

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CROSSAKIEL**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	--
The Built Environment	40	21	--
Landscaping	40	23	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	--
Litter Control	40	27	--
Tidiness	20	12	--
Residential Areas	30	18	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	--
General Impression	10	5	--
TOTAL MARK	300	175	--

Crossakiel, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the competition. The work carried out on the village so far is excellent. The plan enclosed is comprehensive with regards to planting and the judges were delighted to see that after-care of planted material, so often neglected, was included in the plan. Native planting is preferable, and it is noted that a number are included in the planting plan. A co-operative approach to colour and planting would help to give a unified approach to the village. Information is still needed on litter control, wildlife, residential areas, roads, etc. Projects to attract wildlife, such as the planting of particular plants, could also be considered. This would form part of the 3-5 year plan that is now required for the competition and the adjudicators look forward to receiving this next year.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

In general buildings were very well kept. Gary's has done a very nice job. The church was really well presented and planting was well maintained. Cosy Corner required a bit of attention. The Handball Alley and the Post office looked well. The Aluminium Factory was well presented. The Garda station would benefit from more permanent planting. The adjudicators were happy to see that it is an objective to restore the pump.

LANDSCAPING

The village centre was very well landscaped and a lot of care has been taken over plant maintenance. Areas that made an impression included in front of the church and the village green. The area opposite O'Driscoll's could be tidied up. It seemed out of place with the rest of the village being so tidy.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This village should consider a wildlife project with so many wildflowers left in the hedgerows. A survey should be carried out to ascertain the types of fauna and flora within the area. A small wooden information sign on the history of the area and wildlife may be suitable.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control, in general, was very good.

TIDINESS

A couple of flyposters were noticed and should be removed. The untidy area opposite O'Driscoll's should be tidied up. Otherwise all approaches looked neat and tidy as did the village green area.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most houses were well kept and had some good hanging baskets and nice front gardens. Some of the front walls of houses could have benefited from a coat of paint.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach from Kells was very well cut back. There was some good signposting and some lovely wildflowers/ foxgloves. The Athboy road was well presented as was the Mullingar road. The hedges were nicely trimmed back and were neat and tidy.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village has a hard working Committee. Well done. You have the potential to do very well in the competition.