

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CARRICKROE**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 17-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	5
Landscaping	40	16
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	6
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	133

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

My thanks for your helpful map and strategy for the area. It seems to me that this strategy extends beyond the Tidy Towns area into community and resource development. Nothing wrong in this! But you might set yourself a Tidy Towns plan, perhaps with some professional, to give you a more focused approach on this aspect of your community development. I feel that your loss of marks this year reflect your being distracted by many projects, it is important for a small community to concentrate on one achievable aim at a time.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is an area where you could do very well with Mountain Water River coming through the village, the development opposite St. Enda's Hall and the Slieve Beagan Mountains to your back. Obviously you could achieve quite a lot.

LANDSCAPING

It was good to see colour being used so well by private houses and in the beddings around the village. Perhaps not as much progress has been made in this area as might have been and were you to put a plan in place it would be an obvious area to tackle.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

It was good to see the school repainted and that the telephone box has finally been improved! Saint Enda's Hall is now in a dire state and crying out for a more positive response. It was marred on the day of the visit, as were a number of other places in the village by debris and waste stone etc. I appreciate that the FAS scheme is still ongoing but it still needs to be housekept a bit better.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was not a problem this year and for that you earned relatively high marks.

TIDINESS

This is where you are being distracted from your core issue. My recollection of adjudicating Carrickroe some years ago was of a far tidier, neater place. Do not become intoxicated by stone walls. Previous adjudications have remarked on your very nice hedges and banks and these are just as important as stone walls!

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The terraces and houses within the village were very well presented with lots of colourful baskets and garden displays and for this you are to be congratulated.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The entrance roads all left something to be desired. Again previous recollections are that these were much more neatly kept some years ago. It is essential to create a good sense of arrival for which it will be necessary to ensure that good housekeeping extends out to the approach roads.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Carrickroe clearly has the community spirit to do things. If it chooses to do them within the Tidy Towns Competition, it needs a plan and a more focused approach. You have shown how much you have achieved already. Do not be dismayed but be more focused and we will see you do better again in this competition. Best wishes for 1997.