

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Moylough** Ref: **589**  
County: **Galway** Mark: **203**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **08/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	33
The Built Environment	50	25
Landscaping	50	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20
Litter Control	50	32
Waste Minimisation	20	3
Tidiness	30	12
Residential Areas	40	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	23
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>203</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Thank you for filling out the application form and giving details of work done and future work planned. We noted that last years adjudication report mentioned plans and aspirations for the village up to 2011. This was not included with your submission this year which is unfortunate as we would have liked to see how your plans are coming to fruition.

### **The Built Environment:**

The local primary school is well maintained and lucky to have such good playing space and facilities. However a suggestion would be to paint the pedestrian traffic barriers on both sides of the road at the school as these detract from the fresh and well maintained appearance of the school. No green flag was visible. The Church and grounds are excellently presented and it is obvious that it is tended and maintained with care. The community centre is currently being re-roofed and expanded. The old Cement Factory, The Forge and An Tuirne were commercial premises that were well presented on adjudication day. Encourage Gilmore and Co. to remove the old petrol pump as this detracts from the main thoroughfare. The playground, football pitch and tennis court is an excellent facility and well maintained. It was nice to see a number of families enjoying the facilities on a sunny afternoon.

### **Landscaping:**

You have scored well in this section and much of your previous years work is coming to fruition. The planting at the wall near the cemetery at the Grotto junction is nice. The provision of seating throughout the village and out the Glenamaddy Road is good. We visited the graveyard and liked the old castle in the background continue with your plans to plant for year round effect.

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

Next year we would like to hear more about the Turlough Heritage Project once it is completed. Perhaps for next year the school children could also prepare something in relation to the local wildlife that you could include with your application, this would also give them "hands-on" involvement with the Tidy Towns competition.

#### **Litter Control:**

We viewed the Bring Banks and there was no evident of fly tipping or illegal dumping. The surface area around the Bring Banks is disappointing, lobby the Council to provide hard standing for the Banks and discourage the laying of pallets etc beside the banks by the shops. Users may think it is acceptable to place other such items beside the Banks and take liberties. No litter was evident on the adjudication day through out the village – well done.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

We are glad you have started to develop your work programme in this area as you have enormous potential to increase your marks in the section of the competition. We would be interested to learn how you have made all businesses aware of the proper management of their waste and how you encourage the community to take pride in the village with regards to recycling and waste management. Waste Minimisation is a new section of the competition that was introduced in 2006. 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. The Waste Awareness Officer of Galway County Council may also be a good starting point for your plans to compost grass from the Sportsfield.

#### **Tidiness:**

It was good to see a general lack of advertising signs and fly-posting in the village. Many other villages across the country are replacing the lighting with more traditional lighting standards, have you considered this? It is also good to see the restoration of the stone wall at the House beside the Spar shop is underway. You do have your problems and they are in relation to dereliction and open spaces.

#### **Residential Areas:**

We visited the Dales, the Nurseries, the Orchard and Meadow Court housing estates and these were well presented and maintained. The close proximity of these houses to the centre of the town has the potential to give these residents a greater incentive to get involved with the Tidy Towns competition and foster a sense of civic pride and we urge you to try to recruit more volunteers from these developments.

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

Roads, streets and footpaths are of a good standard and a good footpath exists from the village to the playing fields. We liked the Enda Colleran Monument.

#### **General Impression:**

You have much scope for improvement in the competition particularly in relation to waste minimisation, wildlife and natural amenities, tidiness and the built environment, we suggest you keep the momentum up but concentrate your efforts gaining marks in these sections. You have raised your marks this year in a number of categories due to your admirable endeavours and we hope that this will act as a stimulus for further action and securing further involvement from the local community. Overall you should be pleased with your efforts and we offer you best wishes for the 50th anniversary of the competition next year.