintaining to a high standard of presentation. Congratulations on all the hard work achieved to date and good luck with your future work.

