

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	27
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	23	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	24	23
Tidiness	20	13	14
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	23
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>174</b>

## **Carrigaholt, County Clare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for the completed application form and good map. Carrigaholt is in the centre of a tourism area and includes places to eat, a holiday village and Caravan and Camping site nearby. Also, the new Dolphin Watch project will bring the village further into the limelight – so it is important that development take place to ensure that the village is presented in the best light at all times. We note that you receive assistance from Clare County Council, FAS and the local school. In conjunction with these bodies we would suggest that you produce a simple action plan, setting objectives, distributing action items to achieve goals and setting a target date for completion each project. This plan should be reviewed continually and adjustments made where necessary.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Church and School were well presented and also the Post Office (though the door needed attention here) St Mary Hall and the Mid Western Health Board were also well presented but the Garda Station needs to be painted and the gate here was off the hinges. A number of business premises and pubs were of a reasonable standard but there are some derelict and unoccupied buildings throughout the village including one for sale on West Street – hopefully the new owners will improve the premises. Planting should take place at Sea Lyons Seafood Limited in order to screen the buildings and containers there.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The work undertaken in this regard was noted but some flower tubs were situated in green rather unkempt areas by the shore. Some seating needed attention as there were no backs to the seats. Also on the corner of the roadway leading to the village, some tubs were overgrown by grass. The picnic areas are a good idea but would need to be weed free.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The green areas and planting contribute in this category. Perhaps the local schoolchildren could be encouraged to undertake a wildlife project.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was not great evidence of litter on the day of adjudication so your clean-up was effective – well done.

## **TIDINESS**

The village did not present a very tidy appearance throughout and weeds were to be found at kerbsides, on the bridge, in the Park area at the end of the street and on the cobblelock paving opposite the Post Office. The old Petrol Pumps wrapped in plastic also made the street untidy and should be removed if possible. The area at Sea Lyons Seafood Limited is quite untidy and so is the public car park opposite where rusty equipment and other material takes up a considerable amount of the space.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most private houses are contributing to the tidy towns effort in Carrigaholt. However, attention to entrances and surrounds are important. Some houses in the centre of the town did need some attention also.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Quite an amount of work is needed in this area as the margins and banks/walls on the approach roads need attention and road surfaces are poor in places. Road markings are not very clear on the approach from Killimer. Back areas that are visible are also important and the exposed gable of a house on the approach over the bridge is unsightly. Also there was an old tankard, an upended litter bin and an abandoned bicycle in a passageway next to a shed near the recycling bins. The yard near the Dolphin Watch building and West Clare Development Co-op Society premises contained rubbish and was very untidy. A gate consisting of an old rusty frame and a pallet closed a field entrance directly opposite the top of the Castle road. In respect of the Castle and its surround walls it would be good to have the ivy removed here as eventually it will do damage to the structure. Signage was quite clean throughout the village.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A small Committee of six is striving hard to make an impression in Carrigaholt and are succeeding to some extent. However, a major effort will have to be undertaken in order to bring Carrigaholt up to a standard compatible with other seaside resorts and the entire business and residential community must be motivated to assist in your efforts.