

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CARRIGAHOLT**  
County : **CLARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>167</b>

## **Carrigaholt County Clare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The returned application form, complete with map proved helpful on adjudication day. You should strive to draft a medium to long term plan for the improvement of the village. In the absence of a plan you should agree ten achievable points yourselves, for next year and tackle them one by one. It is accepted that many of the problems within and around the village are beyond the scope of your committee, i.e. in terms of dereliction and other major structural works.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The principal buildings looked well again this year and the church and school were further embellished with a colourful display of window boxes. Lanly's Restaurant is neat and tidy. The Post Office would benefit from painting. Other buildings that look well are the Garda Station, Carmody's, The Long Dock and Morrisseys Village Inn. The Mid-Western Health Board building has improved, St. Mary's Hall should be painted a bright colour.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The work of previous years is now bearing fruit and will improve with the passing of time. The first seating area on the left hand side is poorly presented, but the picnic area adjacent to the square is good. There is some very good individual effort in this category and many fine display of flowers in West Street. The Kilkee approach is good, but the approach from the Coláiste is quite overgrown. You have a problem with excessive weed growth.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

A project in the school leading to the listing of the area's wild life would be a good beginning in this section. You might then progress to erecting an illustrated display board that would generate some interest from locals and visitors.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The adjudicator was met with a littered footpath outside Keanes Pub, while the litter bin was not full. The litter bin at An Teach Cheoil was overflowing on a Friday adjudication. If the council are not collecting the litter adequately you will need to do it yourselves. Traders in particular have a responsibility to keep their own areas litter free at all times. This is now imperative for the appearance of the village.

## **TIDINESS**

It is regrettable that the first house to be seen from the Kilkee approach is derelict and unsightly. The square is your strong point and was well presented on adjudication day.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

New houses in the area have an opportunity to enhance the village and many have well landscaped gardens. The housing estate out from West Street has potential to play an improved part in the competition. Perhaps the residents could form their own group and tackle the estate collectively. The Rent an Irish Cottage Scheme is in need of painting.

## **ROADS STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The Coláiste was well presented again this year. The village is well laid out and you do not have the same exposure of side and back entrances as other villages. The Dolphin Visitor Centre is neat and informative and the display board at the launching site is good. The castle is not exactly visitor friendly, and one is not encouraged to visit it, with the absence of signage and a blocked stile. The castle itself is locked and bears no information plaque to give data about its history or even date of erection.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Carrigaholt is an attractive well laid out village with many distinctive features. It has potential to become a high scorer in the competition. You will need to tackle the litter control on a consistent basis. In general, the village would benefit from a painting blitz. Good luck for 1999.