

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	24	23
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	16	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	177	172

Cranny, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning completed entry form. You do not state if you are working to an agreed plan. Your outline in the application form suggests you are quite active and that you are in close liaison with other relevant agencies. However, you should, at a minimum, list out about ten improvements for each year and then get community backing for their implementation.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

For the most part buildings were well presented again this year. The church in particular was well presented, together with the school. Tir na nOg was well presented and enhanced by some colourful displays of flowers. The old school is an eyesore and should be tackled for improvement. Rose Cottage as always is neat and attractive. The old creamery area has improved at this important village entry point.

LANDSCAPING

You have improved under this section and there is evidence of good community co-operation throughout. The area around the bridge is attractive and provides you with good opportunities for further progress. You should consider further development at the river bank opposite the creamery side. The extra landscaping throughout the village and on the approach roads is acknowledged. The new tree planting and rockery add further colour to the village. Your involvement in Cranny Rural Renewal Project is praiseworthy and should get the support it deserves.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The wildlife sanctuary one mile west of the village is a good start under this section. You should try and get the school pupils involved in a wildlife project of the area. This could take the form of listing the wildlife of the local area, which in time would generate greater interest among the community.

LITTER CONTROL

You have scored well in this section and the village was almost litter free on adjudication day. Local shopkeepers should provide their own litter bins.

TIDINESS

The points made in last years report still apply and untidiness results from unoccupied houses and buildings not being maintained. Some small badly presented open spaces project an image of untidiness and would need to be tackled if you are to raise your standard in this section.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

You have improved your standards here and houses were well

presented, many with attractive front and rear gardens. What is lacking is co-ordination between the houses. Such co-ordination would relate to colour scheme and adequate landscaping between the various houses.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Your biggest single problem is road surface, which is far below average and beyond the capacity of a tidy towns committee to correct. You should lobby the local authorities for improvement. The emphasis in this section relates to side and rear entrances being presented to a high standard. In particular, commercial businesses are being asked to give added attention to such areas, especially areas visible from the public road.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village looked well on adjudication day. As mentioned you have a problem with surface dressing. Ideally the village would benefit from a painting blitz. Some corrugated roofs in particular need painting. Concentrate on your natural amenities i.e. bridge, river, and approach roads. You have improved since last year - well done.