

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Creggs** Ref: **194**  
County: **Galway** Mark: **214**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **08/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	35
The Built Environment	50	28
Landscaping	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	28
Waste Minimisation	20	10
Tidiness	30	10
Residential Areas	40	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	21
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>214</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Thank you very much for your application and the accompanying interesting documentation and photographs. It is evident that you have put in time and effort in preparing this submission, so thanks once again and well done! Creggs Rural Development Association is extremely active and your packed timetable is evidence of how much work you have undertaken from September 2006 until June 2007. We liked this idea so please include similar next year. You included a development plan for 2006 until 2007 which unfortunately was somewhat limited in scope.

### **The Built Environment:**

We were pleased to see the green flag flying at the National School and we note the ongoing construction, we will await the outcome of the new PE hall and infant classroom before commenting. Well done on securing the required funding to contribute towards the new street lighting. Unfortunately these were not erected on adjudication day therefore we have not awarded to any additional marks for these; hopefully we will see them next year. Many properties look to be freshly painted and some properties are well maintained, we liked the Heritage Centre and thought Michael Kilbys was well presented. Creggs Rugby grounds are well maintained and the new flood lights are erected. Efforts should now move to the Club house. The building could be freshened up simply by painting and removing the weeds etc from the guttering. The Presbyterian Church occupies a pivotal site in the village and we are glad you have put plans in place for safeguarding it from collapse.

### **Landscaping:**

We really liked your "Sponsor a Tree" campaign and viewed the commemorative plaque with the comprehensive list of purchasers at Park. We liked the display of colour in the beds beside the Heritage Centre and at the pump.

**Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

You have been busy this year – well done! We enjoyed the nature trail developed in the Park and are pleased you engaged the help of an expert in the County Council to develop the amenity which appeals to adults and children alike. We are also impressed that Gordon D’Arcy led the children on a field trip around the park, we are sure this was an enjoyable and informative experience for the children. The display boards in the Park are very good. With the stone walls, hedgerows and the Derryhippo River offering opportunities to establish diverse habitats we urge you to keep up the momentum for next year.

**Litter Control:**

We commend the work the local school does in relation to litter. No litter was seen in the village on adjudication day so well done. The Bring Banks were visited and no abuse was noted. We urge you to lobby the Council about providing proper hard standing for the banks.

**Waste Minimisation:**

We have listened to the Little Muncher CD you provided and are sure the performance was superb. It is good that the children are covering the theme of waste management through song and as you mention in your submission we hope the message will have filtered through to all spectators. We noted from your application that you held a compost demonstration in October; we would be interested to learn how many households in the village ordered and are using home composters.

**Tidiness:**

Your problems here are in relation to poorly presented open areas, dilapidated buildings and in particular, untidy machinery/scrap yards on the main thoroughfare. A number of properties are also derelict. We thought the building beside Connellys Bar would benefit from painting.

**Residential Areas:**

Nearly all residential properties were well presented with containers, hanging baskets and window boxes and we noted some exceptional individual effort.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Roads and footpaths are in good condition. We noted the new footpath linking the school to the park.

**General Impression:**

As mentioned previously it is apparent that the Creggs Rural Development Association is working progressively to enhance the village. We encourage you to formulate a plan in consultation with the villagers and other agencies to chart the way forward in the future and ensure you are moving in the right direction. Hopefully your success will act as a stimulus for securing further involvement from the local community. You should be pleased with your achievements and keep the momentum up for the competition next year.