

# Tidy Towns Competition 2023

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moore - An Múr** Ref: **2230**  
County: **Roscommon** Mark: **258**  
Category: **D** Date(s): **27/07/2023**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2022	Mark Awarded 2023
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	36	38
Streetscape & Public Places	80	37	40
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	31	32
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	25	26
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	13	16
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	48	49
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	27	27
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	29	30
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>258</b>

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

Fáilte chuig Comórtas Na mBailte Slachtmhara Super Valu don bhliain 2023. Táimid buíoch daoibh as ucht na hiontrála a chur chugainn, agus guimíd gach rath ar bhúr gcuid oibre amach anseo. Adh Mór.

Thank you for your entry form and providing details of your activities over the past 12 months. You provided a great selection of photos which was helpful to see the breadth of work over the year. The map provided was useful but perhaps add a scale as we didn't realise the distances eg. between features such as from the soccer club to the school. Communication is important and therefore it was good to see you have an active Facebook page for Moore Community Office with over 1000 followers. Have you a long-term plan for the community? Perhaps you can have an on-line survey or suggestion box? You have a very large committee and strong numbers of volunteers to support your work. This includes Moore Youth Club and Moore Scouts.

You have been busy with many activities including wild flower planting, tree planting, litter picks, designing sensory gardens and renovations of Community Centres and Graveyards. Thanks for all your efforts as Moore looked very well on adjudication day, despite the Monsoon!

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

Moore Community Centre is an excellently presented building. Congratulations on your upgrade works here. It was freshly painted and was lovely to see the attention to detail around the premises including the nicely finished ramp and handrails, the gardens, raised beds and the flowers planted along the side of the car park here. You have even positioned a slice of a tree-trunk here, with drilled holes for pollinators. Perhaps a small sign to explain this would be helpful here so others can replicate your actions at home. Every detail was considered – even the carefully positioned reflector strips on the gate piers.

In your entry you've outlined details of the heritage buildings in the community, and we also find some listed on the map viewer off the website <https://maps.archaeology.ie/HistoricEnvironment/> Have you thought about setting up a cycling heritage trail around the area that it could include features such as the water pumps around the community, the church, the graveyard, the schools etc?

Moore Soccer Club is a clever repurposing of the old school building. We liked the sign here that provided contact details and even the social media address for the Club. The entrance doors at St Ciaran's were painted in different primary colours and the looked well with maturing trees in the area. They are working on their fourth Green Flag – well done. Camcloon National school had also created a sensory garden and a lot of effort has gone into this project this year. They displayed a strong understanding of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals in their work and website.

## **Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:**

Your main project this year was the works at Moore New Cemetery which included ploughing rotating and leveling the ground in preparation of planting 42 native trees at the rear of the cemetery. But you did a lot of work elsewhere too. The planters in Moore were nicely positioned at the entrance to the graveyard. The raised flower bed beside Moore Church looked well also. Have you grown any of these plants yourselves? Have you used your own compost?

We also enjoyed the playground and how good it was to see a wheelchair accessible roundabout available here. You have some flower beds at the Community Centre playground - maybe a waist-high raised bed could be positioned near the flagpoles to provide some herbs for all to take home.

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

You provided some lovely pictures of the tree and wildflower planting at Moore New Cemetery and also Kilbegley Graveyard. You have planted a lot of native trees including rowan, crab apple, hazel, hawthorne and holly. Indeed, you've created your own 'fruit and nut' garden! Thanks to the scouts for all their help with this. Native trees will support biodiversity as well as help reduce air pollution and prevent flash flooding. There are many mature trees towards the south of Moore in the Dromalga area. Maybe a project could be to collect acorns etc. and grow saplings to be given to school children on their graduation – a local tree for a local child? A couple of trees appeared to be dying – could they be ash trees? If they need to be felled do, follow careful guidance such as sterilizing machinery etc.

We were delighted to read in your entry form about the Community Climate Action Project – Ballydangan Bog Red Grouse Project. For the past 14 years there has been works to improve and restore this endangered habitat and the species that live on it including red grouse, curlew and lapwing. Your recent information day was attended by many in the community interested in learning how they can get involved as landowners, as educators, or as local residents. The proposed re-wetting off the bog by more landowners will help restore this habitat and retain and sequester (store) carbon - all important actions to reduce climate change.

The photographs provided show younger members of Moore pupils learning all about birds of prey including barn owls. Are there barn owls in the locality? Another interesting (not for the squeamish) project would be to gather and examine the food pellets from these birds. As they cannot eat everything, they cough up items they cannot swallow such as bones or fur! Maybe wildlife drawings by locals could be displayed in the former shop window at Eileen's as this is a lovely building?

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

You are conscious of the resources that you use, especially paper and are reducing how much of this you use. It was great to read of the Community Centre's restoration. This included new doors, the installation of insulation, and new energy saving light-fittings with motion activators, are all maximizing the energy conservation of the centre. Can you share details of your energy usage (before and after renovation) so that the community may be encouraged to follow your example? Best of luck also with installing solar panels and this could be something that forms part of a community energy saving grant application to SEAI.

It was nice to see on your website pictures of your Community Centre available for functions. Have you thought about providing a birthday pack for the community to borrow, providing reusable cutlery and crockery and bunting for home celebrations as well?

Solar powered road-signs were observed at the school, where there were bus-laybys. Do you have a good local bus service or local link? Are there bike stands near bus stops on the main roads? Maybe some recreational cycle trails can be developed around the area?

In this entry you have listed numerous sustainable projects and activities completed including promoting plastic collection by farmers, encouraging carpooling and having courses that include sewing and upcycling. This was a strong entry for this category of the competition.

## **Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:**

A great many of your volunteers have got together to help in your Spring clean in April. Thanks to all the residents who took part and also the Scouts and Beavers and the schoolchildren who picked up litter within the school grounds and the recreational area.

Cable ties were noticed on posts around Cloonfad Church that should be removed. A number of farm gates near Churches or homes were bent and perhaps one or two strategically positioned ones could be given an upgrade with paint or even some artwork attached to provide a new focal point.

Bottle banks at the Community Centre were clean and nicely presented – though the signage here was out of date and the flags will need to be replaced shortly.

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

During adjudication it was good to see a number of homes refurbished recently and also some with solar or PV panels. It is recommended you promote grant opportunities and any energy savings that you have achieved from

your Community Centre refurbishment to your community. Homes were of a high standard. One refurbished thatched cottage and surrounding outbuildings looked lovely near to Moore Church.

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

How did the builders make the harp-shaped windows at Harp House? You maintain this striking building to a high standard. Nearby along the R446 there are a lot of concrete block walls – perhaps some ivy or honeysuckle could be encouraged to grow on these to soften their look? Or along the inside wall of Cloonfad Church car park?

The entrance walls to the new cemetery looked lovely. In some places new field fences have been erected of black post and wire. Perhaps in the longer term there could be consideration of planting native hedges behind the wire to provide wind breaks, wildlife cover and even water uptake?

The old entrance rails at Correen Forest will need some TLC in the near future. The temporary signage put up here advising not to enter due to felling was very hap-hazard.

Walking from Moore Church to the graveyard there was no pavement – perhaps road markings or even some more road-side planters could provide some definition to separate walkers and cyclists from the road here.

You have planted wildflowers on the verges as you arrive into your community providing colour and encouraging biodiversity at Cloonfad – maybe next year you can continue this lovely display around the corner facing the R357 too so even more could enjoy these flowers? It was lovely seeing ox eye daisies at the side of the Road junction for the L2041.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

We are delighted to welcome you back for your fifth year in this national competition. You are a dispersed community but have focused your efforts on key areas to make a difference. The presentation and renovation works at the Community Centre were excellent and this should be a great amenity for the residents of Moore. Thanks for your hard work over the last 12 months.