

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CRANNY**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	172

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for submitting the completed entry form outlining your efforts to date and your intentions for improvement. You have improved in some categories since last year and this is commendable. There are valuable marks allotted for Developmental Approach and you should consider formulating a three year plan. Such a plan would be a consensus plan and would involve all the respective agencies.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This new category is ideal for Cranny. You have potential to promote wildlife around the bridge and river area. The existing tree planting in this area is helping and you have some very attractive wildflowers along the river bank. The landscaping at the school is also commendable and it is good to notice bird feed containers. Wildlife would be promoted in the school by way of a poster competition. Also Bord na Gaeilge might oblige with attractive posters on fishlife and birdlife.

LANDSCAPING

You have scored well in this area and extra landscaping has been developed since last year. Well done to the I.C.A. for their work at the Bridge. The school landscaping is excellent and the many flower tubs and flower displays enhance the appearance of the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church and school are well presented, together with business premises in the village. The old unused and now derelict buildings are keeping you down in this respect. You should contact the owners and try and impress upon them how your marks are being kept down in this category. There are many boundary walls that need painting.

LITTER CONTROL

In general, the litter control is good and does not seem to be a major problem. Streets were free from litter on adjudication day and this is praiseworthy.

TIDINESS

Due to the large amount of uncared for buildings and sites there is an image of untidiness throughout. You have a serious problem with road surfacing which, in fairness, is beyond the capacity of any tidy Towns Committee to solve. You should lobby the Clare Co. Council with regard to this problem. Some open spaces are overgrown and need to be trimmed.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard of housing is very good and many have excellent gardens. As mentioned last year you need a greater degree of co-ordination to improve the overall standard of residential areas.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The competition is now laying greater emphasis on side and back entrances, so you need to impress upon relevant owners the importance of this category. You have many problems with regard to side and back entrances that should be tackled for next year.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village overall looked well and the new landscaping is commendable. You have many attractive

visual features that should be further exploited i.e. extra tree planting and the improved presentation of open spaces. Ensure you maintain the rural ethos of Cranny which is important and attractive. The new "Fáilte" sign is well presented. In summary, you should continue with efforts to co-ordinate the various strands of activity and try and formulate an improvements plan for next year.