

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cranny**

Ref: **741**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **200**

Category: **A**

Date: **30/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	39
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	200	200

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for submitting form and details of work on hand. You seem to be at a standstill with developments and the great efforts of previous years do not seem to be ongoing. Has your Fas scheme finished? You are in need of a 3-5 year working plan that would have the approval and commitment of the community. This would serve as a great discipline for your efforts and if carried out on a phased programme would raise your marks significantly. You should make a renewed effort for next year.

The Built Environment:

A most interesting drive was enjoyed by this adjudicator on the road from Ballynacally. Miles of lovely fuschia on both sides of the road - most unusual and colourful. The arrival to Cranny by the school is always a pleasure, as it projects a great image for the village. However, the approach deteriorates beyond the school and this approach has held back your standard. The dereliction and poor presentation mentioned in previous reports still prevails. As always Rose Cottage is a gem. No progress at Tir na nOg which needs painting and improved landscaping. The old creamery is quite an eyesore on the end of the village and the former garage across the bridge is keeping your standard down at this approach.

Landscaping:

The previous work of Fas is still to your benefit and the tree planting of years gone by will continue to enhance the village appearance. We acknowledge the flower planting at the river bridge - but this area has potential for a rich display of flowers and shrubs. Here also, the grass has overgrown, while the bridge and river (in flood on adjudication day) are a great asset to any village - you should do more with them.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

As mentioned previously a schools project might stimulate interest in the local wildlife and lead to the erection of a display board at the bridge - try it for next year.

Litter Control:

The litter control was good throughout and is not a cause of concern - so well done.

Tidiness:

Again the good deal of dereliction and unattended open spaces create an image of untidiness. Rusty corrugated roofs and the two problems at the bridge are your challenge for improvement.

Residential Areas:

On an individual basis residential premises are well presented, but overall there is no great evidence of collective activity. It behoves everybody to play their part. You have many advantages over most small centres, with just two principal approach roads and a compact village.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The road structure is very good and the Fas plaque is a reminder of the work on the footpath and other areas. You should strive to retain the rural ethos of the village and new developments should reflect the rural setting of Cranny. Even painting farm gates a strong colour would enhance.

General Impression:

It is always a pleasure to visit this quiet rural village. You have many village distinctions of great interest and in particular the river and bridge area. In most cases the work required for improvement is decorative and cleaning and you should list ten small projects for 2004 and pursue them.

Good luck and keep Cranny rural.