

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	32
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	188	181

Cranny, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Well done on getting a very good and practical enhancement plan done for the village. This is a most positive step forward and outlines for you how the village can look in a few years if you apply yourself to its recommendations. You now need to organise the community and tackle the various suggestions on a phased basis. This will require full co-operation from the various agencies, but in particular from the community. This plan cannot be achieved by a small committee of 12 people.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There has been no significant improvement since last year in this category. The usual public buildings are well presented i.e. church and school and some excellent individual effort from some house owners. Tír na nÓg is now in need of painting and has too many signs on it. The petrol pumps have gone shabby and need attention. This was a particularly attractive complex some years ago and with little effort could be much improved. The old school is a let down and should be tackled by the community, as it is one of the first buildings to be seen on entering the village.

LANDSCAPING

You have some very attractive areas of landscaping stretching back to the Ennis junction approach. The flower display at the old creamery developed by the I.C.A. in 1995 is presenting a very favourable image on this approach. Some of the landscaping developed a few years ago has gone untidy and needs attention. The tree planting of previous years is now enhancing the village. The two birch trees outside the church should be added to throughout the village. Trees are a good investment for the future and once established need no maintenance.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have potential here for much improvement. The attractive river is a gem and the suggestion of a river walk in the plan would lead to an opportunity for further promoting wildlife in the area. Get the school children to list the local wildlife and then commission an illustrated display map that would generate an interest in the local wildlife.

LITTER CONTROL

There is no apparent problem with litter and none was really much in evidence on adjudication day.

TIDINESS

You have many untidy open spaces; rusty corrugated roofs in need of painting and some dereliction that combine to project an image of untidiness. As a committee you can only try and convince owners of offending premises to improve their appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In general residential premises are well presented. Fresh painting on a fairly regular basis will ensure they are well presented. Some individuals excel and Rose Cottage is, as ever, well presented. Many boundary walls would benefit from painting.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road structure and condition has improved significantly from the criticism of a few years ago. The new stone-faced wall will benefit the village when complete. Make sure it is finished to a high standard and enhance with some tree planting. Farm gates should be painted a bright colour, as this would bring a degree of improvement to the village in general. You also need to retain the rural ethos of the village so make sure developments reflect the traditional features of the area. The approach road from the G.A.A. grounds is very well presented.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have potential for much improvement and you now have a very worthwhile plan to pursue. The challenge now is to apply yourself to the task and bring the whole community with you in your endeavours. Good luck in your endeavours.