

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CROSSAKIEL**  
County : **MEATH**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	26	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>180</b>

## **Crossakiel, County Meath**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Considerable effort over several years has been required to bring the village to its present standard. What is now needed is a period of consolidation to maintain the progress achieved and to address outstanding issues. In last year's report the preparation of a development plan was recommended. Has any progress been made on the preparation of a Plan? The various points in the entry form were noted. The inclusion of a simple lay-out map of the village would be helpful. This map could then be up-dated on a yearly basis.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Most of the comments made in last years report under this heading still apply. The majority of the business premises and houses in the village look well, however a number need painting. The Credit Union port-a-cabin is unsightly. The disused Church with its stone spire is the focal point of the village but needs urgent attention if it is not to deteriorate further and become an eyesore. Your plans for the Church and its grounds are noted, hopefully they will come to fruition.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The well kept wide grass margins in and around the village are a feature of Crossakiel as are the extensive shrubberies and flower beds. The flower beds and shrubberies look well but require a lot of on-going maintenance. The mature trees also add enormously to the character of the village and the impact of the more recently planted trees will be increasingly apparent as they grow. The lengthy white painted fencing is in need of attention and is somewhat over-powering but its impact will be lessened as the trees develop. Planting ivy or a virgina creeper would help soften the rather harsh outline of the handball alley. The Jim Connell Memorial is of historical interest and another interesting feature of the village.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENTIES**

The establishment of a wildlife park in the old Church grounds is a good idea. Planted with wild flowers and suitable shrubs, buddleias, etc., it would make an interesting nature reserve in the centre of the village and require little maintenance.

## **LITTER**

Litter control requires on-going attention. While not a serious problem in the village, a light scattering of litter was present in a number of locations, especially around the Village Green.

## **TIDINESS**

The village has a tidy appearance engendered by the closely trimmed grass verges and well presented buildings, etc. More regular sweeping of the street gutters and improved litter control would further enhance the appearance of village.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most of the houses in and around the village are in good condition. A number of boundary walls require painting.

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

Road surfaces and footpaths are generally satisfactory. A number of gravelled margins and entrance areas need attention, re-surfacing would considerably help. Weeding is required at the handball alley and at the car park adjoining O'Driscolls.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Further progress can be made. Pay more attention to detail and the finer points of presentation. Don't over extend yourselves in shrubberies or flower beds.