

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CARRIGALLEN**
County : **LEITRIM**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	23
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	10	9
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	20
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	177	170

Carrigallen, County Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Carrigallen Development Company Limited are working consistently each year to try and improve the ranking of its town in the National Tidy Towns Competition. The town looked very pleasant on adjudication day but needs more commitment from the entire community to help improve the overall appearance of the village and its environs. Thanks are due to the committee for returning the completed questionnaire, excellent map and your progress report for which this adjudicator is most grateful.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Again the principal buildings are well maintained. The R.C. Church, cemetery, grotto and grounds had a very neat and tidy appearance. The primary school also looked well. The Church of Ireland, graveyard and grounds were as last year exceptionally well maintained. The Old School house close by was still at reconstruction stage and on completion will be an added attraction to the village. Among the business premises worthy of comment are Harte's Hotel, which was brightly painted and nice wooden seating at the front of the premises, The Upper Cut and O'Reilly's Bar. The extended Cornmill Theatre looked well but the open site/houses with overgrown lawns detracted totally from its neat appearance. Your comments regarding this site is noted and hopefully by next year the building will be completed and the area inkeeping with the remainder of the village.

LANDSCAPING

The approach from the R.C. Church is excellent with some exceptions. There are some unpainted buildings close to Masterson's and these deter from this excellent approach. The trees and shrubbery area on the right hand side of this road (which was being tended to by two people on adjudication day) is superb. The stone wall here is very impressive and the verges were neatly trimmed. The picnic area on the Mohill Road with its nice seating and walk to the river is an excellent amenity and on adjudication day visitors stopped by to view and photograph the lake. Some of the wooden boundary needs repairing and the seats need repainting. Many houses on all the approach roads have excellent floral displays and well trimmed lawns. The surroundings of the Cornmill Theatre looked well with its nice lamps and floral tubs and shrubs. Throughout the village there are many houses/businesses with window boxes and hanging baskets and some tree planting also which all add to the appearance of the town.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Nothing seems to have changed from last year's comments under this heading. As you now have an environmental worker in place you should seek his/her advice on how best to achieve some results under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no litter in the village centre but on some of the approach roads litter was noticeable. Only two bins were seen in the village centre on adjudication day. Please be vigilant in this area.

TIDINESS

While some residents are making a great effort in this regard others are totally detracting from their efforts. There are many untidy open spaces and rusty corrugated roofs evident. As you mentioned in your report, dereliction is a deterrent to your committee's progress and therefore keeps marking low in this category. The recycling banks are well located and unobtrusive and the signposting of same was noted from the village centre.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the houses on the approaches and in the village are well maintained, brightly painted, manicured lawns, many with window boxes and hanging baskets which all add to a pleasant ambience. One property especially worthy of note is the attractive house with its beautifully tended garden on the Arva/Killeshandra Road junction.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Overall a very untidy appearance on the Arva/Killeshandra approach with considerable weed growth on the footpath - with part of the footpath broken. Jet Wash, while there was an effort made with a nice shrubbery bed at the front, there was very untidy open space beside it and this gave an untidy perception. The ball alley area was overgrown. As already mentioned the Mohill approach with its lovely amenity, parking on one side with its trees and beds (although two of the beds need replanting) and the picnic area on the other side is very attractive but unfortunately this is marred by dereliction close to the village. The footpath on the road to the Church of Ireland was being paved on adjudication day and when complete will look very well. As already stated the approach from the R.C. Church towards the village is excellent.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A great effort is being made by the Carrigallen Development

Company but it must get the commitment of all the residents. Well done!