

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CROSSHAVEN**
County : **CORK**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	21	20
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	170	167

Crosshaven, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your Association is correct in drawing the support of five other organisations in the vicinity in your plans for this years Tidy Towns Competition. Another important aspect of your approach is your continuing discussions with the Local Authority; involving the County Council with a well co-ordinated local effort is important. Whilst noting the Suggestions for Draft Development Plan and your outline for the 1997 Tidy Towns Competition it is suggested that your Association should now proceed to draw up a plan to cover a further three to five year period. This would enable the Association and Community to arrive at co-ordination and a definite period within which efforts are to be made.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The buildings generally throughout the village were well presented. Commercial premises were again well maintained this year. Buildings such as the fire station, schools etc. were also well maintained. The church buildings were excellently presented. The Garda Station and Post Office buildings were also well attended to. Crosshaven House will be a major project in the village.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping carried out in the square area near the entrance to the Pitch & Putt Club and Car Park looks well. The landscaping in the community garden in the Point area is very well maintained and enhances this area of the village considerably; the grass area here was neatly trimmed. The flower beds in the car park area could be better maintained and watched for weed growth. The disused flower tub at the Carrigaline side of the village should be removed.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The wet slobland area on the outskirts of the village is an important habitat for wildlife and it is clear from submissions which you have made that there is an awareness of the importance of wildlife amongst the community. There are considerable areas of woodland around the area and these are also very important for wildlife habitat.

LITTER CONTROL

There was some litter at the Carrigaline end of the village particularly in the vicinity of the bus stop. The funfair area of the village was free of litter this year. Areas adjoining business premises in the centre of the village were also free of litter as was the area in the vicinity of the bottle bank.

TIDINESS

The village was generally tidy. However, the large green area at the Carrigaline end of the village was somewhat untidy and not well maintained. This is an important area of the village and should be more carefully attended to. The area around the grotto near the Catholic Church was very tidily maintained. Again this year there was considerable grass and weed growth along kerbs and footpaths in the vicinity of the Catholic Church. The area around Fort Camden was very tidy. The areas in the vicinity of the Sailing Club and the Commercial Boat Yard were also quite tidy.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential areas in and around the village were generally well cared for. The housing development at Ard Cross is being nicely developed with suitable planting etc. Houses and gardens at the various roads leading from the village are very well maintained, with colourful flower gardens etc.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads generally were reasonably presented but in most cases grass and weed growth along verges was excessive and this does not give a good impression. The Carrigaline approach road was generally quite good. The road to the Point would need to be attended to for grass and weed growth etc. The development of the Walk-way at the Carrigaline end is an excellent initiative and will prove to be a wonderful amenity in the area. There are a number of rusted traffic sign posts within the village area and in need of repainting.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is a good atmosphere in the village. It is encouraging that the local community is now commencing work on a number of fronts to bring about improvements. If a plan is adhered to progress will be made in the future.