

# Tidy Towns Competition 2008

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Threemilehouse** Ref: **553**  
County: **Monaghan** Mark: **235**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **06/07/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	29
The Built Environment	50	31
Landscaping	50	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	14
Litter Control	50	35
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	35
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>235</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Thank you for the completed entry form for Threemilehouse and map. Please ensure to name the housing estates and indicate areas where projects have been completed in your entry for 2009 as it makes it much easier to allocate additional marks. You are commended for your continued working relationship with Monaghan County Council. Unfortunately it would be impossible to judge the competition over twelve months due to the high numbers of entrants (in excess of 600 annually), but your comments have been noted.

### **The Built Environment:**

St. Mary's Church and grounds were immaculate on the day of adjudication. The National School was neat in appearance however, the badly stained wall should be painted before next years competition (as mentioned by last years adjudicator). Perhaps parents could donate left-over white paint and this would also see you gain marks in the Waste Minimisation section? This method had been effective in other schools. Lynch's Newsagents, Cormac's and Conor's all looked well. The sports Complex and stone wall were admired. Ornate street lighting certainly enhances the appearance of Threemilehouse.

### **Landscaping:**

The planted bank at the cemetery boundary was greatly admired. The green areas in the village were well trimmed and neatly presented. The stone flower beds were commended on the Newbliss approach road.

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

Please provide further information on your plans to clean the river. Perhaps the school children could assist your committee with a wildlife survey of the area. Last years adjudicator made a number of suggestions too, have you considered any of these as future projects? Perhaps the Environment Officer of Monaghan County

Council could be of assistance here as there are many marks to be gained.

**Litter Control:**

Litter control was quite good in Threemilehouse on the day of adjudication. However, a considerably outbreak was noted in the housing estate beside Conors on the Newbliss road and this is unfortunate. Are you solely dependant on the litter patrol man or does your committee or residence associations collect litter from time to time?

**Waste Minimisation:**

Congratulations on your ongoing activities at local facilities and for the publicity they generate. Do you segregate and recycle waste pick up by the litter patrol man? Does the school participate in the Green Flag Programme?

**Tidiness:**

Clearly the tractor garage is unsightly. However your committee is limited in what they can do and this has been taken into consideration. You mention in your entry form that 'footpaths are kept clean and weed free on a regular basis', unfortunately this was not the case on the day of adjudication as kerbside weeds were evident in a number of locations. Please ensure that the many white planters in the village are repainted before next years competition.

**Residential Areas:**

The terraced housing estate on the left as one approaches from Newbliss was well maintained and many houses had been freshly painted. The green area too was neatly presented. A corner garden beside the semi-detached cottages was particularly admired. Across the road, similarly, considerable pride is taken in the presentation of properties too. Many of the other private residences in and around the village are presented to a high standard and this is commended.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Roads, streets and paths in Threemilehouse are in a good state of repair. Some of the surfaces in the terraced housing estate is a little uneven in places.

**General Impression:**

Threemilehouse has considerable potential to progress in the TidyTown's Competition. Marks lost this year should be regained next year if the suggestions given are achieved. Keep up the good work.