

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	39
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	27	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	20
Litter Control	40	27	25
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	200	190

Cranny, Co. Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your helpful submission. It is always a pleasure to visit Cranny, one of the county's most rural villages with an attractive fast flowing river at the village entrance. Your intentions for 2002 have not yet been achieved and you should tackle those highlighted in your sketch plan. For next year you should list about ten small achievable projects for completion by the Community. You have some good projects completed over recent years and the work of Fás has served the village well.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The school, after more than thirty years is superb and richly landscaped. Even in holiday period, the grass was neatly trimmed and presents a very favourable image for Cranny on this approach. The rural renewal sign should be removed at the Post Office. The church needs some landscaping improvement. The authorities might consider removing the boundary wall completely - it would open up this area and present the church more favourably. Rose Cottage, as always, is excellent. Tír na nÓg, the largest commercial building in the village needs improvement. It had much weed growth which should be sprayed in early May.

LANDSCAPING

Tree planting over the years is now enhancing the village environs. You should pursue this policy and make a feature of rich landscaping at the new cemetery. Head stones in the cemetery are uniform in size and this should become an unwritten rule for future burials. There is welcome evidence of good individual effort throughout the village and people were observed in environmental work during adjudication day. Some of previous year's work is now in need of improved maintenance. In general this is your strong point but some individuals need more encouragement.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The river and bridge area offer potential for a wildlife project. You should get expert advice on such a development.

LITTER CONTROL

You have performed well in this section and the village was almost completely free of litter.

TIDINESS

Your problems here relate to dereliction and unoccupied premises. You still have

dereliction at the old creamery area and this will need to be tackled if you are to progress. The unused shed at the top of the village is an eyesore on this very prominent spot. Could the roof be improved for next year? The front and rear of the old school is most untidy.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual effort is good here and many individuals have shown great commitment to keeping their premises in excellent repair.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surface is good - too good for many who were observed driving through the village at 50 mph. You have some very attractive roadside wildflowers on the entrance from the bridge - leaving the top of the bank uncut is a good idea. It is nice to observe cattle grazing in the field beside the cemetery - it retains the rural ethos of the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have improved your marks and the village looked well on adjudication day. Your problems have been outlined in successive reports but you have potential for much improvement. Good luck for 2003.