

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CROSSHAVEN**
County : **CORK**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-09-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	33
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	26	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	20
Litter Control	40	22	25
Tidiness	20	11	12
Residential Areas	30	22	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	190	185

Crosshaven, County Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Many thanks to Crosshaven Development for its very thorough and professional submission. There would appear to be a lot of land reclamation involved in your plans for the future of the village. Do ensure that this work is completed in as sympathetic a manner as possible. It is essential that the view to the shoreline is not unduly interrupted and that this work is natural in appearance or form, as possible. The work to the many laneways of the village is one that is well worthwhile, and the work to the railway line walkway has obviously paid off. Plans for creating an "entrance" to Crosshaven are certainly most commendable. The adjudicator was concerned with plans to relocate the fun fair in the planned location, as this could cause an unnecessarily cluttered untidy appearance to the shoreline in this location.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The standard in this category of the competition was generally quite good, public buildings such as the Garda Station and Post Office looked extremely fresh. Both churches were well maintained in particular the Church of Ireland and its magnificent grounds. In the upper part of the village the National School should be freshly painted before next year's competition as should the Fire Station. The Sports Hall and Scoil Mhuire and grounds looked quite neglected. The Credit Union was fine and Cronin's is an attractive traditional shop front. In terms of commercial premises the prominent gable wall to Powers appeared quite flaky. Premises such as Johnny's Return and The Schooner Restaurant looked well as did the Royal Cork Yacht Club.

LANDSCAPING

The standard of landscaping in the village was generally quite high with its many picnic areas. The landscaped area to the front of the marina is coming along well, although some weeding is necessary to the low plaster wall in front. Perhaps some tree planting could be considered in this area. The attractive grotto and banked landscaping up to the church and convent was greatly admired and incidental open landscaped spaces such as that with lupins looked quite charming. The petunias to the landscaped area of the car park were admired, however its surface appeared quite rusty. An attractive planted bed outside St. Patrick's Cemetery was admired. On the other hand the cemetery gates appeared quite rusty and should be painted up before next year's competition and a bench in this vicinity was virtually obscured by overgrowth.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Crosshaven railway walk is a magnificent amenity and

obviously well used. Perhaps you could consider further development of this area by providing information points to indicate areas of wildlife interest. This does not necessarily have to be a wildlife board but could be something more permanent such as ceramic tiles or two-dimensional carvings in stone set into the ground.

LITTER CONTROL

The standard of litter control on the day could have been better. Litter is all the more obvious in a village of Crosshaven's size. Quite an amount was evident on the approach road and at the road to the cemetery. More was apparent on the road to the sport's hall and the forecourt area of this building and Scoil Mhuire.

TIDINESS

The standard in this category of the competition could also have been better. Some weeding was necessary to the surface area of the car park and that mentioned before at the boundary of the landscaping of the marina. The bus shelter in the vicinity of the former is in bad condition. Some rusty barrels at the approach road created a bad impression. There were a number of rusty tin roofs to sheds which should be freshly painted in traditional red or green. One or two abandoned buildings such as Crosshaven Video looked unfortunate, as did the single storey building opposite with its overgrown surrounding area. The concrete post and wire fence to the boat yard appeared quite rusty and perhaps re-fencing could be considered.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The attractive houses on the approach road were greatly admired. Some pretty cottages to the far side of the village beyond the boat yard looked well - in particular that yellow one with its rose garden to the front and the stone cottage adjacent with its magnificent planting to its boundary wall. Some staining was apparent to some houses on the road to the church. This category of the competition is quite wide ranging due to the number of residences within the catchment area. Some more attractive cottages were noted at the Myrtleville junction.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The standard in this category of the competition could have been better. The waterside approach to the village is most attractive with the sea to one side and overhanging trees on the other. The road to the far side of the village was overgrown in places and the condition of the road to Scoil Mhuire was not to the highest standard. Signage could have been improved upon. Signage to the sports hall was quite scratched and the children crossing sign and directional sign for the convent both appeared quite grubby.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Crosshaven is a very attractive seaside village with nautical

connections. It is a very busy little center. The adjudicator appreciates plans to cater for traffic congestion however do ensure that the nature of this attractive village will not be compromised.