

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CROOKEDWOOD**  
County : **WESTMEATH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 07-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	20	19
Landscaping	40	31	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	20	20
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	15	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	17
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>160</b>

## **Crookedwood, County Westmeath**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Crookedwood is welcome to the first Tidy Towns Competition of the third millennium. Thank you for your completed application. The list of projects accomplished for this year are impressive, these enhance both the appearance of the village and no doubt the quality of life also. Your numerous landscaped and seated amenity areas are a pleasure to experience. The village is situated in a natural woodland area and surrounded by gently rolling hills, lush pasture land and in close proximity to Lough Derravaragha. Crookedwood also has the advantage of having a large green open space in the village centre. The new carpark and picnic area with information display board on the northern approach road / entrance into the village are tremendously helpful for the travelling public, particularly visitors. The view of the village from the height of the Delvin approach road is quite breathtaking.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

'The Wood' public house is very well presented and features an appealing nice colour scheme. The gable wall and extension of the Woods property needs to be painted to freshen its appearance. Other buildings are generally well presented also.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Congratulations on your extensive landscaping programme, this will continue to bear fruit and enhance the environment of the village in the years to come. Well done on your spring planting also. Hopefully the drainage work carried out by the council will allow the old trees to become revitalised. The landscaped planted area around the telephone kiosk is a credit to those responsible for its inception and development.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Your plans to plant foxglove in the hedgerow for next year sounds interesting and we hope this goes well for you. Do keep us informed of your wildlife plans, particularly the help you may get from Duchas.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was good. The absence of litter bins are explained by you due to the fact that there is no council collection and that you are afraid it will encourage more litter, presumably household litter. How do you then keep the village litter free year round? Do let us know in next year's

application.

## **TIDINESS**

The overall appearance of the village is one of tidiness, however a vehicle storage yard on the Mullingar entrance together with some outbuildings present a problem under this heading although not a major one.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

There are no major problems under this heading. Most properties are presented to a high standard. Encourage people to take responsibility not only for their own properties but for roadside areas to their boundary walls and side areas as well.

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

The new paving in the village looks well. Well done on the refurbishment of the gate pillars at Teach Lir along traditional lines and on the retention of the old gates here. The thirty mile per hour speed limit signs on the Delvin Road need to be refurbished. The nameplate appears to be missing from the Multyfarnham road. The carpark of Woods Lounge Bar needs to be resurfaced.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Crooked Wood is extremely favourable and it can only become more so as the landscaped areas mature. We look forward to many repeat visits to your lovely village.