

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CREE**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	27	25
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	7
TOTAL MARK	300	195	193

Cree, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning to application form and your list of intent for work progress. The village looked well on adjudication day and was a blaze of colour in many areas. However, you need an agreed improvement plan if you are to raise your standard overall. The village has a lot of natural beauty and its lay out lends itself to improvement. In the short-term you should list about ten points that are achievable from within the efforts of the committee and work on these.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The fáilte signs project a welcoming image for Cree which is commendable. The usual premises listed in recent reports have maintained their standards again this year, many with a rich display of colour. You still need to tackle the hall and its environs - this is an ideal community project that would benefit the village immediately. The village pump needs painting and could be made an attractive feature of the village. Lernihans garage is a let down and should be improved.

LANDSCAPING

The treatment of amenity areas at the bridge is excellent and is well maintained. The facing of the concrete wall commenced last year should be finished. You have scored well in this category, but you have scope for improvement. Consider an additional garden development opposite the Community Hall.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have plenty of scope for promoting wildlife in and around the village. The river area and the approach roads provide opportunities for wildlife interpretation.

LITTER CONTROL

You are to be complimented on your consistent success in keeping the village almost litter free. This reflects favourably on the community.

TIDINESS

Untidiness in and around the village emanates from poorly kept open spaces and untidy forecourts. Also the pink corner house seems unoccupied and weed growth is presenting an untidy appearance. A number of rusty sheds need painting and could, with a little effort improve the appearance of the village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Again this year you have scored well in this section. The consistency with which house owners present their premises is praiseworthy and adds to the attractiveness of the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads are good and well presented. The pockets of dereliction will need to be improved if you are to raise your standard here. You still need to concentrate on some side and rear entrances, which are not up to standard. However, in general roads and streets are well presented and do not present a major problem.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It is always a pleasure to visit Cree and you have worked hard to maintain your standards. You now need to recruit extra volunteers who will assist you in raising your standards and tackling the suggestions of this and previous reports. Good luck for 1999.