

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CROAGH**  
County : **LIMERICK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 23-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	29	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>189</b>

## **Croagh, County Limerick**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for the completed application form and descriptive map which helped to identify places in the village. I would suggest that the committee of 18 be divided into sub groups with specific tasks which would make progress that little bit easier. Croagh has a monastic history which I feel has not been exploited fully, maybe a sub group of the main committee could be assigned to draw up a programme around this particular topic.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Most buildings were well presented to a high standard. The new nursing home will add to the village when completed. The site is a little untidy at present but hopefully this will be cleaned up quickly when the building work is finished. Croagh PO is beautifully presented with a nice colour scheme blending with colourful flowers. The Church, School and Carnegie Free Library building were all presented to a very high standard. Dunveen on the Cappagh road is a fine example of a traditional farmhouse guesthouse. There are some excellently kept private dwellings dotted around the village and both the owners of the Garden Centre and Restaurant and the members of the local GAA Club deserve praise for the way premises are presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The standard in this sector is very good with some very imaginative planting arrangements to be seen both in the village per se and its surrounds. The Village Park and walk has matured immensely since this adjudicator last visited Croagh. The Grotto was in tip-top shape with a nice mix of shrubs and flowers including the flowering St Johnswort. The area around the garden centre and some individual houses deserve mention. I would suggest that a planting scheme, even basic nasturtiums and poppies, be put in place at entrance from Adare. That whole area looks bare at present in contrast with the exit on the NCW side of the village.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

It was suggested in last year's report that you should consider a wildlife garden in the park. I think that this is an excellent idea. Seek advice from a local environmentalist on how best to approach such an initiative.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was quite good when adjudication took place. Your clean up evenings seem to be working very well.

### **TIDINESS**

The grass had just been cut prior to the adjudication and there were some cuttings scattered around the place. Be vigilant and ensure that such cuttings are cleaned up. The village had a little weed growth in parts, again it is important to keep control of this.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

In essence the village is a one residential area and nearly all premises were presented to a high standard with boundary walls and fencing properly maintained. The cottages and private residences on the Cappagh Road deserve credit for keeping their holdings in top condition.

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

The slip entrance from Adare is a little dishevelled even though the verges were cut back. The field between the slip road and the main road needs to be cut and the fencing cleaned up. As alluded to elsewhere in the report a little planting scheme would go along way in brightening this area up. The narrow Cappagh Road with its attractive holdings was a little overgrown at the verges. The signs in the village were for the most part visible and clean.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Croagh is a pleasant village just off the main road. The Committee has worked hard to instigate improvements over the years, so keep up the good work.