

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CARNEY**
County : **SLIGO**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20	20
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	21	17
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	10
Litter Control	40	20	20
Tidiness	20	10	8
Residential Areas	30	18	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	4	4
TOTAL MARK	300	157	142

Carney, County Sligo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed entry form and supporting material in which, once again, the committee has outlined your progress and plans for the village. A major part of this section of the competition is the submission of a 3/5 year working plan. This concise plan should outline clear and achievable targets under the various headings of the competition. The committee have demonstrated a collective interest in the future of your village and this plan would contribute to both the village environs and its growing community.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Carney has some attractive features and buildings that contribute to the overall appearance of the village. The completed stone wall adjoining the fine bridge makes an interesting first impression to the village. All the business premises looked well on the day of adjudication. Brady's freshly painted mural and new screening gate were noted, as was the freshly painted old garage opposite, well done! Both Carney Hall and the Scout Den, the old ruin on the Lissadell corner and their respective surrounding areas need attention. The new housing development will look well when fully completed and it's good to see that the pump will be effectively presented. The Barn in the field looks well with its new paint work.

LANDSCAPING

The committee are to be commended for their thoughtful mix of perennial and summer planting. The loose stones look well around the base of the mature tree at Brady's. What a pity that two young trees in Orchard Grove are damaged. The diverse selection of tubs also looked well as did the newly planted flower/shrub beds. A lovely little well area was noted on the Oxfield Road. This is an attractive feature that will look well when fully and appropriately developed. Well done to all involved for the hard work in this area.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Well done also for taking the first steps towards developing this important aspect of the competition. The Tidy Towns committee has a valuable contribution to make towards the appropriate development of the natural environment in the village. You have a wonderful array of wild birds and some fish were noted in your very clean river. The amenity area by the side of the river will look very well when completed. There are opportunities here for many of the wildlife features mentioned last year, but get appropriate advice from relevant local bodies to enhance this area appropriately.

LITTER CONTROL

There was some improvement in this section of the competition particularly in the "black spots" mentioned in previous reports. However, there was some litter evident on the main street and in Orchard Grove. Last year's suggestions still apply.

TIDINESS

It was good to see appropriate new screening gates in the village. Ensure that all these gates in the village are kept in good repair. The barrels at the side of Brady's have been put around the back and this visible side of the building looks better for it, but make sure they are kept tidy in their new location, where some untidy pallets and weeds were also noted. A quick tidy of the surface in the car park of the playing pitch will improve the appearance of this area.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many of the houses in and on the approaches to the village were generally well presented and maintained. Some tidy hedges and boundary walls, flowers, tubs and hanging baskets were noted. Due consideration must always be given to repairing and maintaining boundary walls, forecourts, fences and gates. The first house on the left going to Lissadell looked particularly well again this year with some lovely flower features. Many other houses on this road and on the Hall Road also caught the eye. Well done to all concerned.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

A simple tidy of the grass verges on the Hall/Oxfield Road would improve the approach to the village. Some very tidy verges and nicely faced hedges were noted on the Lissadell road. The village has many fine stone walls, though some need to be tidied and cleared of weeds. The footpath opposite Laura's needs attention and make sure you keep your paving weed free. Work continues on the verging and walls on the Sligo approach road. Protect your newly seeded grass verges as they were being driven on already on the day of adjudication. This whole area will look very well when completed, as will the new amenity area by the river side.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Tidy Towns committee and community are to be commended for their progress in enhancing their village. Your hard work has been rewarded with an increase in marks. You need to get your plan together to focus your work in the future. Continue your co-operation with the local authorities. Well done.

