

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moneenroe**

Ref: **170**

County: **Kilkenny**

Mark: **231**

Category: **C**

Date: **06/08/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	35	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	36	35
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	231	226

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you indeed for all the information sent with your entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. For a village of its size in terms of length, tremendous work is being done and, in this respect, it is gratifying to read that you continue to have considerable local support and that of the Kilkenny County Council. The number of projects you have in train is very impressive indeed. The advice is however that you should try to set these out in the order by which you would propose to achieve them on a year to year basis within your physical and financial resources. The mistake many centers make is that they try to do too much in the first year or two which can be very frustrating if unsuccessful. In this respect, and as mentioned at the end of your report, you will indeed need to be more pro-active in dealing with Local Authorities and other agencies such as FAS, LEADER, Duchas etc. You received a comprehensive report from last year's adjudicator. Following therefore is by way of comment on further perceived progress and should be read in conjunction with that report.

The Built Environment:

As last year your National School, both Churches and your cemetery are being very well maintained and great credit is due to all concerned. The Enterprise Center is, indeed, a wonderful achievement and your Community must take great credit for this initiative. Walls throughout the village in general

are in good repair but some do need attention. The Railyard GAA Clubhouse looks very nice as indeed does its surroundings.

Landscaping:

The beautiful park at the Castlecomer entrance and the area of Massford Green are wonderful achievements and reflect great credit on your Community and FAS. Tree planting in recent times and in the past throughout the village is now maturing very nicely and creates a lovely atmosphere. Both individual and collective efforts at keeping open spaces strimmed and cut are very praiseworthy indeed. Such a vast area of grass and hedgerows needs constant attention and great credit is due to all who have been involved in this application. The pump at the end of the village is a very nice feature and its surroundings are being very well maintained.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Comments made under heading last year are still applicable. Perhaps you might arrange, possibly through your County Council, a survey of the wildlife in the locality and their habitats and to convey this information perhaps into leaflet form and by means of a wildlife board at a suitable location. School projects in this respect have also been very successful in other centers.

Litter Control:

There has been an obvious improvement on last year as, on adjudication day, Moneenroe was practically litter free. Congratulations to all concerned.

Tidiness:

In spite of its length, the village was presented in a neat and tidy manner. Obviously some building is taking place which will lead to some shortterm untidiness but this will pass and has been allowed for in the adjudication. Some of the comments made by last year's adjudicator particularly in relation to a derelict building and rusty roofs still apply. Hopefully these can be solved in time. In the event of dereliction perhaps you should consult with your Local Authority who has powers in such matters.

Residential Areas:

Houses, in general, throughout the village looked well and are being well maintained. Lovely gardens in full bloom add considerably to the over all appearance of the village and reflect great credit on their owners. In this respect your obviously received tremendous support from your residents and this is a very important part of the competition. You cannot succeed without it. Father Raftice Place and Salome Place are very nice housing estates. However in the case of the latter the comments made by last year's adjudicator regarding algae growth still applies.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Bearing in mind the large area which you have to cover approach roads and roads in general

throughout the village were well presented with evidence of work taking place. Road surfaces are quite good and footpaths are being well maintained. In the case of the latter great credit is due to your Local Authority for their support.

General Impression:

Moneenroe is a interesting village and your plans for the future will enhance this even further. Good planning and attention to detail will gain you further marks in the Competition. Success is not achieved overnight but your attitude and your approach is to be commended and the adjudicator looks forward to returning next year to see further progress made.

Second Round Adjudication:

Moneenroe covers an unusually scattered geographical area meaning that many hands are needed on deck to adequately and consistently cover same. Grass verges were generally cared for but some unkempt hedges behind seemed to attract litter. In other places hedges had recently been severely cut back leaving them most unattractive. The main buildings were again well presented and the retention of old water pumps is highly commendable. Numerous beautiful gardens were evident throughout. Also, the established amenity areas were favourably noted. Further attention to detail is now required such as neglected gateways which, like overgrown hedges, accumulate litter. We wish you well in your future work!