

# Tidy Towns Competition 2008

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Moylough** Ref: **589**  
County: **Galway** Mark: **212**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **25/06/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	33
The Built Environment	50	27
Landscaping	50	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	22
Litter Control	50	32
Waste Minimisation	20	5
Tidiness	30	12
Residential Areas	40	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	24
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>212</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Your adjudicator would like to welcome Moylough to the 2008 TidyTowns Competition. Thank you for your detailed entry documentation together with the photographs and your TidyTowns Plan. The photographs that you submitted were most useful on adjudication day. You are working closely with your Local Engineer and it is so important to have a good partnership with the Local Authority. Thank you for the excellent clear map of Moylough. Do remember that the TidyTowns Handbook gives great information and suggestions. Both new Committees and those who have been involved in the competition for some time will find this booklet really useful.

### **The Built Environment:**

The village of Moylough is really most attractive and the wide street allows one to appreciate the interesting front facades to various buildings. The School was attractively presented with the colourful window boxes. Has it been decided what colour the Community Centre is to be painted? A good colour scheme here is essential and using a different colour to highlight door and window openings might be considered. The work at the Sports field and the wall near Spar are just two of the many excellent projects that you have undertaken this year under this category. The newly painted Garda Station is a great improvement. Congratulations on the removal of the old petrol pumps and well done to those involved. It would now be great to have this building painted using a different colour to highlight the interesting door and window detailing. This would make a great contribution to the work of the TidyTowns Committee and the community. The adjudicator can appreciate the important changes made at the Statue that help to highlight this piece of interesting art work. The old cement factory was looking quite well and the facade to the road fits in quite well with the streetscape along this road. The adjudicator admired the two hanging signs at An Tuirne and the very good colour choice made here. Indeed many properties in Moylough have interesting door, lettering and window detailing and the Cummins lettering is a case in point. The Church and grounds were superbly presented and what works must go into

achieving this high standard of presentation. The adjudicator was of the view that the Coppingers lettering and that of the Credit Union were a little out of scale with the front façade of these buildings. The Spar property was very neatly presented and the surrounding area very tidy.

#### **Landscaping:**

Good landscaping is a key characteristic of Moylough. The hanging baskets along the Main Street and the fine trees all add much colour and texture to the built environment in Moylough. This combines well in several places with the fine Limestone walls. The landscaping in the Graveyard area was particularly eye catching. Landscaping on the approach roads was really very good and created a great first impression of Moylough.

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

The Turlough on Chapel Road is a really interesting site and the adjudicator was impressed with the three new information panels that have been very well designed. The information contained here is given at just the right level to appeal to all ages and interests. It is a pity that there are not a few car parking spaces here. The slabs, wall and re-seeding makes this an attractive place to visit. It was a great idea to organise talks on the Turlough for the School.

#### **Litter Control:**

The litter notices in the shops is an effective way of getting your litter message across. The presentation of the Bring Centre at the rear of Centra was however disappointing and the location is not ideal. The official signage was not evident and the units were a little uneven due to the lack of a proper base. A little litter was evident in the Graveyard car park and a few pieces were seen along the Main Street. However overall litter control was quite good and this is not easy to achieve.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

Congratulations to the School on achieving their Green Flag in May of this year and it is good to read that you attended the County Council Waste Minimisation Seminar earlier in the year.

#### **Tidiness:**

You have replaced damaged bollards and signs but some road boundary walls needed to be painted. Beside the School a long site with gate looked a little untidy. At the village cross roads a damaged signpost needed to be replaced. The machinery yard on Chapel Road did not look as well as possible and perhaps there may be screening possibilities. At the Playground the marks on nearly all the bollards needed attention.

#### **Residential Areas:**

The adjudicator agrees with you that each estate should have a Residents Association. No landscaping of any sort was evident at The Dales and at The Nurseries the raised manhole covers may be a little dangerous for visitors. Meadow Court impressed. The attractive landscaping at The Orchard was quite eye catching.

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

The approach roads were extremely well presented and created a good first impression of Moylough for the first time visitor. The wide roads with excellent grass verges and so many trees combine well with the low Limestone walls. The new paths and resurfacing in some areas with the new blue signs completed a picture of great attention to all your roads.

#### **General Impression:**

It was a pleasure for your adjudicator to visit Moylough for the first time. Good luck with your TidyTowns projects for 2009 when we look forward to visiting you again.