

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CARNAROSS**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	23
Litter Control	40	28
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	176

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your questionnaire and map were very helpful in locating new works undertaken for 1996. For 1997 you will be required to submit a 3-5 work programme/plan outlining your objectives for this period. You should try and pick 2/3 projects for each year which are both realistic and achievable as these will be the ones which will yield the results. Your committee should be congratulated for the work done this year.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Carnacross has more potential than you might think in relation to wildlife habitats and nature conservation. The river Blackwater and its banks are a prime example of a natural wildlife habitat and this could possibly be further developed in relation to bank maintenance or a walkway area. Carnacross has some fine examples of natural hedgerow which is also a haven for wildlife and insects and should be properly maintained.

LANDSCAPING

Being a small crossroads village there is not a lot of room for landscaping. However, the green amenity area of the Kells side was very well presented with a lovely colourful flower bed. Perhaps the same could be done at the Cavan side as the grass is now fairly long and there is an old rusty wire fence which could be removed. The stone flower bed at the crossroads was very well presented. The school and church grounds were neat and tidy. However, the grass in the church grounds did need to be cut. The flowers around the water pump needed some minor attention, perhaps the same idea could be applied to the pump on the opposite side of the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the buildings were well presented with one or two minor exceptions. Carnacross service station would be encouraged to clean up its appearance. The Carnacross Inn and Gibneys Shop/Post Office were nicely presented. The market area and frontage was once again disappointing with weeds growing all along the front wall. Maybe the weeds could be tackled pending the premises being sold.

LITTER CONTROL

The village in general was very good in relation to litter control with little or no litter evident on the day of inspection. Well done to your Committee and community.

TIDINESS

In general the village appeared relatively tidy on the day of inspection. Weed control was however a problem in some areas. Weeds were evident in the car park to the front of the market and at the kerbside on the approach from the cemetery. More regular spraying of weed killer will help here.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The majority of the residential premises on the approach roads should be congratulated for the presentation of their premises. Once again the houses around the junction had a lovely colourful selection of window boxes and hanging baskets. Congratulations to everyone.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Some improvement was noted in relation to the presentation of the approach roads. However, more attention will have to be given here. You should try and get the council to cut the verges or maybe ask a local farmer to do it. The roads were relatively okay but the verges were slightly overgrown on all

approach roads. The Kells approach was by far the best with the green amenity area and floral bed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Carnacross has great potential being a crossroads village. A little more attention on the approach roads would certainly enhance the overall appearance of the village. Congratulations on a job well done this year.