

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Moone** Ref: **381**  
County: **Kildare** Mark: **229**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **22/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	28
The Built Environment	50	28
Landscaping	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	15
Litter Control	50	35
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>229</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Moone is welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission which included your planned work programme. Moone is a most attractive village set in a rural countryside with many scenic views. There is potential within its environs for Sli na Slainte walks and for a Heritage Trail. The village has a substantial committee of ten with regular meetings and it is good to note that you work in tandem with statutory bodies. Do not be discouraged by the difficulty involving school pupils with persistence it will come to pass. Well done on the use of your newsletter and special meetings for circulating information regarding Tidy Towns.

### **The Built Environment:**

Well done on the maintenance of your cemetery and church grounds and environs. The construction and maintenance of stone walls is acknowledged also and the installation of heritage lamp standards are an attractive feature. We wish you every success in your discussions with Kildare County Council regarding the enforcement of the Derelict Buildings Act together with the refurbishment of street furniture. Both the Lotto sign and the 7Up sign should be removed from the Mini Market as these are dated and do nothing to enhance the heritage aspect of the village. The church and school and their respective grounds are presented to a high standard. It is good to note that you monitor new development proposals at the beginning of the planning process.

### **Landscaping:**

Your programme to identify trees in the village both in English and Irish is a nice touch and we wish you every success. Roadside verges with their young trees on entrances to the village are presented to a standard of excellence and planting to the handball alley is establishing itself well. The flower container at the church car park was empty on the day of adjudication. Ensure that future landscaping utilises native species of trees,

shrubs, flowers etc. including wild flowers as these are supportive of wildlife. We wish you every success in the development of Pocket Park and in the provision of a children's playground with basketball court and exercise circuit. The installation of information panels and signage will be the final touch to the park.

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

Given Moone's setting in beautiful countryside so close to woodland areas there is obvious potential for the development of a nature trail based on a thorough survey of wildlife habitats. Well done on the bird tables installed on the school grounds and other wildlife friendly planting. Hopefully the graveyard committee will acknowledge the wildlife habitats here and avoid over enthusiastic clearing of headstones. Your Green Flag initiative is worthwhile and will hopefully bear fruit. A bird species count might be undertaken now that the bird feeders have been installed.

#### **Litter Control:**

Well done on litter control within Moone, it was excellent at the time of adjudication. Your participation in the Annual Spring Clean together with your daily litter picking activities and the fact that local residents take responsibility for their own areas are no doubt instrumental in maintaining Moone litter free. We wish you every success in the undertaking of your litter survey and hope that it will be used not only to identify black spots but also to identify the source of the litter so that the problem can be tackled at its root. Your ongoing work with the school in this respect is acknowledged.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

We note the segregation of household waste and your cooperation with the County Council in this instance. Well done also on the use of a mulch lawnmower for grass cuttings. We applaud the school for its participation in its Green Flag Programme and indeed your leaflets on composting best practice which will be distributed to households. Do try to reduce the volume of waste generated in addition to your existing activities.

#### **Tidiness:**

The overall appearance of Moone was one of tidiness and your weed management throughout the village together with improvements to a number of areas is acknowledged. We wish you every success with your plans under this heading including the refurbishment of road signage.

#### **Residential Areas:**

Shackleton Village is excellent in presentation and other new residential developments were admired also. Older dwellings with traditional features continue to impress. The overall standard of presentation under this heading is very high and the committee are obviously effective in working with new residents.

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

Roads surfaces are in a reasonably good condition and footpaths likewise. There is a minimum of overhead service cables which is an attractive feature of Moone, well done. Name plates for the village are well positioned, clean and legible. As is the case with Timolin, we are interested in your 'Approach Road Manager Scheme' and would like details of the outcome.

#### **General Impression:**

The general impression of Moone is one of a historic settlement where the community have a strong input into the high standard of presentation of its environment. We wish you well in all of your planned projects and hopefully will experience your proposed new Heritage Trail in the not too distant future, well done.