

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CROSSPATRICK**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	25
The Built Environment	40	22	20
Landscaping	40	18	15
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	10
Litter Control	40	26	27
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	18	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	17
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	161	149

Crosspatrick, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for all the information sent with your entry form and the map which was most useful on adjudication day. It was gratifying to read that you have had some success with fund-raising and that you have been in touch with your local authority regarding your efforts. Remarkable work has been done since last year and indeed it was a delight to revisit the village again this year. In such a small village attention to detail is all important. It is recommended therefore that you might consider drawing up a simple 3/5 year plan identifying projects which can be achieved within your physical and financial resources. This can be done in conjunction with your local authority the objective being to achieve a certain amount each year. The following is by way of comment on your progress and should be read in the context of the 1996 and 1997 reports.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Your painting programme was observed and you are to be congratulated on it. The village pump has been very nicely presented and in general the whole village looks much brighter than it did in 1997. The church and the school were again very well presented as indeed were your commercial premises. Congratulations to all concerned.

LANDSCAPING

The comments made in last year's adjudication are still appropriate. However in the meantime you have done excellent work and flowers and those in tubs and window boxes, where presented, looked extremely well and are being well maintained. Again this has had the effect of brightening up the whole village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your comments under this heading were noted. You might however give some consideration to other aspects of this particular section but taking the best advice possible. This would have the effect in gaining you additional marks in the competition.

LITTER CONTROL

There was almost no litter to be seen in Crosspatrick on adjudication day. Congratulations indeed to all concerned. The provision of litter bins was noted.

TIDINESS

The village looked very neat and tidy on adjudication day and is a great reflection on its residents in terms of the appreciation of their

environment. However the large tank and the somewhat derelict building on its left do need to be looked at. Perhaps there may be some way of screening these off.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses looked exceptionally well, many with lovely gardens which were in full bloom and created a lovely impression. This kind of support is very important in a small community and everyone concerned is to be congratulated on it

ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS

Comments made under this heading last year are still applicable. Approach roads are very important as they tend to set the tone of the village. It is appreciated that it is difficult to control growth on these approach roads but please do the best you can. Adjudication normally takes place from the village name plate or speed limit signs whichever you opt for. Bear in mind what is mentioned in last years report regarding the propagation of wild flowers.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of the village was very nice indeed. Excellent work has been done and hopefully will continue to be done. Plan to do a little each year. Keep in touch with your local authority and try to get a FAS worker if possible particularly with a view to the trimming of approach roads. Keep in touch also with your Regional Tourism Authority, who are based in Kilkenny, who run an annual seminar for Tidy Towns groups with guest speakers which is well worth attending. Well done to all concerned.