

# Tidy Towns Competition 2013

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moone**

Ref: **381**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **268**

Category: **A**

Date(s): **29/06/2013**

	<b>Maximum Mark</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2012</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2013</b>
Overall Development Approach	50	37	38
The Built Environment	50	35	36
Landscaping	50	35	36
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20	22
Litter Control	50	40	41
Sustainable Waste And Resource Management	20	8	8
Tidiness	30	19	20
Residential Areas	40	30	30
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	29	29
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>268</b>

### Overall Development Approach:

Moone are welcomed to the 2013 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your entry and useful map. Your proposed parkland walkway specification is also welcomed. This will be a lovely amenity that will provide an interesting walk and Parkland area. Your committee of seven are engaging well with Kildare County Council and the local schools through newsletter and meetings. Why not try text or social media; this would save the committee time.

It is good that the competition has created an awareness and goodwill among the community. Doing new projects like the wildlife park creates interest and gives the community an achievable project to work at and complete. This project when complete could be used by neighbouring villages.

### The Built Environment:

The committee are working on two restoration projects in the village, one a Georgian Farm House in the village centre. The other project is the house beside the handball alley. This is a task that most Tidy Towns Groups have to address.

Moone is a nice rural picturesque village. The church and grounds are the focal point of the village. The school with its green flag was noted. The graveyard at the rear of the church is neat and tidy with many floral pieces adding to the area. There was lovely landscaping at the church, herbaceous plants and beds of pansies. The community centre beside the church is an important amenity for the community. Leaving the church grounds and walking through the village, the post offices new and old were noted and admired. The proposed new wildlife area and the pump painted red were admired. The playground another important amenity was visited. The ball alley of bygone days with creepers was also noted as was the stone pillars leading to Moone cross.

### Landscaping:

As stated previous the landscaping at the church was superb with nice herbaceous plants and a bed of pansies. The double line of trees that formed a lovely avenue at Shackleton village was much admired. The creepers growing on the ball alley which act as a source of food for wildlife and also brighten up a dreary wall were admired. There was also some nice landscaping at the pump area, nice trees and hedging that bordered the village on its approach roads. The adjudicator felt that more planting of herbaceous and seasonal plants were needed just to give the village a lift with colour. Planting all year round plants add colour and also food for

wildlife. This type of planting is more cost effective when funds are not plentiful as most villages and towns are finding.

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

The proposed wildlife area will be a very welcoming project for the village. Your support from Kildare County Council carrying out a habitat survey of the wildlife area is welcomed. Next years entry should have some interesting facts on the proposed project. This project will provide interest for the entire community; do include the school in all your surveys in as much as is feasible. The village has many habitats for wildlife in the hedges, stone walls and trees that form the framework of the village.

### **Litter Control:**

The school and walking group are good groups to have as support. The school is an important support as this way the children will learn from an early age that litter is not an advantage to the village. They help by collecting litter on their walks. You also get assistance in collection of litter for recycling, well done on this support. The village was almost litter free on adjudication day, well done.

### **Sustainable Waste And Resource Management:**

Your work in this category is noted. Consider conducting a survey of households in the area of waste they produce and then work on the results of the survey to reduce the amount of waste produced in the community. Concentrate on the top part of the pyramid. Working with the school that already has a green flag in the green schools initiative will be a great benefit to the community. Savings through resource management over the areas of water, energy and transport is also another way of reducing waste. Your recycling is good but look more as reducing. Do read the Tidy Town's handbook for assistance and send a copy of any survey with next year's entry.

### **Tidiness:**

The village was neat and tidy, approach roads were to a good standard. Paths and walks were free of clutter. Signage throughout the village looked good. Generally Moone had an air of tidiness as the adjudicator went through the village.

### **Residential Areas:**

The residential areas are well kept and presented with nice green areas, trees, hedging and some planting. Shacklton Village was admired with the nice tree area and walks between the rows of trees. The village residences were neat and tidy.

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

The approach roads into the village were neat and tidy. The stone walls form an important part of the village. The stone pillars on the entrance road to Moone Cross was also visited and admired. Road surfaces were to a good standard throughout.

### **General Impression:**

Moone is a village situated in a rural setting. The proposed new parkland walkway will bring great interest to the community and a nice amenity. You are wished well with this project. Thank you for participating in the competition and you are wished continued success.