

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Crossakiel**

Ref: **478**

County: **Meath**

Mark: **211**

Category: **B**

Date: **06/01/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	32	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	35	35
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	21	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>207</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Many thanks for your very comprehensive submission including application form, photographs and map, all of which were most useful on adjudication day. However, at this stage in the competition you need to formulate a work programme. This document need only be two or three pages long outlining your plans for the village and setting a timeframe for their implementation. You will find it useful in order to assess your progress and the adjudicators will also find it helpful in order to aid assessment of the village.

### The Built Environment:

Most of the buildings looked well cared for on adjudication day. The Cosy Corner was a little bit flaky and will need painting before next year's competition. Red algae growth was apparent to the handball club and this should be repainted before next year's competition also. Gary's Pub looked very fresh in pink. Although O'Driscoll's shop was quite fresh to its façade, the gable wall was in need of painting. Do discourage the use of plastic signage and encourage their replacement with ones of a more traditional timber variety.

### Landscaping:

The attractive landscaping to the picnic area at junctions was admired. Jim Connell's memorial was

well maintained with its stone wall surround. Landscaping at the Kells Road junction with its planted beds was greatly admired. The attractive landscaping and picnic area adjacent to Gary's pub looked extremely well. The Village Green was simply presented with its traditional pump. The grass verges outside the magnificent ruined church were well maintained and the attractive planted beds to an entrance area adjacent were greatly admired. The magnificent purple aubretia to an incidental landscaped space on the main street was quite a pleasure to behold!

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Although you mention the church and hedgerows of the village, you do not seem to have any coherent plan for the ongoing maintenance of your wildlife habitats. ENFO and the Tidy Towns Handbook will give you some clues for the further development of this aspect of the competition. You could also consult with local experts in order to get their advice on the wildlife habitats in the locality.

### **Litter Control:**

Generally the standard in this category of the competition was very good, although one or two papers were evident on the Kells Road.

### **Tidiness:**

The small village of Crossakiel generally gave a very neat and ordered appearance on adjudication day. However, a concrete post and rail fence which was broken in the vicinity of the picnic area, created a bad impression. The efforts you have made to maintain the credit union building are commendable. The adjudicator looks forward to improvements in this location when the new building comes on stream. The gates to the church ruin should be painted before next year's competition and the boundary wall to the rear car park area of the pub should also be painted before next year.

### **Residential Areas:**

Houses within the village centre and along approach roads were generally well cared for on the day. Of particular note, were the attractive houses with permanent planting outside on the main street and a bright yellow house with hanging baskets on the corner was also greatly admired.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Along the Athboy Road the verges were well cut and the creeper clad concrete block entrance ways are coming along well. However, a rusty gate was noted further in towards the village centre. The Kells Road was well maintained with attractive grass verges and wonderful mature ash trees overhanging. One junction sign appeared quite grubby in terms of street furniture but generally this was to a high standard.

### **General Impression:**

Crossakiel is a most attractive village with its wealth of heritage. It is obviously a well cared for village - keep up the good work!