

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CREE**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17
Landscaping	40	26
The Built Environment	40	25
Litter Control	40	24
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	186

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for submitting completed entry form. Your village has improved somewhat since last adjudication. You do not mention if you are working to a three or five year development plan. If not you should consider drafting a phased work programme that could be tackled over a period. You have many attractions with potential for becoming a high scorer in the competition.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have good opportunity to make progress in this section. The bridge area is ideal for the promotion of wildlife and the many hedges and shrubs in and around the village can contribute to winter feeding for birds and insects. There are now valuable marks for this section which centres like Cree can achieve.

LANDSCAPING

The many displays of flowers, shrubs and trees in and around the village are commendable. The strong colour creates an atmosphere of brightness and welcome. You should, where feasible, extend this development to other small open spaces in particular. You should also consider extra tree planting on the approach roads. The display at the bridge presents an excellent image for the village at this important point. The treatment at the fáilte signs is excellent.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

In general buildings in the village were well presented. The school is attractive, but the Community Hall is poor in presentation and the forecourt very rough, the Hall also needs an identity. Meaney's, Breathnach's and Post Office were well presented. Some commercial buildings mentioned in previous reports still need improvement.

LITTER CONTROL

You have scored well in this section. The village was virtually litter free on adjudication day. There is an obvious conscious effort to control litter in and around the village and this is praiseworthy.

TIDINESS

The village core was quite tidy and well embellished with floral decoration. The degree of untidiness is being caused by small uncared for open spaces which are overgrown. You need to give greater attention to approach roads and try and keep road verges free from weed growth.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses in Cree are well presented with attractive gardens. Within the village centre residential buildings are of a high standard. You still need to encourage owners to pay greater attention to boundary walls.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Some of the signage in Cree requires painting and the "Texaco" and "For Sale" sign at the bridge should be removed. The fáilte signs are excellent and present a good image on the approach roads. Many farm gates and farmyard entrances need improved presentation. Side and back entrances are now an important part of the marking criteria and greater attention should be given to these areas.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Though small in numbers and small in scale you have a most attractive village with distinctive features. Being a compact village you have a good opportunity to raise your standards over a period. You should maintain your efforts to develop extra flower beds and landscaping. Approach roads represent the first impressions for visitors, so you need approach roads of a high standard. You have done well but you need a work programme that will tackle phased improvements.