

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CARRICK-ON-SUIR**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **E**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	196	191

Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary **South**

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The information submitted including the map was most useful on adjudication day. It is obvious that you are receiving very good support from public bodies and the general public and this has been reflected in the overall appearance of the town. Last year you received a very comprehensive report. The following report therefore should be taken as a progress report and read in the context of last years.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The centre of Carrick-on-Suir in particular looked exceptionally well on adjudication day. The very colourful Main Street and its immediate environments is exceptional and the many fine buildings, commercial premises, etc, mentioned in last year's report continue to enhance this aspect of your entry in the Competition. The Schools, Churches, Garda Station, Fire Station and in particular the Sean Kelly Sports Centre were exceptionally well presented and, without doubt, form the nucleus of the presentation of Carrick-on-Suir in this Competition. Congratulations to all concerned.

LANDSCAPING

All the sites mentioned in last year's report and on your map were visited and, in this respect, the result of your long-term planning is now to be seen. Work on a very nice flower bed / boat presentation was noted on the Clonmel road on adjudication day. In planning for the future, and if you have not already done so, give some thought to the planting of trees and shrubs which will give you some colour on an all-year-round basis. Sometimes there is an over-emphasis on flower beds which need a lot of attention and while very bright and colourful in the short term, are not with us all year around.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

While the swans and cygnets mentioned in last year's report in the Glen River area were not to be seen on this occasion, it is taken that they are still in the vicinity. In terms of future wildlife projects the suggestion now is that your Committee designate an area to be preserved and developed for this purpose. In that event this area should be specifically mentioned on next year's entry form so that it can be observed on adjudication day. As mentioned in last year's report Carrick-on-Suir is particularly fortunate in

being well served with natural habitats for wildlife development.

LITTER CONTROL

It has to be said that the comments made by last year's adjudicator apply again this year but perhaps even more so. On adjudication day the centre of the town was again comparatively litter-free but unfortunately this did not apply on the outskirts and in particular, in many housing estates and open areas. The majority of housing estates were visited on this occasion. It was obvious that many were making a valiant effort to control the litter situation. For example in the Clairin estate, a magnificent effort was marred by an overflowed bin litter from which was blowing all over one of the otherwise very well kept open spaces. It has to be said that the estates of Comeragh View, Ormonde Crescent and Killonnery Close were particularly bad while the new estate at Castle Court was exceptionally well presented and stands as a model for other residential areas. Woodland Heights was also well presented as indeed were many of the estates in the Carrick-Beg area. In terms of open spaces, unfortunately again the area of the Town Park, Castle Park (including the surrounds of the Ormonde Castle), the area of the bus stop opposite Town Park and some of the side streets were particularly bad. In other centres, the formation of Residents Associations has been successful in controlling litter in housing estates. Local competitions amongst these Associations with award giving ceremonies, etc has also helped. It is indeed a pity that, with so much progress being made in Carrick-on-Suir in recent years, this aspect of the competition is undoubtedly the one which will hamper further progress unless a solution is found.

TIDINESS

Apart from the litter problem mentioned above the town was generally presented in a neat and tidy manner. In some cases however weed control in gutters and at the base of walls left something to be desired. Here again perhaps individual householders and shop owners should be encouraged to give some attention to this problem on an on going basis as part of the overall Tidy Towns effort. Paths and roads are being well maintained.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

As already mentioned many of the housing estates were visited on adjudication day. Congratulations to many residents who are making valiant efforts to keep their open spaces neat and trim. It is true to say however that in many of the older estates many houses and their surroundings could do with a coat of paint. Many individual gardens were very well presented and in this respect, greatly enhance the

ambience of Carrick-on-Suir. Many of the older terraced houses also looked exceptionally well but might benefit, by agreement, by complimentary colour schemes.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On adjudication day extensive road works were taking place on the Waterford road and in the immediate precincts of Carrick-on-Suir. This was allowed for by the adjudicator. Otherwise the Waterford and Clonmel approach roads were again well maintained and are being well cared for. The Callan road, the Rathgormack and Dungarvan roads also looked well but obviously need constant ongoing attention. As already mentioned the Main Street looked exceptionally well as indeed did the many side streets off the Main Street which were well presented as a result of very apparent efforts by commercial and private premises. This kind of co-operation is absolutely vital if Carrick-on-Suir is to maintain its position and indeed progress in the competition.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Other than the litter problem Carrick-on-Suir has many strong points including its heritage buildings, its open spaces and the obvious co-operation you are getting from the Local Authority, the Chamber of Commerce and the population in general. The appointment of a Litter Warden in the town would be a major step forward.