

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CARRICKBOY**
County : **LONGFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	18	18
The Built Environment	40	18	18
Landscaping	40	18	17
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	9	9
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	10	9
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	4	4
TOTAL MARK	300	140	138

Carrickboy, County Longford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Carrickboy due to its small size may have to create its own unique features. As stated below - could it become the foxglove village? the poppy village? due to the planting of different wildflowers? Perhaps items of sculpture modern/old/bog oak would look well - it is up to the community to decide how they wish their village to appear and be presented. The adjudicators would appreciate a plan included with next years submission outlining the objectives of the Committee for the next 3-5 year period.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Bannons was clean and tidy. There was a nice traditional black hanging sign, though the yellow front sign took away front it. The landscaping behind looked well. Where is the pump? Carberrys could be more traditional in its appearance. The school had some weedy areas in front of it , however the small mounds of debris indicated that a clean up was in process. The school was well planted and had some nice roses. The small church on the Ardagh road was well presented and had some stone walls.

LANDSCAPING

The trees can make the greatest impact in the village which has quite an amount of through traffic. As they mature they will create a leafy look about the village which will enhance it. A small margin should be cut along the road sides between the main buildings and the cross-roads.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Wildlife could be encouraged by the planting of a great number of trees in this village - perhaps small groups of similar species which would look well. A sweep of wildflowers in to the village - to include foxgloves/poppies/whitethorn shrubs/fuchsia etc would also look well. Could the quarry be used as a wildlife reserve?

LITTER CONTROL

Litterbins need to be maintained and some replaced. Some were full and required to be emptied. Should there be a litterbin outside Bannons.

TIDINESS

The village was relatively tidy with the two main approach roads the best kept areas. Attention to some of the houses and the Ardagh and Abbeyshrule road is required.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses were generally well presented with some nice stone walls and nice gardens. Some however on the Ardagh road required some tidying.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Good tree planting on the Edgeworthstown road. The approach was reasonably cut back. Also some nice stone walls. The Abbeyshrule road was untidy, it had been cut back but grass had not been collected. No approach sign on the Abbeyshrule or Ardagh road and the Ardagh road needed to be cut back. The sign on the Ballymahon road required cleaning. The tree planting looks well though they must be maintained and side shoots cut off.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Carrickboy is an important village on a main route. The village does extend down the side roads and these areas should also be kept clean. The important aspect now is to develop a unique feature for the village to help it make an impact.