

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moneenroe** Ref: **274**
County: **Kilkenny** Mark: **233**
Category: **C** Date(s): **26/06/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	36
The Built Environment	50	29
Landscaping	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	18
Litter Control	50	36
Waste Minimisation	20	1
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	233

Overall Development Approach:

Moneenroe is welcome to the 2006 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission which was helpful in adjudication. Your committee of 25 must be congratulated for its successful management of such a dispersed area. We note your success in gaining the support of Kilkenny County Council and your sponsorship of a variety of school activities.

The Built Environment:

Well done on work accomplished to date on the Enterprise Centre, it is a fine achievement and one that will facilitate the economic development of the village and its hinterland. We wish you every success in the appropriate redevelopment of the derelict outbuildings to the Enterprise Centre and look forward to assessing these in the not too distant future.

Landscaping:

Your tree planting event during National Tree Week is commendable and should enrich the lives of future generations if they survive. The task of maintaining such extensive green open spaces must be daunting even to experienced Tidy Towns people like yourselves, and how well you do it! Verges and hedgerow are being neatly maintained and no doubt the committee is aware of the correct time of the year to cut hedgerow.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your bird box initiative is excellent and must be accomplishing an increase of birds to the village as you plan to extend the project in the future. Your plans for the further development of the Village Park are noted and we wish you every success. Has a species count been undertaken of the hedgerow at the bottom of the

Green?

Litter Control:

Well done on your participation in National Spring Week, ten bags is a lot of litter to collect, was it analyzed to identify its source and take corrective action? The weekly Monday morning clean up by Fas workers is acknowledged and we wish you well with your planned Anti Litter Awareness Campaign to be directed at all sectors of the community.

Waste Minimisation:

The disposal of the ten bags of rubbish collected in the National Spring Week in the Dunmore recycling centre is noted above. Are plans in place to provide recycling facilities within Moneenroe? you might also consider a strategy to reduce the amount of waste generated by each sector of the community in addition to collection for recycling. Your plan to work with the school to achieve Green Flag status is commendable.

Tidiness:

Your on-going maintenance of hedgerows together with weed control throughout is acknowledged. Your plans to refurbish signs and to manage through traffic effectively to enhance the quality of life are worthwhile projects.

Residential Areas:

Continue to encourage residents to maintain their communal green areas throughout the growing season and to plant native trees and shrubs where appropriate. Proposed name-stones for each residential area is a nice touch.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Identification stones for roads and other areas will be useful due to the dispersed nature of Moneenroe village and if relevant townland names might be featured also.

General Impression:

The difficulty in maintaining the village due to on-going housing development is appreciated and it is a problem common to most Irish villages today.