

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Croghan**

Ref: **304**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **177**

Category: **A**

Date: **19/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	28
The Built Environment	40	26	24
Landscaping	40	22	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	177	169

Overall Developmental Approach:

Welcome to Tidy Towns 2004. Thank you for your entry form and comprehensive review of your work plan and achievements in the current year together with a map of your village. The Committee appears to have succeeded in harnessing the efforts of the local community to maximum effect and the village will benefit as a result. Your workplan is practical and achievable and it is good that you have a good working relationship with the County council and FAS. It is also good to note that the schools, GAA, the organic garden, residents, parish council, etc. are also involved. Well done on the success of the An Taisce National Spring Clean, it would appear that much was achieved on the day and that you have a momentum going. This co-operation between the committee, statutory bodies, agencies and local residents is the formula for further success in the competition in the years ahead.

The Built Environment:

Croghan has a number of positive factors that work to its advantage. The beautiful stone walls on the approach roads lead you to a village which has two lovely Churches in prominent locations. The work of FAS is greatly enhancing the built environment and the Community Centre will form a focal point in the village and the Pound at the river is a lovely development. Gravel opposite needs to be removed. Congratulations on the undergrounding of services, including the ducting and provision of traditional style lighting in the village core. The creamery "Connaught Gold Co-op Stores" is a fine building but requires cleaning and maybe painting, also removal of weeds from shoots.

Landscaping:

Again work is being carried out in this area, the development of the Pound enhances this area and is a lovely amenity for the village. The bed at the corner opposite the RC. Church looks nice, as do the hanging baskets. I note work has started on the horse pond near Holy Trinity Church, and look forward to seeing the fruits of your labour.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

I am pleased to learn of your intentions to carry out a survey of the wildlife, flora and fauna of the area, and that you envisage getting the schools and the Organic Garden involved. Also that you have taken last years adjudicators comments on board and are investigating the possibility of a Sli na Slainte walk on the Hill of Croghan and incorporating the walk your discovered that existed along the river bank. We wish you well with your development and look forward to seeing them over the coming years.

Litter Control:

As the mark suggests the litter management was of a very high order. Congratulations on your participation in the national An Taisce Spring Clean, and for running talks and poster competition in school. These efforts are paying dividends.

Tidiness:

Improvements have been effective. Ensure that when construction works are complete that all materials are removed.

Residential Areas:

Most residential properties are well presented to a high standard, a few require painting.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Again well done on the undergrounding of services, including ducting and the provision of traditional style lighting, this greatly enhances the village streetscape. Encourage residents to be vigilant to their back areas too as there were some which were untidy and required attention.

General Impression:

Croghan is a lovely village and was a pleasure to visit. You have achieved much over the past year with many large projects underway and others completed. Well done and keep up the good work.