

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CROSS**  
County : **MAYO**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 23-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	--
The Built Environment	40	29	--
Landscaping	40	14	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	27	--
Litter Control	40	22	--
Tidiness	20	12	--
Residential Areas	30	18	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	--
General Impression	10	7	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>--</b>

## **CROSS CO. MAYO**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH**

Welcome back to the Tidy Towns competition and thank you for your work Programme for the next 3 years and map. Have you considered listing the schemes/projects to be completed each year? This will help you to identify priorities.

### **BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Stone walls on the Headford Rd. side and naming stones look well. Names had not been applied on adjudication day. O'Malley's, Langan's and Riverside Inn are well maintained. Church and school are well presented but a derelict house opposite the school is conspicuous given its central location. The wall feature near Langan's is attractive.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Tree planting on Headford Road, at the new car park, shrubs near school and at traffic junction near Cong Rd. are all well maintained. Landscaping along bank of river is very attractive. The graveyard area is well maintained. A lot of work went into trimming the hedges around the locality and keeping the grass verges in the area tidy. This work has paid off and further enhances the village.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The river flowing through the village was very clean. This could be a focal point when a footbridge is built and lighting has been installed. The conservation of local wildlife and the enhancement of the natural amenities of a locality are a key objective of the Tidy Towns competition. The amenity along the river looks well so far and will continue no doubt to be treated in a sensitive manner so as not to disturb local habitats etc.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control in general was good with sufficient good quality litter bins in all areas. It is important to monitor litter given the location of Cross on a busy road. The local business owners and the community in general, must continue to play a role to ensure litter is monitored.

### **TIDINESS**

The railings at the bridge need repainting. Removing gas cylinders from outside King's shop should be considered. The Hostel could do with repainting. Overall the village has a neat appearance.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most houses are well maintained, some have really beautiful presented gardens, evidence of a pride in their locality. It is evident that the majority of the residents are doing their bit to enhance the village.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The main approach roads are generally good with well presented grass verges and the quality of roadway is good in the main. High overgrowth at the entrance to fields and behind stone walls should be kept in check. The fine stone walls adds to the rustic rural appearance of the village.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The work carried out to date is acknowledged. A genuine effort has been made to improve the general area. In your plan you have highlighted seven projects to be undertaken over the next three years. However, it is important that you remain focused and review these plans annually. Keep up the good work.