

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CARRIGAHOLT**  
County : **CLARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	24
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>165</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for submitting the form outlining work on hand and progress during 1996 to date. You have made some improvements since last year and you are tackling some of the problems outlined in previous reports. You do not say if you are working to an agreed improvements plan - if not you should consider formulating one that would cover a 3/5 year period. Such a plan could be carried out in a phased way.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is a new category for which there are valuable marks. You have an opportunity to do well in this section, being a seaside location there are many species of wild birds that frequent the harbour. Perhaps in association with the school you might consider a project on wildlife in the Carrigaholt area or contact the local representative of the I.W.C.

### LANDSCAPING

You have progressed in this area and the extra picnic seats at the Green are commendable. The seating and landscaping at the rear of the Anchor Bar blend in well and provide an additional asset for the village. The many window boxes, tubs and flower beds all contribute towards enhancing the appearance of the village. The appearance of the square has improved since last year. The four flower tubs at the Kilkee junction need to be accompanied by keeping the grass cut regularly. This small area would make a significant improvement to the entrance to the village from this approach if you developed it further. There is scope here too for the erection of a fáilte sign.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Public buildings looked well on adjudication day. The grass was being cut in the church grounds and it looked really well. The school opposite, though neat would benefit from some flower boxes - either on the windows or on the boundary wall. St. Mary's Hall was well presented. The Post Office is neat and clean. Commercial premises that looked well included The Anchor Bar and Carmody's. In general the standard of commercial premises is good.

### LITTER CONTROL

The litter control on adjudication day was very good and the streets were clean and litter free. So too were both Quay areas. Litter bins seem adequate and well positioned.

### TIDINESS

You have a problem with dereliction, uncared for small open spaces, unoccupied houses and overgrowth. All of these project an image of untidiness. It is accepted that most of these problems are not within the scope or power of a Tidy Town Committee to solve but their continued presence will keep you from progressing to a high degree in the competition. Some unoccupied/derelict houses have been whitewashed and this is commendable. Continue to liaise closely with Clare Co. Council on derelict sites and encourage owners to at least keep their premises safe.

### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses are well presented in all parts of the village. The terraced houses in West St. are particularly attractive - many with attractive colour schemes augmented with colourful hanging baskets. This street would be ideal for appropriate tree planting (all similar species) on both sides of the street. It is adequate in width to accommodate planting and would enhance the whole area within a short few years. There has been no progress at the housing estate on the Loop Head Road - with little effort this area could be much improved.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

It is now important to include side and back entrances in promoting Tidy Towns. In particular areas visible from the roadside need constant monitoring. You still need to pay greater attention to hedgerows and grass cutting on the approach roads. If the Council won't cut the grass often enough, try and do it yourselves. However, your greatest efforts need to be applied to the village core and from there work outwards to achieve higher standards.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village looked well overall on adjudication day. In particular, the litter control is praiseworthy. You have much scope for improvement and the location of the village so near the sea presents you with opportunity and challenge. You should convene a meeting between Clare Co. Council, Shannon Development, I.W.C. and other relevant agencies, aimed at formulating a village renewal plan that would tackle some of the long standing problems outlined. Keep up the good work.