

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Monivea** Ref: **203**  
County: **Galway** Mark: **270**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **01/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	44
The Built Environment	50	34
Landscaping	50	39
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	35
Litter Control	50	25
Waste Minimisation	20	9
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	34
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>270</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Thank you for filling out the application form and giving details of work done and future work planned. Your submission does not mention a development plan, and we wonder has one been developed for the village? The main village thoroughfare is quite picturesque and you have a wealth of historical and architectural points of interest and have the potential to be a high scorer in the competition.

### **The Built Environment:**

A number of buildings were well presented on adjudication day and these included: the Garda Station, McGiverns and An Sciobal Restaurant and Bar. Painting and renovation work was underway at Patrick Kellys Bar and Lounge. It is always an adjudicators delight to see a green flag at a school and Monivea National School was flying theirs proudly. The GAA pitch was well maintained, ivy covering on the walls and the cemetery is also is tidy and well tended. We liked the Monivea notice board and suggest that a similar information board could be reproduced in Monivea woods.

### **Landscaping:**

You score highly in this category. The village greens and shrub beds were looking immaculate on adjudication day and are the best this adjudicator has seen this year. The established tree planting along the main thoroughfare is also very delightful. We acknowledge the effort needed to maintain such high landscaping standards year and year and we commend all involved.

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

The Ffrenchs Mausoleum and associated woodland walks are not well sign posted and the visitor would not know these existed. To be honest this adjudicator only found the Mausoleum through curiosity! We feel these

walks would benefit from sign posting and distance markers. We would like to hear more about the bogland walks, maybe for next year you could include some more information.

#### **Litter Control:**

No litter was observed anywhere in the village – Congratulations! The litter banks were well maintained on adjudication day and indeed a noted improvement was recorded on last year's presentation. The sign warning of CCTV recording and fines for illegal dumping seems to have improved the situation. We do not in any way underestimate the special effort that has been paid to keep this area tidy – well done. This standard needs to be maintained now.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

It is good to see that the local national school is recycling all cans collected from the businesses in the village and that you are raising awareness of the correct disposal of refuse. However we feel that you need to start progressing up the waste management hierarchy towards waste minimisation. You have potential to improve significantly in this category. It may be helpful for you to consult the guidance document produced by the Department entitled "How to win the Race against Waste in your Community" to allow you to gain more marks in this section next year. We noticed a composter in the school grounds - have you considered sourcing home composters for households in the area? We think householders with excess compost would find outlets for the composting throughout the village given the standard of landscaping evident. The Recycling Officer at Galway County Council or the Race against Waste website may be able to point you in the right direction.

#### **Tidiness:**

The building beside Grainne McGann Auctioneers would benefit from painting. We also thought that there were quite a number of unneeded advertising signs in the village.

#### **Residential Areas:**

Generally, residential properties in the village and environs are well; we noticed some very good individual effort in residential properties in the area. We visited Meadow Brook and this was well maintained.

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

All approach roads to the village were well maintained. Road works are ongoing on the approach road from Galway.

#### **General Impression:**

We thoroughly enjoyed our adjudication and were impressed by attention to detail that was evident – Congratulations! Monivea Tidy Towns and your local volunteers have been busy. It is evident that you take great pride in the appearance of the village. For next year keep the momentum up and aim to improve your marks in the waste minimisation and wildlife and natural amenities categories.