

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	37
The Built Environment	40	25	23
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	12	13
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	5	6
TOTAL MARK	300	190	188

Cranny, Co. Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your filled Entry Form and sketch on work to date. The natural river flowing by the village is being exploited with success. Your five year Development Plan is beginning to show the advantages of having such a plan.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The wall between the cemetery and the village has been faced in stone and is quite a strong feature. The shed at the entrance has been painted white with success. Perhaps the Committee would consider painting the roof a traditional orange/red colour. It is a pity that Tir na nOg stores its beer barrels in front of the house facing the main road and does not store them at the side. One of the new projects being tackled is the making of a path from Tir na nOg to the cemetery. The pole in the middle of the path should be re-located and the man-hole cover cut down to future footpath level. Consideration should be given to the final surface finish of all paths. The Committee should work with the owners of the properties at the corner of Cranny road and the main road in order to paint the shed and improve the appearance of the partially enclosed yard and paint the shed adjoining the graveyard

LANDSCAPING

New planting along the wall facing Tir na nOg is very good . Congratulations. The Church grounds would benefit by the planting of additional trees behind the wall inside in the property. The picnic area on the corner beside the river has developed very satisfactorily. with bridge, table and seats. The school grounds have been very well landscaped. Additional planting of trees, attractive to birds should be undertaken in the school grounds. The school should be encouraged to get involved in the planting and perhaps the yearly maintenance of amenity areas. Some trees should be planted on the corner opposite the picnic site adjoining the shed. More fuchsia should be planted. There is very good planting of trees on the Ennis road into town. Ties on these trees should be checked, some seem to have come undone.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Wildlife has been well considered through the landscaping and planting of trees.

LITTER CONTROL

The village is controlling litter very well. The small litter bin at the picnic site by the river was full. The County Council should be asked to provide a number of litter bins throughout the village.

TIDINESS

The ESB should be encouraged to tidy up their site by judicious pruning of their screen planting

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The front gardens of some of the houses are very pleasant. A big effort should now be made to redevelop the area between the edge of the road and private property walls.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Generally there is an air of untidiness, partially caused by newly finished road surfaces. The demarcation of road surface and private property and the removal of storage from in front of Tir na nOg would help immeasurably

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A most pleasing village which will much improve as it matures.