

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CARRIGALINE**
County : **CORK**
Category : **F**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	26	24
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	23	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	194	184

Carrigaline, County Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

As outlined in the Carrigaline Tidy Towns 3 Year Plan, the Committee is pursuing a steady course of action aimed at bringing about greater progress for the town in the National Tidy Towns Competition. The town continues to expand significantly with a considerable amount of building work still taking place and this trend is likely to continue for the foreseeable future. It is important therefore that the community, through the Tidy Towns Committee, continues to support fully the objectives set out in the Plan.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The buildings generally throughout this growing town are of a very good standard. The Committee of the Tidy Towns is quite right to influence in any way possible the overall standard of buildings and development in and around the town. Public buildings such as the Garda Station and Post Office were well presented. Also commercial premises such as Silke Auctioneers and the Carrigaline Bookshop looked very well. Both the Catholic Church and the Church of Ireland were impressively maintained.

LANDSCAPING

A good landscaping programme is an essential part in any town or village but it is particularly important in a developing town like Carrigaline. There are many examples of good landscaping work in many areas of the town but the extensive programme carried out at Clevedon is very impressive. The landscaping at Bothar Guidel is being very well maintained. In a number of areas throughout large very colourful flowerbeds have been put in place and these are obviously attended to regularly.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The designation of a specific area as a wildlife habitat will prove to be a most worthwhile aspect of your overall programme. The protection of the Reed Bed area as a wildlife habitat will prove to be a most worthwhile aspect of your overall programme. The location of this is very appropriate since it is situated close to the new riverside walk and people using the walkway will have the added advantage of enjoying the wildlife, which will inevitably be attracted to this protected area. The river enhances the amenity aspects of the town significantly and it is obvious that it is appreciated by the community as it is very clean and not used for any disposal purposes.

LITTER CONTROL

The success which the town has been having in the Local Authority Anti Litter Campaign is reflected in the overall litter situation throughout the town. The town's main streets were free of litter. However on the outskirts, there was some litter e.g. the approach from Crosshaven and also on the Ringaskiddy approach. But the town is generally coping well with litter and this no doubt is attributable to the co-ordinated campaign organised by the Committee and FAS team. Control of litter can only be brought about by such an organised approach coupled with a greater litter awareness amongst a community.

TIDINESS

Public areas throughout the town were very tidy at the time of adjudication. The central area of the town in the vicinity of the bridge was very tidy as was the area in the vicinity of the bottle Bank. The general areas in the vicinity of the recreational areas e.g. Tennis Club, Playing Field, Community Centre were all very tidy and clean. Open areas such as those at Bothar Guidel, Clevedon etc. were very tidy and well maintained.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard in this aspect of the Competition continues to be very good in this town. Credit is due to the residents in the many residential areas who obviously contribute significantly to the overall situation. The houses and gardens in the Clevedon area, Forest Park and Ros na Greine are very nicely maintained. At Ardcarraig, several plaques are on display indicating awards which have been won, no doubt due to the efforts of the residents. Residential areas in other parts of the town e.g. on the Ringaskiddy road are of a very satisfactory standard.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The various approach roads to the town were generally well maintained. However the place name sign for the town on the Ringaskiddy approach road was damaged and needs to be replaced. Also part of the nearby concrete railing which forms part of the perimeter fence on land adjoining the Community Centre was broken and is in need of repair. Relatively close to the town centre, there is vacant site across from Batemans' Shoe Store, which is very overgrown and in need of attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

By following the initial Plan, the Tidy Towns Committee in Carrigaline, together with the support of the community continue to maintain a good standard for the town overall. It

is noted that the Carrigaline Lions Club as a millennium project dedicated a sculpture to the people of Carrigaline – such a gesture is merited by this community.

