

# Tidy Towns Competition 2009

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Moyvane** Ref: **347**  
County: **Kerry** Mark: **253**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **10/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	42
The Built Environment	50	30
Landscaping	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	23
Litter Control	50	30
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	13
Residential Areas	40	41
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	24
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>253</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Thank you for your entry form and supporting material outlining your work on hand and hour plans for the future. It is some years now since this adjudicator visited Moyvane and many new developments have been undertaken since. The village has many attractions and happily it still retains its rural fabric and rural ethos. This is very evident by the appearance of the Newtownsandes Coop. Many shopfronts are in serious need of improvement and we notice you are yielding to the more modern retail outlets. You need to be careful about abandoning traditional features in favour of the pvc choice of doors and windows. We recall very much your great work in developing walks and parks. You are one of a very small number of villages with such a plethora of amenity areas. Well done on your ability to work with various agencies on your development work. This is the way forward in TidyTowns.

### **The Built Environment:**

The church, which is unique for a small village was well presented with a very spacious car park. The car park is well laid out but has alot of weed growth. The school too is well presented but the school mural is in a poor state, with overgrown surrounds. The mural of footballers is interesting, but we notice a car parked here on the footpath. The community hall would benefit from fresh painting and the road surface here is poor. We liked the plaque to Philip Cunningham and the plaque to Thomas Moore and their relevance to Moyvane. You have numerous rusty corrugated roofs needing painting or replacement. Could you tackle these for next year? We appreciate you do not have direct control over these problems but TidyTowns is renowned for motivating people to take action.

### **Landscaping:**

Your numerous landscape developments of previous years are commendable but some trees have been neglected and need improved management. The work at the walks is praiseworthy. We notice the sign at the

entrance to the walk on the Knockanure road is broken and needs replacement. This wooded walk is unique and offers a rich variety of planted and natural landscape. We feel you need a full appraisal of your work of previous years before embarking on new developments. The village has too many unsightly service poles and you should lobby the various agencies to have overhead wires undergrounded. Indeed we notice you have hanging baskets on unsightly timber poles which is drawing attention to problem areas. The village core is in need of a painting blitz and you should try and implement a scheme over the next couple of years. Your emphasis should be on sustainable planting. The bring bank at the community hall is good, but you might consider landscaping it. The community hall car park surface is poor. You should encourage the painting of farm gates a strong colour, this would add colour to the village and improve approach roads to the village.

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

More than most villages you have numerous locations for promoting and popularising wildlife. You also have wonderful locations for the erection of wildlife display panels illustrating the local wildlife of the area. Such a development would stimulate interest. Well done on the publication of a brochure and your success with the web site.

#### **Litter Control:**

In general litter control is good and you do not seem to have any serious problem in this category. Your involvement with the community directly and your close association with the national spring clean-up is commendable.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

Your involvement with best practices and your policy of segregating materials is commendable. The policy is still very much one of reduce, reuse and recycle. Good advice is available from Kerry County Council via Micheál Ó Coileáin, the environmental officer with the council.

#### **Tidiness:**

Our approach to Moyvane from the Tarbert approach was really spoiled by the unsightly dumping of plastic in front of an unoccupied house. Approach roads set the scene for the village proper and need to be presented to a high standard. Other areas of untidiness include poorly presented open spaces, gable ends needing painting and overgrown verges. The closed estuary garage is quite an eyesore. Any plans for change of use at this site? The garage with what appears to be abandoned cars opposite the church is keeping your marks down in this section. Could you approach the owner and try and get an improvement.

#### **Residential Areas:**

We liked the many houses built in recent years within the village. This is an excellent policy of infill and helps sustain the viability of the village. Please promote the policy of using traditional materials, especially with doors and windows. You should avoid the inappropriate pvc windows and doors. We visited the housing estates which are well presented. You have some excellent individual effort in most estates and we commend all concerned.

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

We liked your welcome signs on the various approach roads. Some centres make a feature of these and landscape them with rich colour. The treatment of the landscaping along the exit road at the church is excellent and has served you well since development.

#### **General Impression:**

The village has much to offer, and the voluntary environmental works of previous years is quite evident. We feel you need to stand back and reappraise your position regarding new developments. Much of previous year's developments need urgent attention and we urge you to revisit works to date. It is clear that you are committed to improvement but you also need good clear planning and you need to ensure that maintenance is of a high standard. Good luck for 2010.