

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	21
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	16	15
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	7	6
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	7	7
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	18
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	139	132

Croghan, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Croghan is welcome to the 1997 Tidy Towns Competition. The village continues to make progress; projects completed for this year have been noted and additional marks have been earned. Some recommendations have been included in this report which might form the basis of next year's work programme. Thank you for the completed questionnaire. Your plan to rebuild the three miles of stone walls around the village is ambitious and we look forward to their completion. We wish you well in the restoration and conversion of the old Creamery building as a Community Meeting Hall and Heritage Museum. Your landscaping plans have been noted also. We wish you well in the achievement of all of your goals and look forward to watching your progress in the competition over the coming years.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Mullaney's is very well painted and is a most attractive building. A number of properties are quite untidy if not derelict looking in appearance, keep up the efforts to get property owners to take responsibility for their condition of their buildings. The village has an unfortunate number of old, derelict or semi-derelict buildings. Maintain the school boundary wall free of weed growth together with the carparking area. The road junction of the Elphin and minor approach road might make an ideal location for small traffic island featuring a sculpture piece. Although the church looks well, it is weatherstained and could be either cleaned or perhaps painted. The Church Road Stores is especially well presented. Some consideration might be given to creating a stone flower bed or some tree planting along its roadside boundary. Most buildings in the village are presented in neutral shades. If a co-ordinated colour scheme was adopted for the village, this might encourage property owners to paint their properties.

LANDSCAPING

Young trees in the village centre are maturing nicely and together with their adjacent shrubs give the village a well cared for appearance.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The pond is a fine natural amenity and well worth further development for recreational amenity purposes. It might also be studied and featured as a wildlife amenity. Perhaps a nature trail or wildlife feature could be developed in the wooded area behind the high walls across from the pond. The gates to the sports grounds could be refurbished.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was quite good during adjudication and we wish you well in the acquisition of new litter bins in the near future. Do try to maintain a consistently high standard of litter control throughout the

year.

TIDINESS

The overall presentation under this heading is quite good. Don't forget to have all building materials removed when work has been completed. The curtilage area of the stores located across from the Post Office is grossly untidy and underdeveloped. Mounds of earth against the wall up near the crossroads should be removed and the verges here developed.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most residential properties are presented to a high standard. No doubt all will be nicely featured in time.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Verges on both the Frenchpark and Carrick-on-Shannon road were somewhat overgrown during adjudication but not seriously so. It would be worthwhile exposing and restoring stone walls along these roads, particularly along the Carrick-on-Shannon road. Nameplates are suggested for both of these roads. The nameplate on the Boyle road needs to be cleaned and verges inside the nameplate cut back. No doubt your stone wall building programme will be extended to incorporate the stretch of stone wall on the right hand side of the Boyle entrance into the village between the crossroads and the main part of the village. The new footpath looks well. The long grass to its roadside edge should now be maintained neatly trimmed or eliminated altogether. Verges on the Elphin approach road are in need of attention. The high walls across from the old church might be further revealed and highlighted as an attractive feature of the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Croghan is pleasant. Good luck with your plans for the future.