

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Crossdoney** Ref: **1429**
County: **Cavan** Mark: **195**
Category: **A** Date(s): **10/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	25
The Built Environment	50	25
Landscaping	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	25
Waste Minimisation	20	5
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	400	195

Overall Development Approach:

Crossdoney was entered as part of the drive by SuperValu to work with communities to approve the environmental standards of their areas through participation in the National TidyTowns Competition. Areas were entered on the basis that they fall within the catchment area of the nearest SuperValu store and this 'baseline assessment' is intended to provide a basis on which progress could be made over the coming years through partnership with residents, businesses and local agencies. As such it should not be interpreted as a critique of the area but rather an opportunity for everybody to work together to make their hometown a better place to work, live and visit. As part of SuperValu's strategic approach to sustainable development in the area, a nominal mark has been given to reflect this. Further marks will be awarded in future years where more tangible TidyTowns structures are developed and local environmental plans prepared and implemented.

The Built Environment:

Industry, trading and farming are carried on side by side in this small hamlet where Shantully Bar, which is a modern public house, is kept in very good condition, with some attractive landscaping. An old Cream Coloured Shop premises on the corner has ceased trading. The Timber Products Company is a progressive small industry, and nicely secluded back from the road. Village Store is a tastefully decorated and maintained country shop. The old Creamery premises has been transformed, to contain a large amount of builders equipment, stored mainly out in the open in the yard. A quantity of New Holland tractors are put on show for sale in a yard, that contains a garage and residence, and is secured by wire fencing. A traditional stone bridge crosses a pleasant stream that runs under the main road.

Landscaping:

The landscaping is done by individual residents, and there is no formal landscaping in this small hamlet. Some attractive shrubs and trees were setting off the public house, which also had some seasonal flowers in bloom.

There are some attractive established trees all around the village. Most of the houses are tastefully landscaped with trees, shrubs and flowers and adorn the landscape.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

There is potential in this hamlet to conduct a study of the wild life habitats in Crossdoney as with plenty trees and cover there are lots of wildlife around the area.

Litter Control:

There were only a few bits of litter to be seen, over the wall near the bridge, on the road margin near the old creamery and on the road margin near the new housing estate. This is not to say that the village was unsightly. However, just small bits of litter make an impact in a small hamlet like Crossdoney.

Waste Minimisation:

It was pleasing to see the bring bank secluded near the public house. Two cars pulled in and people started to segregate the bottles, clothing etc that they were disposing.

Tidiness:

The old creamery premises gives a visual impact that one could scarcely pass by without noticing its untidiness. This could be offset, by installing a fast growing hedge and the planting of a few suitable trees. There is a derelict house at the turn for Cavan and there are two disused petrol / diesel pumps outside the cream coloured former shop, and perhaps the old pumps could be discarded.

Residential Areas:

There are some superb houses, old farmhouses and new ones, randomly situated on all the roads around the village, and Lismore View is a new housing estate under construction. An elegant advertising sign outside Lismore View estate states that there are three bedroom semi detached and some four bedroom detached houses for sale. There is some landscaping under construction, but I note that there is no proper name on the estate.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The three roads leading to the village are of good tarred structure, and most of the hedging is cut tidily. All the signposts are clean and distinct.

General Impression:

This hamlet is in transition and the population will increase significantly with the influx of people to live in the new estate. From the start, it could be a good idea to get a resident's association set up in the new estate. There is potential to improve the village for the benefit of the residents and also to make it a pleasant place to visit.