

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moyvore** Ref: **212**
County: **Westmeath** Mark: **219**
Category: **A** Date(s): **24/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	27
The Built Environment	50	29
Landscaping	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	13
Litter Control	50	34
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	18
Residential Areas	40	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	26
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	219

Overall Development Approach:

Your committee is considered slightly small for the size of your village, why not try a recruitment drive to get new members? Do you get a good volunteer response for clean-ups etc? Nevertheless, it would appear that you are well integrated with the broader community. You are encouraged to fill out all sections of the entry form as this is where additional points will be won. It would also be useful for you to have a 3- or 5-year development plan. This would map your route to continued success under each of the contest headings.

The Built Environment:

Well done on finally getting the new footpath built. Painting the derelict house will be an excellent project for 2010. It seems that passing traffic travels at very high speed through the village. If this is a problem for you why not work with Westmeath County Council on developing a traffic calming plan. The community centre looks very well. The school looks very well and colourful flower boxes were admired.

Landscaping:

Well done on planting so many trees. I would recommend however that any additional trees to be planted should be a variety of native Irish trees (Hawthorn makes the best hedges) as Beech is not native and so is of little value to wildlife.

The colourful planting throughout the village looked great on adjudication day. This was complimented by the many tall trees around the town. McCawley's shop and garage was nicely decorated with hanging baskets

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The wildlife area should be left wild. If a small woodland is to be created why not plant a variety of native species e.g. Oak, Birch, Cherry etc. The school children could then monitor its development and record the species they find.

A great wildlife project would be to replant a native Irish hedgerow around the school.

Litter Control:

You should give more detail here on what you do to manage litter e.g. patrols, spring clean etc..

Only a small amount of litter was noticed on adjudication day.

Waste Minimisation:

Look at www.raceagainstwaste.ie for ideas on how communities can address this important issue. There was no detail given for this category in your entry form. The bring centre was generally well presented although there was a small amount of litter around the base. Is the school working towards a Green Flag? This is an important goal under this category?

Tidiness:

The town in general is very tidy in appearance and the new footpath greatly adds to this. Traffic cones, if no longer needed, should be removed, e.g. at the entrance to the community centre. The Eircom building needs to be weeded and traffic cones removed. Christmas decorations on the Garden Centre should be taken down.

Residential Areas:

The row of houses on the Ballymahon side looks great and are all presented to a very high standard. One rose garden here was particularly admired.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The landscaped area on the Ballymahon approach was admired. The welcome sign here however is weathered and should be replaced with something more welcoming. The sign on the Mullingar approach is colourfully planted but again, the sign itself should be replaced.

General Impression:

Moyvore village is a charming place with a rich natural and built heritage. To advance in the contest you should ensure that you tackle the headings, perhaps by producing a development plan. Best of luck!