

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Croghan**

Ref: **67**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **197**

Category: **A**

Date: **01/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	30
The Built Environment	40	28	26
Landscaping	40	28	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	23
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>177</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Croghan is welcome to the 2005 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission which included work accomplished to date, the committee and the community indeed is to be commended for an excellent presentation. Your work with Roscommon County Council and with FAS has been most effective in the enhancement of your lovely village. Well done to the business community also for their co-operation and not to forget volunteers and school children in particular.

### The Built Environment:

The majority of buildings looked as though they had been freshly painted and were beautifully presented with window boxes and flower displays. The school is also excellent in presentation and the co-operative stores on Church Road is neatly presented, its roadside carparking area looks well also. Work in progress was noted on the stone faced building near the junction with the Cecil Egan Memorial stone. Is this to be a Community Centre? The Church of the Holy Trinity together with its graveyard was neatly presented and the Roman Catholic Church looked well also, however some sections of its facade are beginning to look a little weatherstained. Stone walls within the village and on approach roads, both new and old, are being well presented. Perhaps you could encourage property owners to adopt a colour scheme for their gates and have gates on all approach roads and in the village centre painted in the chosen colour.

## **Landscaping:**

Well done to everyone involved in flower displays in hanging baskets, window boxes, flower beds and the development of the horse pond and other attractively landscaped areas. Young trees are maturing well and will be an important part of the heritage of future generations as are the many stands of mature trees on approach roads and entrances to Croghan.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The Shannon Gaels GAA club is neat and attractive at its entrance and the clubhouse is well painted also. This is a fine amenity feature for such a small village. Perhaps you could submit some information on the organic garden for which there is a sign on the road in from the crossroads. Some consideration might be given to conducting a wildlife survey, or indeed a wild bird survey, and featuring habitats present on information panels or in other ways. We look forward to the development of the Slí na Sláinte route over the hill in the area of the water tower. We appreciate that this may take a long time.

## **Litter Control:**

Litter control is excellent. Again we would like more information on your litter control activities as this can be an important source of marks also. In particular we would like to know what your litter management strategy is.

## **Tidiness:**

It was good to note that the vacant dwelling in the village centre had been neatly boarded up and nicely painted to the extent that it was hardly recognisable as a vacant house. Some thought might be given to having a recycling point in the village. Well done on the spring clean up.

## **Residential Areas:**

Residential properties in the village centre were admired for their attractive colour scheme and flower displays in window boxes. The Forge is an attractive stone residential property also. To date the village has escaped the pressure of new residential estates. If this does come to pass, try to assimilate new residents into the Tidy Town's effort by welcoming them and getting them involved.

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

Congratulations on having overhead service cables ducted and having a virtually wire free environment. The new lampstandards really look well. All those involved in painting the poles for the flower baskets are to be commended. Most items of street furniture look well, however the posts of some road signs were in need of refurbishment. Entrances to the village looked well and were neatly presented in respect of grass verges, mature trees and beautiful nameplates. However one speed limit sign was facing the wrong way on the Elphin Road which is a little dangerous as this is the road on which the primary school is located. We wish you well on the continued upgrading of footpath and road surfaces.

## **General Impression:**

Croghan is a beautiful village in a lovely rural setting and has the advantage of having a community that is committed to the care and enhancement of their environment, well done on an excellent presentation and congratulations on a substantial increase in marks.

## **Second Round Adjudication:**

