

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CARLANSTOWN**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	--
The Built Environment	40	33	--
Landscaping	40	30	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	--
Litter Control	40	28	--
Tidiness	20	14	--
Residential Areas	30	24	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	211	--

Carlanstown, Co. Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Carlanstown is an attractive little village with several noteworthy features and has the potential to do well in the Tidy Towns Competition. You are very welcome into the Competition and your progress will be watched with interest in the years ahead. A first step should be the preparation of a development plan which would set out your objectives for the village including its conservation. The Tidy Towns handbook is invaluable in the preparation of such a Plan.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There are several fine two-storied houses which greatly contribute to the appearance of the village. Indeed most of the buildings are very well presented. It is hoped that the empty houses at the Dundalk junction will soon be occupied. The business premises, Briodys, Kiernans and the Post Office look well. The school is well maintained. The Garage forecourt is somewhat untidy and more work is required to bring it up to standard.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping work in the village is simple and effective with its closely cut wide grass margins, mature trees and shrubs and it is the quality of this presentation that gives the village much of its character. Unfortunately one of the mature trees in the village is dying. It should be possible to bring the presentation of the grassed and gravelled area adjoining Briodys on the Dundalk road junction up to the quality of the rest of the village. The wirescape while not as obtrusive as in many other centres, nevertheless detracts from the streetscape. Having the wires put underground should be part of your long term plan.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The stream has potential to be developed as an amenity facility. Land ownership permitting, the river on the Kells side of the bridge is a possible location. It might also be possible to develop a stream walk. The water is an important wildlife habitat as are trees, shrubs and well planted gardens. School children could play an important part in identifying these and other habitats in and around the village.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is quite good, although a light scattering of

litter was noted on the Dundalk Road around the bridge and in a few gap and wind-trap areas. Litter bins were noted, however, additional bins might be required, e.g. at the school.

TIDINESS

There are several factors which help generate a tidy atmosphere, these include the presentation of buildings, neatly trimmed grass areas, road and footpath surfaces in good condition.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard of presentation of most of the houses in and around the village is high and another noteworthy feature of the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads are generally well cared for with trimmed grass and hedges. Suitable planting would help screen the rather unsightly wire fence on the Kells side of the bridge. Several of the seats are badly in need of painting as are a number of road signs. Weeds were noticed here and there on the footpaths and while not a serious problem, it is attention to this type of detail that will make the difference in the long run.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Carlanstown has reached a good standard and there is obviously a high level of community involvement. A planned approach is recommended paying particular attention to detail and the finer points of presentation. Keep up the good work.