

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	20	20
Landscaping	40	33	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	20
Litter Control	40	20	20
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	15	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	18
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	171	167

Crookedwood, Co. Westmeath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed application. Crookedwood's list of works for completion this year is as impressive as it is worth while. It is recommended that you expand your plans to cover a three year period phasing it through annual task lists. This will give a better perspective on how you would like to see the village develop particularly during time of considerable social and economic change.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Crookedwood public house is well presented and its Mullingar approach area from the 30 mph sign is well maintained with trees, shrubs and plants. Some weed on display in front of the house beside the pub. The pub's left hand side car park looks untidy, but otherwise the presentation of buildings, particularly the post office and housing in the immediate vicinity, is very good. Road surfaces are excellent.

LANDSCAPING

Outstanding work has been done on village landscaping.

The new footpath amenity with phone box, seating, bog oak 'sculpture' and bird life interpretation board looks very well. The attractive grass area with well maintained hedging and barrels with plants backed by a marvellous array of shrubs in the bed beside the post office is most impressive. Equally impressive is the flower bed at the junction of the Mullingar and St. Munnas road.

The picnic area overlooking Lough Deravaragh is nicely presented with well maintained grass, maturing trees and seating. Good to see some hedgerows supporting natural wildlife.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Delighted to see you enlisted the help of Bird Life Ireland to source information about your lake birds, and the follow up information panel at your village amenity. There is such a wealth of wildlife and natural amenities in the area it might be worth while identifying projects seek the advice of ENFO - a public information service established by the Minister for the Environment and Local Government or contact your area wildlife ranger. This could be part of your project for next year.

LITTER CONTROL

There is virtually no litter in Crookedwood. Well done! Your litter management is working well.

TIDINESS

The only area of concern under this heading is the car park to the left of the 'Wood Inn' and the coach yard on the Multyfarnham Road. On the day of inspection there was a low trailer in the 'Wood Inn' car park on the right, but presumably this was but a temporary halt.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Of particular note is the old Georgian house on the Multyfarnham road with its ivy clad walls and mature gardens. There is also some new and unfinished housing development in the village surrounds. Most housing is of a very high standard with gardens and boundaries well maintained.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach road from Castlepollard has well maintained grass verges. The centre of the village there are grassed areas on each corner of the junction roads to Multyfarnham and St. Munnas. These are beautifully displayed with colourful flowers and plants. The car park attached to the pub has a nice array of shrubs on the Multyfarnham road side. Landscaping work along the Mullingar approach is also impressive with its planted bed and trees.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Crookedwood has become a place to go and enjoy rather than a place to pass through. The Tidy towns committee has had a self evident impact on community life and will continue to enjoy successes in the future.