

Tidy Towns 1996

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CROGHAN**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	6
Landscaping	40	15
The Built Environment	40	21
Litter Control	40	22
Tidiness	20	7
Residential Areas	30	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>132</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completing the entry form and for the sketch of the village. Please note that from next year onwards we would encourage you to submit a 3 - 5 year plan setting out clearly your objectives. Try to draw up a plan which is realistic and do not be over ambitious. With 14 members on your committee you should perhaps break it into sub committees giving everybody extra responsibilities. Croghan has great potential to succeed.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have great open spaces throughout the village. Perhaps you are not using them to their best advantage. The stream and surrounding area is overgrown. You should concentrate on this area, it could be made to look very attractive. Identify some habitats in your catchment area and see what species of animals, birds and fish these attract.

### LANDSCAPING

The stone wall restoration throughout looks good. The flower beds and the rockery are most attractive. However, generally there was a lack of colour throughout. If you could plant more trees they could greatly enhance the village in the future.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Mullaney's is nicely presented and the flower beds here looks very attractive. The shed beside the shops and the old cottage are a bit of an eyesore. There was work being carried out at the area opposite the old cottage on adjudication day and this was noted. You have a problem with derelict houses, and I sympathise with you. You will just have to continue to put pressure on the powers that be. I am sure that when completed the creamery will look good and I hope that the grounds will be developed and maintained I appreciate that nothing can be done with the old creamery at present, this will be taken into consideration when marking. Congratulations on securing ownership of the building and I look forward to seeing what plans you have for it. The grounds at the Church of Ireland are nicely maintained and the flower bed at the Catholic Church looks very nice.

### LITTER CONTROL

Litter control appeared to be good on adjudication day and you are to be commended for this. The fact that you have organised groups to monitor this is paying off.

### TIDINESS

You made reference in your application form that you erected new litter bins in and around the village. The only bins I could see were a few bent and rusty ones tied around the electricity poles. More uniformed bins throughout would be an asset. Perhaps some of the business people would consider sponsoring them.

### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

This is a category where towns could score a high mark. Some individuals houses throughout the village have made a good effort, but there are one or two who could make a better effort. Again with the help of flower beds and hanging baskets this would add good colour all around.

### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The signposting for Boyle, Croghan and Elphin (beside old cottage) should be tidied up and better

presented. The approach roads generally could be better maintained. The rockery leading up from the telephone kiosk is very attractive, but the area leading down from it is a bit of an eyesore and should be tidied up.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

Generally, I think the village lacks colour. This can be easily overcome with the use of additional flowers. Also some of the private and business premises could do with a fresh coat of paint. As suggested to you last year, go and see a village similar in size to your own who have succeeded in securing high marks. Your stone walls throughout really do enhance the village and keep up the good work in maintaining them. Continued success for the future.