

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 17-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	199	194

CROAGH, COUNTY LIMERICK

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning the completed entry form and for the informative sketch outlining proposals for improvement. This is a valuable competition and you should try and pursue the suggestions. It is important that you agree a small number of proposals each year and then try and progress. You need a three to five year plan that will give you a vision of how the village will look in five years time. It is important also that you bring the community with you. You have done well in recent years and your challenge now is to pay greater attention to detail.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The public buildings were well presented again this year. The church and school are well maintained. The new nursing home is excellent and well landscaped. As mentioned last year the Carnegie Free Library is well presented, together with the Post Office and those mentioned last year.

LANDSCAPING

You have scored well in this section and the many flowers, shrubs and trees combine to give an attractive image to the village. However, you have great space and scope for further tree planting. This is always necessary where you have a good deal of stone walls. Indeed, the mix of stone walls, grassed areas, and trees is the ideal balance. Congratulations on an excellent village park. Developed by the community, it reflects great credit on all concerned. This is now a wonderful amenity for locals and visitors and the history details make interesting reading. Think again about the suggestion of improving the village entrance from Adare. You need improved presentation at this junction. The grotto is excellent and a good introduction at this entry.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have potential to raise your marks in this section. Get the school children to partake in a wildlife survey that would list the local species. You might then consider erecting an illustrated display map in the park.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no evidence of litter problems in any part of the village. Well done on this performance.

TIDINESS

There are pockets of unattended areas causing untidiness throughout the village. If you have the energy, you should develop some small open spaces as flower gardens. This would replace poorly presented areas with attractive developments. Try and cut the grass in the abbey more regularly.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In general, the residential buildings are well presented and some individuals have worked hard in presenting their houses to such a high standard.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Because of the layout of the village you have many side and back entrances in full view of motorists. You need to pay attention to areas exposed and encourage owners to keep them to a high standard. Some areas are overgrown and need attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village looked well on adjudication day and you have worked hard to improve your marks. For 2001, you should list an achievable amount of improvements and get the full backing of the community.