

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-03-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	37
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	13	14
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	187	195

Cree, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Cree is welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed application. It is necessary to compile a three to five year work programme highlighting your objectives over the same time period. DO try to complete this for next year's adjudication and send it in with your application. The Tidy Towns Handbook is an excellent source of advice with steps on how to go about this task. It is unlikely that you can be very successful in the competition without having a planned work programme.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Good luck with your negotiations regarding the redraining and paving of the church yard. The school looks well, its boundary wall could be touched up and weed growth eliminated. It is hoped that the forecourt area of the hall out the Doonbeg road will be landscaped and the hall itself upgraded in terms of its presentation. One half of Lernihans garage is poorly presented and gives an air of untidiness whereas the other half looks quite well. Strive for consistency in presentation here.

LANDSCAPING

If you are successful in having a carpark developed, do ensure that it is nicely landscaped. Again you are referred to the relevant section of the Tidy Towns Handbook. Choose shrubs and trees rather than flower displays and favour native species.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is good to note from your application that you are in negotiations with local landlords with a view to cleaning up the river. Perhaps you can undertake a project than on wetland habitat. The Tidy Towns Handbook has an excellent section with lots of guidelines and good advice in this area. The landscaped green area at the river looked particularly well during adjudication and the railings here had been painted. Well done to all concerned. The display of wildflowers along the river banks look especially well. Even if the committee does not get permission to clean up the river, a project identifying the wildflowers of the riverbanks would be entirely appropriate as the displays of wildflowers are quite stunning.

LITTER CONTROL

It is good to note that you have a worker one day a week to manage the litter problem. Litter control is quite good, there

are no litter bins in evidence. You may need to acquire bins to maintain a high standard of litter control.

TIDINESS

The area around the Kilrush sign and the buildings on the corner at the crossroad will lose marks under this heading if not tended soon. Some serious work needs to be undertaken here. The difficulty of absentee owners of property is appreciated. Have you approached the County Council about this? Try to keep Cree free of weed growth, these were quite prevalent along the footpath out the Doonbeg road.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most properties are well presented. Encourage vigilance in the presentation of curtilage areas also. We appreciate the difficulty presented by vacant buildings.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Mullagh road was well presented in terms of verges and nameplate, the display of Oxeyedaisies looked well also. Signposts need a good cleaning and painting. We note from your application that you are negotiating with the county council for a carpark. The speed limit signs at the bridge need to be refurbished. The posts of the nameplate on the road out by Lernihan's garage need to be refurbished. The new bilingual "Fáilte" signs look very well.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Cree is a charming village with plenty of scope for village enhancement. Try not to be disheartened with this year's loss of marks. These can be regained with good planning.