

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moville** Ref: **707**
County: **Donegal** Mark: **260**
Category: **D** Date(s): **23/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	37
The Built Environment	50	39
Landscaping	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	24
Litter Control	50	33
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	30
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	31
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	260

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for your entry into this year's TidyTowns Competition. Please include a medium to long-term strategic plan with future entries. This will greatly help with your planning and will also garner more points! A clearer map is needed also. The adjudicator read that you were disappointed with last year's points and therefore looked hard at some of the areas of work that you have described. Your committee could do with bigger numbers. You host many events and some of these are quite unique.

The Built Environment:

The vast majority of the businesses seen on day of visit looked well. Some of the public houses were extremely well presented. The (RC) Church is very nicely kept. Is the Masonic/Orange Hall still in use? The Temperance Hall looks quite well. The Methodist Manse is a lovely building. The Fire Station is in nice colours. The Vocational School is very nice and neat.

Landscaping:

The lamp-posts, litterbins and tree cages are a nicely painted. The blue planters are well done. The quality of the planting all around the centre of the town was admired. The centre of the Business Park nicely landscaped. There is good planting in the vocational school grounds.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The Green is lovely and must surely enjoy some of the best views of any park. The walls and steps are all in good condition. The walking signs and the Sli na Slainte were admired. These are a great way to get people out and to interact with nature. However, there were few initiatives submitted by your group in this section. Ideas could include wildflower gardens, bird nesting box programmes, habitat mapping and tree-planting.

Litter Control:

Litter is a problem. Cigarette butts were the most common culprit. The moves you described to combat this are good but need to be redoubled.

Waste Minimisation:

The recycling bins are now over 1km from the town centre. This is not a positive development in terms of encouraging people to recycle. What about those who do not drive? The initiatives you mention are worthwhile but do not, it would appear focus on the reduction or minimisation of waste. It is recommended that you contact Donegal's environmental awareness officer for advice on this.

Tidiness:

Street names were not obvious or missing in several places. The planters in the empty lot opposite the AIB looked good. Many items of street furniture are in need of attention. Painting is needed in several areas. Finger-posts need to be touched up. Benches need to be varnished. A minimum of two telephone boxes need to be fixed or removed. It is a shame that the bottle-banks had to be removed but it is good that there is a sign telling people where the new site is. The building under reconstruction overlooking the south end of the Green looks very poor. Is this work ongoing? The owner should not allow this to remain as it was seen. The quay was neat and tidy. The HSE building was also neat.

Residential Areas:

Well done on hosting the garden competition and the estate clean-ups. The greater majority of the private houses seen were in good condition. Some very good use of colours was noted. Taobh na Cille was outstanding. Montgomery Terrace looks very well and is in very nice colours.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The work you have done at the harbour has paid off. The regular cleaning and weeding on the approach roads is also evident. However, this was not consistent throughout the town. Your role in the road-widening scheme was not made clear.

General Impression:

Your group is playing an important role in many areas. It is recognised that your town does face some challenges. Working with as many strands of the community as possible will be essential. Your initiatives with the schools and estates are great examples of this. The cookery classes is a novel and interesting way of engaging youth. Thank you for all the work that you have done to date and you are wished well with the tasks for the coming year.