

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 13-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	31
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	22
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	181	176

Cranny, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Cranny is very welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for the completed application form and sketch map which was very clear and concise and facilitated adjudication. Work accomplished to date is admirable. Your projects for the next few years are very worthwhile and we wish you well in bringing these to fruition.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most buildings looked well, one or two were in need of freshening and some needed a little work. The school, its grounds and its boundary walls together with its carpark were all presented to the highest standard. Perhaps the sign could receive a little treatment. This is not serious. Do try to keep outbuildings freshly whitewashed. The derelict building across the bridge with the petrol pump outside looks quite bad as well as does its surrounding area. Your plans to develop a playground here is noted.

LANDSCAPING

Tree planting around the village is good and young trees are maturing well. Generally speaking there is no need to plant flowers at the base of trees and the rule in landscaping in rural villages is to plant native species as much as possible rather than imported or ornamental species. A concrete block wall had been recently constructed, no doubt by next year's adjudication it will have been faced by stone. Good luck with your negotiations regarding the acquisition of land for a playground.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The graveyard looks well with its new stone wall and the landscaped section of the riverbank is nicely developed and is not too ornamental. The proposed bird feeders are a good idea. There is also some excellent advice and sources of ideas for projects under this heading in the Tidy Towns Handbook which you will have received by now.

TIDINESS

Try to keep weed growth under control and remove building material when construction work is finished. Try to keep derelict buildings painted or whitewashed as appropriate and with window and door apertures boarded up as an interim measure until their redevelopment. Attention should be directed to their curtilage areas also.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was quiet good during adjudication. We note your plan for additional litter bins. Do you have a litter management strategy? Perhaps you could share it with us.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most properties are well presented. As always be vigilant regarding weed growth at the base of walls and try to ensure that side areas to properties are as well presented as the properties themselves. A good performance under this heading.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The new footpath will be a great asset to the village when it has been completed. The refurbishment of the bridge is a good idea also. Remember to keep its base free of weed growth. Street furniture is being well maintained. We note your long term road improvement plan.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall appearance of Cranny is quite favourable, however as your plan indicates, a lot more could be achieved for the village. We wish you well in your plan implementation.