

Tidy Towns Competition 2017

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Monivea** Ref: **203**
County: **Galway** Mark: **317**
Category: **A** Date(s): **07/07/2017**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2016	Mark Awarded 2017
Community Involvement & Planning	60	44	44
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	37	38
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	45	45
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	37	38
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	20	21
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	64	64
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	32	32
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	34	35
TOTAL MARK	450	313	317

Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Many thanks for your entry in this year's Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for participating in Ireland's biggest community project. Thank you for a really well thought-out and presented entry this year. This was well-illustrated, leaving the reader in no doubt as to the extent of cycling, recycling, weeding and litter-picking that has gone on in Monivea. Your contribution to the village and indeed as an inspiration to other groups is long-lasting and very important. Well done for your work over the 40 years.

Built Environment and Streetscape / An Timpeallacht Thógtha agus Sráid-dreacha:

You list the new Heritage Noticeboard as one of the first actions and indeed it caught the eye of the adjudicator immediately. The hand-held card would be another great addition. There were substantial works underway on the regional road here and it was clear that much work had been done on the footpaths and kerbs. When all of the dust settles it will look great. The new pathway into the playground is another useful task completed this year.

Holohan's Post Office / Shop is of traditional design but is clean and bright and was busy on day of visit. The flowers here add to the appearance as they do at every small business this cared-for on the green. McGAnn's Pub looked gorgeous with window-boxes and wall planters. McGivens hardware business was in good order with shrubs in tubs. Moran's Pub was very neat and the gable mural was admired here. The Garda Station looked great on the day and the Fr Sammon Centre was absolutely spotless with really nice planters. The national school is truly showing its age but its replacement surely isn't far away. The gate beside the RFC is in need of attention.

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

Thank you for the detail on the works completed this year. Much of this refers to ongoing maintenance which - in a place like Monivea where there is already so much done - is a project unto itself. The village was so pleasant to visit in the warm sunshine. The greens are an unusual feature for a Galway village and are so well kept. There is a dead tree near the south of the green opposite the studio which should be removed.

Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities / Fiadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Nádúrtha:

You have submitted an excellent entry this year with fascinating and very useful work carried out by yourselves and under the guidance of experts. Barn Owl conservation is so important as this species is highly threatened - well done. The adjudicator promises to look up the pine marten picnic! Swallows flying low over the village green were an enjoyable feature of the visit. Monivea Wood is a gorgeous amenity and was very much in use on day of visit, walkers and cyclists enjoying the sunshine and shade offered here. The adjudicator loved the woodland mural but

also noted that the wildlife noticeboard is in need of cleaning.

Sustainable Waste and Resource Management / Bainistiú Acmhainní agus Dramhaíola Inbhuanaithe:

Again you have submitted an exemplary entry in this category this year. You have nailed several of the key issues and you have demonstrated positive action. Best of all, you have raised awareness of important issues such as food wastage. Well done to all. The recycling centre is gorgeous and probably the best this adjudicator has seen this year so far.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Well done on all the ongoing initiatives including provision of anti dog litter signage and bags. You have held a Spring Clean and that is just about the best way of ensuring wide involvement. If it is feasible, pursuing the GPS and CCTV monitoring of sites to prevent flytipping would be an interesting piece of work. It was noted that lots of farm gates have been painted green and look so good. However, a few are in need of a touch up. The lamppost opposite the bottle banks has a broken light. A little bit of weed control is needed at the unoccupied house adjacent the Garda Station. It was noted that the pubs are having varied success in controlling cigarette butt litter.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:

Thank you for the information supplied here. The high level of care at Monivea is very evident. It is great to see that so many of the houses on the green are occupied and kept so well. The playground is indeed maintained to a high standard.

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:

This has been an eventful year, it seems. Lots of work on the footpaths will make Monivea even more pleasant to walk around and safer for pedestrians and young people. There was lots of dust from the work on the regional road but this will settle. New planting was noted on the R339. Watch out for road signage obscured by hedging. The GAA club signage doesn't look great and a general rethink of this area is recommended in order to meet the high standards set elsewhere.

Concluding Remarks:

It was a pleasure as always to be back in one of the tidiest villages in Galway and indeed in Ireland. Your high attention to detail is evident throughout. Well done on all you have achieved over the four decades of hard work and dedication.