

Tidy Towns Competition 2017

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moyross** Ref: **2080**
County: **Limerick** Mark: **246**
Category: **C** Date(s): **06/07/2017**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2016	Mark Awarded 2017
Community Involvement & Planning	60	38	39
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	30	31
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	29	29
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	25	25
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	16	17
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	45	45
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	30	30
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	30	30
TOTAL MARK	450	243	246

Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Thank you for the filled up entry form and map of the area and you are very welcome to the SuperValu TidyTowns Competition. You have a good size committee which I understand is made up of representatives of different area of Moyross. Plenty meeting are being held to look after the affairs of the residents. You enjoy support from a lot of agencies and bodies as listed on the entry form

The local people are well informed of your plans and activities and we applaud the contacts with the local schools. Well done for your successes in the Pride of Place national competition.

You have a good approach to the competition.

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

I am aware that Moyross is undergoing a lot of changes for the better in conjunction with Limerick City and County Council and the office of Regeneration. The Library at the entrance to the estate is a good contemporary structure maintained in great condition.

Corpus Christi Church is a credit to the people of this area with nice lawns, shrubs and flowers. Your two schools are very well kept and we admired the splendid new entrance to the impressive Thomond College, Moyross. We also salute the teachers, children and parents for the great achievements of this primary school in the green flag competition.

Thomond Rugby Club and the local Moyross Soccer Club have good playing facilities and pavilions. And it is pleasing to find that you have excellent facilities for such games as Basket Ball, hand ball, Tennis and an all-weather pitch. We admired the nice children's playground. The Community Enterprise Centre contains a Crèche, plus a Credit Union and it is heartening to see that it is being extended to accommodate more facilities.

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

I was surprised to learn that there are very large areas of pasture / green open spaces, some of which are returned to grazing fields after taking out houses. These areas are now mainly grazed by horses and some goats. These wide open spaces provide wonderful playing facilities for the young people of Moyross, but there is the added negative of encountering some horses and of course there is the risk of contracting disease on cuts from the horse manure. With so many horses loose there is the added danger of them causing accidents roaming free and across the roads. It is disappointing to see that there are no trees, shrubs and flowers growing in the great wide open spaces. Interestingly we find that the grass is maintained in good condition by Tús workers monitored by Moyross Community Enterprise Centre and this is an arduous task. There is beautiful landscaping at the church and primary school.

Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities / Fíadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Nádurtha:

This great open space is a haven for all types of wildlife in Moyross. I saw your wildflower garden at the Community Centre. The whitethorn hedge is maturing nicely and is a good source of autumn food for the birds. We see that some residents have bird boxes in their gardens and you could please let us know next year if the birds are actually nesting in the boxes as it sometimes it takes a few years for the birds to get accustomed to using the boxes.

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

We acknowledge the great support that you are giving to the schools. With the children, teachers and parents involved in the green schools competition there now is a better understanding of how best to protect the local environment. It is positive to keep the people informed about stop food waste and the group growing their own cuts down on unnecessary packaging. I saw your facility for segregating the waste.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

The estate was tidy and we know that this did not happen overnight and results from long hours spent picking up litter. Congratulations for your effort on 14th April to get around 140 residents to get involved in The National Spring Clean Up which is proving to be very effective as we learn from figures produced that the amount collected each year nationally continues to fall. You have a responsible attitude to the horrible dog fouling situation. The bottle bank was tidy on my visit.

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

We admired the splendid shrine in Castlepark with an attractive railing that is lovingly looked after by a local man Mr Williams. It is again heartening to learn that many houses in the estate have been upgraded inside and outside and I understand that all the houses will eventually get similar treatment. On our travels around the estate we saw lots of houses that have nice floral arrangements. We admired some splendid new houses recently handed over to enthusiastic new residents.

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

I note you are encouraging workers and visitors to use bicycles, and you could go a step further by getting the local authority to provide cycle lanes on those busy roads. Speed bumps are effective in getting motorists to drive slower. There are long stretches of footpaths that are relatively safe and comfortable for many pedestrians, and we saw some new patches put in place.

Concluding Remarks:

It is delightful to see this estate getting such well-earned attention and we look forward to seeing it returning to its former glory.