

Tidy Towns Competition 2017

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cranny**

Ref: **65**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **279**

Category: **A**

Date(s): **20/06/2017**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2016	Mark Awarded 2017
Community Involvement & Planning	60	42	42
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	32	32
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	42	42
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	27	27
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	9	11
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	56	57
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	35	35
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	33	33
TOTAL MARK	450	276	279

Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Thank you for the filled up entry form and good map of the area and you are very welcome to the SuperValu Tidy Towns competition. I note you have a committee of 6 people with some other volunteers, and we applaud your efforts to make Cranny a nice place to live in and visit. It was a nice gesture from the Wren Boys to make this donation to your funds. It is worthwhile to have the contacts with the school and the parishioners are kept up to date with your activities. I read the other information supplied in this category and you have a positive approach to the competition.

Built Environment and Streetscape / An Timpeallacht Thógtha agus Sráid-dreacha:

There is a small built environment in Cranny with all the buildings so well maintained. The Church is neat and tidy and stands out in great condition. Tir na Nog is very well maintained and had nice floral decorations. That little building with the name Public Library is well kept, but it looks to be closed down as a library and if so the name could be taken off it. I looked for the old creamery and did not realise that this was just the former site of it, but that area is nicely maintained. Peadar Clancy Memorial pays tribute to a great man and is very pretty. The school is very well maintained and I compliment you for the floral arrangements in the playground, but the use of tyres is a bit incongruous amongst all the natural surroundings, and we have seen in other locations where these tyres can be set fire to maliciously.

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

Mainly consisting of a natural rural setting this village requires little intervention but the landscaping that is so well suited at intervals is impressive. The flowers, shrubs and green around the bridge are pretty where the boat stands out bedecked with nice flowers.

Other splashes of flowers and shrubs are very attractive especially up at the cross for Ennis that gives a nice welcome to Cranny.

The graveyard is very well maintained and congratulations for the nice work done there. Perhaps the grass could be left where it falls from the lawnmower as collecting it can cause pollution.

Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities / Fiadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Nádúrtha:

We admired a few bird boxes and wonder if the birds are actually using them. There was a variety of birds around the boat and happily singing or is it tweeting? I was speaking to Kathleen O'Connell and she told me a delightful story of how she took the children out to the bog where they learned lots about nature, and in particular the demonstration of how the turf was saved in bygone days, with the sleán, barrow and footing of the turf. They took

some tea with them and all thoroughly enjoyed the visit. This is an introduction into nature at its best. I read the good notice board on the biodiversity of Cranny.

Sustainable Waste and Resource Management / Bainistiú Acmhainní agus Dramhaíola Inbhuanaithe:

Well done for attending the important seminar at Clare County Council earlier this year and this information supplied by professional people is very valuable. I can appreciate that the removal of the litter bins is actually a step in the right direction as unfortunately these bins were used for the disposal of household waste, and we see lots of incidents of this around the country.

With the children, teachers and parents involved in the green schools competition there now is a better understanding of how best to protect the local environment, and if the parents follow up what the children are learning we all will have a better understanding of how best to take care of the local environment. Composting is the way forward and you could further educate the people on how best to do this by, for instance, holding a workshop that demonstrates that to achieve the best results we must mix green kitchen waste with brown waste like hedge clippings and also by turning it regularly and you can get more information on this from Clare County Council. Composting reduces the amount of waste going to landfill and produces good material for the vegetable gardens and flower beds.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

I could see the fruits of your labours all over the village which was clean and orderly and this did not happen overnight. Participation in the National spring clean-up is a great approach and should concern all the parishioners to come together on a united approach. It is great to learn that the amount of litter collected each year nationally continues to fall which underlines the importance of the initiative and demonstrates that people are becoming more concerned about the local environment. The children are congratulated for their efforts.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:

The houses all around the village are very well maintained and most had impressive displays of attractive landscaping. Rose cottage was beautiful in every way.

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:

The road surfaces are in good condition with effective road markings and signage. There is a good footpath going down to the graveyard.

Concluding Remarks:

Cranny is hidden deep in rural Ireland and is a lovely place to live in and visit and you obviously love it very much.