

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CARRIG VILLAGE**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-96

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 30 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 17 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 31 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 30 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 27 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 14 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 20 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 28 |
| General Impression | 10 | 6 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 203 |

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for detailed map with your entry form which was very helpful on the day of adjudication. Carrig continues to improve and it was noted that many of last years suggestions have been acted upon. The Committee are to be commended on their work to date and no doubt further projects will emerge when your 3/5 year plan is put in place for 1997. As previously mentioned, the restoration of your rare windmill would be a wonderful achievement in the future.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The grassed areas with tree and flower planting, together with the private gardens are to be commended as is the river feature. However, in respect of the wildlife element there is a potential for greater nature conservation in the village. A good starting point (perhaps in conjunction with the school) would be to identify the wildlife habitats of your catchment area and see what species of animals, birds and fish these attract. Local environmental experts and groups should be approached for their advice.

LANDSCAPING

The grassed area in the middle of the village with the flower beds/ tree planting and water pump feature are well maintained as are the raised flower/shrub beds opposite. The rose bed opposite the entrance to Carrig House was noted together with Whites riverside garden - both well presented. The landscaping on the approach roads, which will be mentioned later, was also noted.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the public buildings contribute in a positive manner to the appearance of the village. Carrig National School and grounds are well maintained as is the Church and adjoining cemetery with flower tubs, litter bin and seating outside. The raised beds and tree planting outside the Carrig and Riverstown Community Centre are to be commended. Whites shop in the village centre and also Whites new brick bungalow on the Nenagh road were well presented. The Texaco Petrol Station was neat and tidy with flower beds and seating provided. The RIC barracks on the bog road and the windmill adjacent are the areas where significant development work could be carried out. No doubt the Committee has visited the restored windmill at Blennerville in Tralee to see what is possible - if not, a visit is recommended.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no litter in evidence on the day of adjudication. No doubt the fact that sufficient litter bins are provided throughout the village contributes to this happy fact. It was noted that litter control and tidiness were areas where work was undertaken this year.

TIDINESS

The overall appearance of the village was neat and tidy and weed control was taken care of. However, some back yards could have been tidier and although work was undertaken at the RIC barracks it was noted that this area also could have improved.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most residential properties in the village including Carneys, Turners, Torpeys, Hardings and Smyths were well presented. Egans house is now nicely painted with good wooden fences and tree planting at both sides.

ROADS STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On the Birr approach road the hedges were very well trimmed and the grassed area with tree planting near village sign is well maintained. However, the back gate entrance to Cushens farm out of this green area needs some weed control. At the time of adjudication work was being undertaken on the front gate entrance further along. Past the 40 mph signs on this road the nicely kept grassed area on both sides are to be commended as are the flower beds on the right. On the Nenagh approach one grass area has been cut - attention should be given to the opposite side of road here. On the bog road the pine tree and hawthorn bush planting was noted as was the grass cutting. However, as previously mentioned, more work is needed around the RIC barracks on this road.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Carrig and its community, especially the hard working Tidy Towns Committee, are to be commended on continuing to improve their village, making it a better place to live and also a pleasant place to visit. Now is the time to take stock and to put together a further development plan for the next 3/5 years taking into account the unique features of the village. A danger to be avoided is an over prettifying of what is an attractive and well laid out rural village whose buildings and amenity areas should be kept simple and well cared for.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (14/08/96)

Most of Carrig was very well presented indeed and the expansive green areas had all been well cut. The young trees will be a great asset as they begin to mature. The relatively poor state of the windmill area was disappointing.