

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **COOTEHALL**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	19
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	22
Tidiness	20	7
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>137</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition, and I hope that this will be the first of many years of us working together. I would suggest that you try to get the entire community working together. Draw up a 5 year plan for your village, priorities and take one step at a time. Break your committee into sub committees giving each sub committee responsibility for certain areas. A limited number of targets should be reached each year. I look forward to seeing Cootehall develop over the coming years.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You have wonderful natural amenities in Cootehall - the area at the bridge and the marina. However there is great room for improvement in this area. This area could be the focal point of your village. I would suggest that you provide some street furniture here.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The whitebeam trees planted alongside the stone walls look very nice. The open space opposite the church requires attention. The seating area opposite the pub is nicely maintained and presented to a high standard. Also the tree planting on the approach from Boyle looks good.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Pairc Niamh Mhicil is a very nice amenity and while the pitch is well maintained the area outside the club house is overgrown and should be tidied up. The school looks rather colourless, perhaps it would be an idea to involve the children here. Maybe organise some type of a competition as to how the school could look better. The Church could do with a bit of a facelift, maybe power hosing would suffice. The Garda Barracks is nicely presented and the Water Splash Lounge looks good.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

On adjudication day the village looked neat and tidy. There is good litter control throughout. There should not be a problem in Cootehall with litter, given the size of the village. Ensure that everybody does their bit to clean up outside their own area.

### **TIDINESS**

The kerbs, footpaths throughout badly needs to be weeded. More attention to detail is required here. Also while the litter bins at the Marina are very well concealed they do look very rusty and should be replaced.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The residential properties in the village and on the approach roads are well maintained. I saw some lovely mature gardens. It is evident that everybody takes great pride in their homes. Well done to you all.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The approach to the village is very good. However, there is no sign for Cootehall anywhere to be seen on the approach roads. The only indication that you are in the village of Cootehall is the sign that is on the bridge. Look at the possibility of erecting your own "Welcome to Cootehall" signs on the approach roads.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Your village has great potential. You are most fortunate to have that lovely bridge and marina area. Make this a priority for next year to improve it. As already said involve the entire community in this project and

may I wish you continued success for the future. I look forward to visiting Cootehall again .