

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	23	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	13	14
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>177</b>

## **Cranny, County Clare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for returning the completed entry form and outlining your problems and improvements. You need a short-term plan that will show identifiable ways of progressing in the competition. It strikes the adjudicator that your workers are limited in numbers and you are not making the breakthrough in the Competition that will raise you to a higher level. Many natural features deserve improved presentation. In particular the fast flowing river and river bridge area should be developed. Perhaps a developed walk would bring this area closer to the village core.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Well done on having the old school painted. It improves this approach significantly. The national school is a credit to all who maintain it and the grass was freshly cut on adjudication day. Tír na nÓg was well presented again this year. Rose Cottage is attractive and neatly presented. Some of the houses in the village need painting and should be encouraged to improve their appearance.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Your intentions for improvement at the bridge is noted but no progress to date. Removing the ivy from the bridge may not improve it and unprofessional pointing would cause damage, so be careful with how you treat this area. The consistency in flower planting at the various approach roads is commendable. The Cranny Renewal Scheme sign is puzzling to this adjudicator and the sign itself is now ready for repainting - but we would like to witness the renewal being proclaimed. You still have a serious road surface problem and you should lobby the County Council for improvement. The litter bin at the bridge should be replaced.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There is no evidence of promoting this section, although there is wildlife at the river bridge. Try and interest the local school, where nest boxes were observed last year.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There is no apparent litter problem in the village and almost no litter in evidence on adjudication day.

### **TIDINESS**

There is considerable untidiness because of the many

unattended open spaces that need attention. Some of the previous years works are not being maintained which is regrettable. Before you embark on further developments you should bring the existing ones up to standard.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

In general, houses are well presented and some excel. Some would improve further if they were landscaped. In many cases the area between houses is neglected and keeps your standard down in this section.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

As mentioned road surface is very poor. Many farm buildings are not being kept as they should and rusty corrugated iron sheds are no asset to the village. Try and ensure that side entrances to commercial buildings are kept clean and tidy.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

You have maintained your standard, but will require improvement in the areas consistently faulted in the report. The village has potential for much improvement. Good luck for 1999.