

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 13-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	29
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	23	24
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	5	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>176</b>

## **Carrigaholt, Co. Clare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The Committee is thanked for its submission. A three-year plan of development is needed to better guide the Committee in a forward looking programme. Possibly a division into separate areas, starting with the Square and the Quay front, would be helpful for next year's submission and would focus the actions of the Committee.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

There are many derelict houses in the village and every effort should be made by the Committee to encourage their owners to improve both their appearance and general deterioration. They are inclined to drag down the overall visual appearance of the village. A concrete block wall at the Quay, joining two stone sheds, should be faced in stone, it looks incongruous at present. The picnic site is very well finished; backrests to existing seats should be installed. Wirescape in West Street should be eliminated and would greatly improve the street by being placed underground.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Many tubs for flower planting are placed around the village. Those at the school are very attractive, but more emphasis must be placed on tree planting, indigenous to the local landscape. One area needing attention is the visual termination to the Square adjoining the Quay. There is at present one cordilyne here, a group of six to eight would be a strong feature at this point.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The dolphin watch by boat from the Quay is a wonderful attraction. Perhaps the school should develop a series of outdoor boards illustrating the life of the dolphin and other marine life. Again, planting of indigenous trees, attractive to wild life, must be a part of any programme of wildlife attraction.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The installation of a four-container bottle bank is noted. However, one unfortunate element in litter control is the lack of general litter bins, these should be asked for from the County Council. The adjudicator noted that plastic refuse bags were being placed adjoining bottle bins and being broke open by birds, causing a very untidy mess.

### **TIDINESS**

There is a general air of untidiness at the disused petrol pump (which should be removed) at the Quay and the Seafood factory. The cemetery was very untidy, maybe a Pattern Day would be of help here.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Many of the single homes have attractive gardens and contribute greatly to the enhancement of the village, but derelict houses mitigate against these fine garden fronts.

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

On the road in from Loop Head, the sign for "Keep Carrigaholt Tidy", "Caution Children" and a sign of children crossing the road, needs immediate attention. Road markings need relining.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Lack of focus in presenting the village mitigates against the great work being done, there is an air of untidiness which is unfair. A three-year programme of action is urgently needed.