

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CARRICKBOY**  
County : **LONGFORD**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 13-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	19	--
The Built Environment	40	19	--
Landscaping	40	22	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	9	--
Litter Control	40	24	--
Tidiness	20	10	--
Residential Areas	30	18	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	--
General Impression	10	5	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Carrickboy, County Longford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Carrickboy is welcome to the first Tidy Towns Competition of the third millennium. You do not mention a development plan for Carrickboy in your application. It is necessary to prepare one and send in a summary each year together with details of what has been achieved for the year of competition.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Buildings are presented to a high standard, particularly those on the crossroad. Congratulations on the removal of neon signs. Bannons and the petrol station both look well.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Both the Edgeworthstown and the Ballymahon approach roads are beautifully presented along their grass verges with young trees and shrubberies maturing well. Well done! Some of the young trees on the Ballymahon road had long grass around their base, this will slow down their growth. If the vacant County Council site at the top of the Ballynacargy road is not to be redeveloped, perhaps a small seated amenity area might be developed here.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The purpose of this category of the competition is to promote an awareness of the dangers to wildlife and to plan protective measures. It is important to identify habitats and undertake a species survey. Other possible projects include the development of a wildlife garden. Consult your Tidy Towns Handbook for advice and guidance.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Well done on the acquisition of additional litter bins. Litter control is very good. There was a light scattering of litter out the Longford road but this was not too serious and did not seem to be the norm.

### **TIDINESS**

A field boundary and some animal enclosures near the crossroads just before the evergreen trees looked a little untidy. This site would be acceptable if it was out on an approach road but being in the core of the village it requires a higher standard of presentation.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Residential properties out the Longford road are presented to a high standard. One or two boundary walls need to be refurbished but nothing too serious. A good overall presentation.

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

The stone wall on the Edgeworthstown road looked exceptionally well and the stone pillars erected in the traditional style is a nice touch and were much admired. A fingerpost at the crossroads needs to be refurbished. A grass verge at the crossroad is eroded and should be redefined. Although the grass verges on the Ballynacargy road had been recently trimmed, the standard was not as good as on the main road. The stone wall with maturing trees behind and seat insets out the Longford road are an attractive feature. The wall beside the telephone kiosk should be replastered and painted and perhaps planted with a climbing plant.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Carrickboy is a neat village on a very busy thoroughfare. Developments at the crossroads are awaited with interest.