

Tidy Towns Competition 2022

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moore - An Múr** Ref: **2230**
County: **Roscommon** Mark: **246**
Category: **D** Date(s): **14/07/2022**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2021	Mark Awarded 2022
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	34	36
Streetscape & Public Places	80	34	37
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	29	31
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	24	25
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	12	13
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	48	48
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	26	27
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	27	29
TOTAL MARK	550	234	246

Community – Your Planning and Involvement / An Pobal - Pleanáil agus Rannpháirtíocht:

Fáilte chuig Comórtas Na mBailte Slachtmhara Super Valu don bhliain 2022. Táimid buíoch daoibh as ucht na hiontrála a chur chugainn, agus guimíd gach rath ar bhúr gcuid oibre amach anseo. Adh Mór. We see that you hold meetings monthly. You are linking in with a variety of agencies that support your activities such as Roscommon County Council, Heritage Officer from Roscommon CC, Community Employment, Tus, Rural Social Scheme, Volunteers, Moore Scouts and Moore Youth Club. We are pleased to learn that you are using both social media and the Parish newsletter to connect with all in the community. We are glad to learn that the young people in the community were extremely helpful in the National Spring Clean. We like your plan to create a sensory garden and green space for local children and the wider community. Well done on obtaining a grant to benefit Camclon National School in biodiversity planting. We could see that an extension is underway in the school on the day of our visit. Is the school participating in the Green Flag initiative? We understand that a designated area has been set aside for biodiversity, i.e. planting tree/shrubs/flowers and providing food and shelter for birds. We wish you well with your plans for this and getting the children involved. This will be a valuable learning initiative for the children and also enhance biodiversity in the locality.

Streetscape & Public Places / Sráid-Dreach & Áiteanna Poiblí:

We see that the Community Hall has been fully refurbished internally and externally. We commend you on the addition of ramps and provision of disability access. The stone wall and sign outside the hall is impressive. This will be a fine amenity once work on the car park is completed. We noticed the use of weed killer outside the wall. You recently restored the thatched house adjacent to the church and Cemetery. It is well presented. Moore Church grounds are very well maintained and the tower to the rear has eye appeal. We liked the small woodland area surrounding the tower and the Grotto adjacent has eye appeal. We noted the raised flower bed/stone wall with colourful flowers to the side of the church. This is impressive and well maintained. We see that the access sign for Moore from the Ballinasloe/Athlone is bilingual. We are pleased to learn the playground is facilitated with a sensory area in addition to an external adult exercise area. The water pump and flowerbed are well presented. We see the seating provided for walkers at Dromalga. This is ideally situated. At Barrett's Well, parking is provided. This area is well maintained.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

We understand that you undertook a planting scheme to improve the parish streetscape. We noted the display of containers with plants which are maintained to a good standard. The grounds of Clonfad Church are also kept to a high standard. Kilbegley cemetery is well presented in addition to Moore graveyard. The grounds surrounding Kilbegley cemetery are tidy and neat. Would you consider leaving a small wildflower patch in the triangular grass

area opposite Kilbegley cemetery? Colourful wildflowers could be planted and would be an attractive feature here. We noted the bug hotel and plants growing at the boundary wall at Moore Hall. Falty pump has eye appeal and we liked the traditional green colour scheme on the pump.

Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality / An Dúlra agus an Bhithéagsúlacht i do cheantar:

We commend you on making Creggan Wood walkway, Correen Coilte Wood and Dromalga Wood more accessible. The green iron gates and pillars are an attractive feature when one arrives at the entrance to Coreen Wood. The Coillte Fáilte sign is well presented. We could see the entrance was cleared. We suggest further maintenance here and removal of weeds to enhance the appearance. Perhaps planters could be added. It is ideal that Correen Ford has a car park. This initiative will be an ideal future project for enhancement with flora/fauna signage and seating. We noted the pump and planter which is maintained to a good standard. We liked the colourful wildflowers outside Moore cemetery.

Sustainability – Doing more with less / Inmharthanacht - Mórán ar an mbeagán:

You have committed time to the renovation of Moore Hall. We see that you installed energy saving light bulbs, some of which are sensor activated in communal/designated areas. This should help to reduce cost and enhance sustainability. Well done. We are glad to see that the community is interested in bringing about more sustainability into their own homes. We acknowledge your efforts also in running a course in Moore Hall on Upcycling/DIY/Furniture Restoration. It is great that you are planning on running another course in September as a result of the uptake in May 2022. We commend you on the provision of a facility for the recycling of farm plastics. We noted that low energy lighting is also used in the schools and the two churches.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Credit is due to the community for helping in the National Spring Clean held in April 2022. We are impressed that all rubbish collected was brought home and disposed of without the need for the local authority to get involved. The village was clean and litter free on the day of our visit. The recycling area next to the playground is tidy without any signs of overflow. We noted the stone rectangular planter next to the exercise equipment. It is good quality and an attractive feature in this area.

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

We are pleased to learn that a new sensory garden was established. It is clear that the playground is continually maintained to a high standard including frequent equipment checks. We noted the outdoor adult gym equipment also to the front of the playground. We would see that the traditional period thatched farmhouse with outbuildings had been restored on the approach road to the cemetery. This has eye appeal and gives a positive impression as one enters the village.

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

We agree that Dromalga Wood walkway and Coreen Wood (FP) are great amenities to have in your community. We believe that the creation of a car park across from Clonfad Church will be a valuable initiative. On the day of our visit, we saw the foundations with ample space and wall surrounding it. When will work commence on this? We noted the colourful wildflowers planted at Clonfad junction in addition to the biodiversity sign. Well done. We wish you well in finding a stone mason to carry out the stonework. The development of the car park will be a key feature in your locality coupled with the establishment of an information board for tourists on their arrival. We noticed the Moore Stone place name and planter on our arrival at Moore. It is well maintained and provides a positive impression as one enters the locality.

Concluding Remarks:

Thank you for your submission to the Tidy Towns Competition 2022. Your application was clearly presented. We appreciate the photographs you submitted also as they were helpful to us in identifying your projects prior to our visit. We enjoyed our visit to Moore and we look forward to visiting again sometime in the future.