

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 15-06-1999

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1999 | Mark Awarded 1998 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 32 | 33 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 32 | 32 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 33 | 32 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 17 | 17 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 29 | 27 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 15 | 15 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 20 | 20 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 28 | 28 |
| General Impression | 10 | 8 | 8 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 214 | 212 |

Carrig Village, Tipperary N.R.

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The map provided was helpful to the Adjudicator on the day. However, your application form was incomplete and unfortunately it would seem from your comments in regard to the Competition that the Tidy Towns Committee in Carrig are finding it difficult to keep up momentum and interest. However, from a visitor point of view, the good work undertaken to date in the village and surrounds is very evident and it is a pleasure to visit Carrig where there is a gentle rural atmosphere and where most of those who live in the village are obviously proud to do so and to be part of a community who cares for their environment. I know it is difficult in a small place with a small team of workers but your achievements to date are commendable and a mark of two hundred and twelve points in 1998 is in the upper echelons of the competition. Do keep up the good work.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Again the Church, School and Community Hall come in for special mention as being very well presented and maintained with attractive planting undertaken. Also Whites shop and garden by the river are an unique and attractive feature in the village. The petrol pumps and shop were also well presented. Unfortunately, you do have some dilapidated houses in the centre of the village and I would suggest that you read the Tidy Towns Handbook - page 28 regarding the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 which may be of assistance to you in solving this problem. The gateway and boundary walls of the house which is also a motor garage opposite the main village green need to be painted.

LANDSCAPING

On the Birr entrance the grass is nicely cut and the tree planting is maturing well. The public buildings already mentioned have good landscaping and gardens are well tended by private residences. Your tree and hedge planting on the approach roads is to be commended.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The management of the grassed areas, tree planting and the riverside area all contribute to this category. Perhaps you could think of planting some berried trees such as rowan and crabapple for the birds and shrubs such as buddelja to attract butterflies.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little evidence of litter in Carrig on the day of adjudication.

TIDINESS

Overall Carrig is tidy - however, a little more early weed control would be good in some areas and the graffiti on the stone building in front of the windmill should be removed.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the residential properties in, and on the approach roads to the village, are very well presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads have been well managed and look well. Village signage is also of good quality.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Carrig is a place that epitomises what is pleasant about Irish villages. What is good has been retained and built upon. In this regard it would be good to see your windmill project up and running. It would be a flagship project and focal point in the village which should attract more visitors to enjoy the rural charm of Carrig.