

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CROOKHAVEN**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	--
The Built Environment	40	32	--
Landscaping	40	20	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	--
Litter Control	40	30	--
Tidiness	20	10	--
Residential Areas	30	17	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	--
General Impression	10	7	--
TOTAL MARK	300	175	--

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OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Crookhaven is indeed welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition, in this your first year of entry. Do try to formulate a three or five year work programme outlining your plans for the village's future development. Concentrate on your strengths and weaknesses in order to identify areas which can be utilized or improved upon. You should set a timescale against the achievement of these objectives. This document need only be one or two pages long. For next year's competition you should indicate clearly on your map those areas that are problematic and areas for which you have plans to develop and improve upon.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church of St. Brendan the Navigator looked well. The buildings throughout were generally well presented and maintained to a high standard. The Crookhaven Inn, in stone, the Welcome Inn and O'Sullivan's Bar Shop were all most fresh and cheerful. The latter is an attractive traditional shop front. There is an abundance of stone walling throughout the village which is all maintained to a high level.

LANDSCAPING

The pump area was simply presented. You should, in this category of the competition, identify areas which would be ripe for landscaping projects. These can be at the entrances to the village, focal points, and derelict areas, which would all help to brighten and improve upon the urban fabric

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Crookhaven is indeed fortunate in this regard with its magnificent natural harbour area. There are obviously abundant varieties of habitats in the locality. You could erect information boards which indicate the varied wildlife of the area. These can be hand painted and situated in a central location such as the harbour area.

LITTER CONTROL

The standard of litter control on the day was reasonably good given the high visitor numbers to the village. The adjudicator appreciates your problems in relation to the non-permanent residences of the locality.

TIDINESS

A pile of sand and rubble at a corner of the harbour wall looked most unfortunate construction materials should be removed once work is complete. Weeds were evident to the bases of boundary walls and kerbs and were obviously a problem on the day. A derelict building at the junction of the

harbour and the approach road looked quite sad although it had been freshly painted. Apart from these issues, the village generally looked quite neat and ordered.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Crookhaven has an extremely large number of houses. They generally looked well cared for on the day. In particular a charming cottage in orange was admired and the unusual cottages with dormer windows. The two terraces of houses in pastel colours looked quite neat on the day.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach road from Goleen was quite overgrown on adjudication day. The sign appeared quite grubby with algae growth and needed to be washed down. This approach road is extremely important as it gives the visitor their first impression of the village and it forms an entry point / gateway to same. The road surfaces and harbour area were generally maintained to a high standard.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Crookhaven is set in a magnificent location and it generally looked well cared for on the day. This was an extremely good first entry. However you will need to develop problem areas in order to make further progress in the competition.