

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moyvore**

Ref: **209**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **175**

Category: **A**

Date: **20/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	26
The Built Environment	40	26	28
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	175	173

Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator would like to thank the committee for their completed application form and map. It is recommended that the Committee implement a 3/5 year plan which would outline objectives on a yearly basis. It is obvious that the Committee works with the relevant agencies as is highlighted by the FAS sign at the Marian Shrine.

The Built Environment:

Moyvore is a long linear village with an abundance of beautifully planted hanging baskets which adds an array of colour. The main buildings include St. Olivers Hall, National School, 2 shops, McCawleys Pub and Garage. The main street comprises of a mixture of one and two storey houses. Evidently residents take pride in their premises.

Landscaping:

Landscaping is dominated throughout the village by hanging baskets that are very impressive. The Marian Shrine is well presented but some planting would break up the expansive white walls and should be considered. Most of the planted trees are maturing nicely although one or two may need to be replaced.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The abundance of mature trees and surrounding countryside offers good wildlife habitats and in this respect the Committee could seek the expert advice of Enfo and refer to some of the publications they produce on wildlife conservation (Tel: 01/8883910).

Litter Control:

Litter control is very good with the exception of some strewn at the back of St. Olivers.

Tidiness:

Moyvore creates a tidy impression and is an attractive village. The grass verges throughout the village are kept remarkably tidy. St. Olivers Hall could do with painting, rubbish was dumped at the back of this building and weeds were evident. The wooden furniture in the village together with the white cement fencing opposite the shrine needs painting. The Slan sign needs to be refreshed. There is an abundance of plastic signs including a Christmas sign at the Hill Stop Shop. The small wall outside McCawleys could be replastered and painted. The gas tanks should be moved to the rear of the pub.

Residential Areas:

There is some unevenness noted with the two storey and one storey houses along the main street, however the majority of houses are well maintained. Although most of the houses do not have frontages they have well planted colourful hanging baskets.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The appearance of the approach roads are good. The Marian Shrine on the Ballymahon approach is a good feature. The signs are clean and the committee are to be commended for this. Additional planting at the Ballymore entrance noted but the grass here needs to be cut and the wooden bench needs to be painted.

General Impression:

Moyvore is a tidy village on entering from any approach. There is a general feeling of care and attention – well done to the Committee which in numbers is very small. The implementation of a plan might encourage more of the residents to become involved in your endeavours.

Second Round Adjudication: