

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CARRIGALINE**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **E**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	20	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	19
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>166</b>

## **Carrigaline, Co. Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Your committee has outlined clearly plans for your Tidy Towns activities for the next three years. This will enable you to have a more co-ordinated approach to the entire competition over that period. It is obvious that in the past a considerable amount of work has been done and this can now be built on effectively for the future.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The town is at a stage of very rapid development. In almost all areas of the town work is in progress on improvement to buildings or reconstruction; indeed the range of photographs submitted with your entry demonstrates the range of such improvements within the town area. It is noted that a good finish is attained in many instances of this aspect of the towns development. Business premises throughout the town are generally very well presented. Both churches and adjoining grounds were very well attended; schools were also well presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The riverside walk is a prime amenity within the town area and it is well maintained. The tree and shrubbery planting at various areas along the walk enhance the area. Also green areas are carefully attended to and grass is neatly trimmed. The tree planting in the large green area near the Owenabue Bridge is impressive. A good range of colour is provided by the large well maintained flower bed near the Catholic Church. At the bridge area the planting here too is attractive and colourful. In your planting programme for the future it would be a good idea to take into account species which would have more long-term effect; in other words have a balance in the type of species planted.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Your plan to develop a Wildlife project in the estuary alone is an excellent idea. It should provide very suitable habitat for wildlife species. Its location means that it can be enjoyed by the local population and by visitors to the town. The Owenabue river is also a very valuable amenity and it is quite clean. At the time of adjudication it was most pleasant from a wildlife viewpoint to see a pair of swans and cygnets up-river from the bridge. The explanatory plaque on local wildlife is a good initiative.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

It would seem that some progress is being made by the Community in controlling the litter problem. Whilst litter bins are in place in a number of areas perhaps the Committee

may consider examining this question further to see if additional bins are required. Though it must be stated that in areas where litter bins were provided, litter was still in evidence. The area near the Grotto and Catholic Church is one example of the areas which had a considerable amount of litter. There was also a considerable amount of litter on the Crosshaven approach road. The litter problem in the area of the Owenabue car park would seem to have improved considerably this year. Progress is being made with this problem and no doubt it will feature in your plan for the future.

## **TIDINESS**

There was quite a good level of tidiness throughout the town again this year with the obvious exception of sites where construction work is in progress. Areas around many business premises were quite tidy. The area in the vicinity of the Bottle Bank area was very tidy. The area of the Carrigaline G.A.A. complex was excellently maintained. It should be noted that place name signs for the town, finger post signs etc. were in need of cleaning or being replaced altogether e.g. those on the Crosshaven road, Minane Bridge road and Ringaskiddy.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

There is obviously a big emphasis on residential development in and around the town. It is heartening that all completed residential areas are excellently maintained; for example the Water Park Estate, Maurland, Owenabue Heights etc. In many cases open green areas were well maintained. In instances where gardens were attached, these were carefully attended and very colourful.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The roads leading to the town were generally well maintained. On the Bandon road, works were in progress. In the case of the Crosshaven road, unfortunately the situation would seem not to have improved since last year; there was some very high weed growth along here and this would need to be attended to for the future. There was also some grass and weed growth along the kerb on the Minane Bridge road. The Cork approach road was well maintained.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

As indicated a good foundation has been laid for Tidy Towns activities in recent years. If the Committee and the Community implement the three year plan which has now been produced, good progress can be made in the years ahead. What is required now is a co-ordination of the efforts which you have been making in the past.