

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	33
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	26	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	20
Litter Control	40	28	26
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	21
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	210	194

Carrigaline, County Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your detailed map, fully completed application form and three-year plan. The Plan is very comprehensive and charts a very good clear course for the Committee and the Community. Keep up your liaison with local groups, the Local Authority and FÁS.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Roman Catholic Church looks well as do the two schools in its vicinity. The Church of Ireland Church also looks very well. The Fire Station has made an exemplary effort and should be highly commended. Other buildings to impress were the Credit Union and ESB offices, which have some weed growth in their gravel. A number of commercial premises have made good floral efforts namely the Owenbue Inn, The Corner house, the Club House and the AIB Bank, other business should follow suit. The Old Mill at Irish Cement would look much improved if it were refurbished. The Carrigaline Court Hotel looks very fresh and clean. Your endeavours listed in your plan are applauded particularly the local competition in co-operation with the Chamber of commerce and your actions to encourage businesses to paint their premises.

LANDSCAPING

This is a very strong category for Carrigaline and your work programme in your plan is very extensive. The impact of the roundabouts from the Cork approach is very striking particularly the bird sculpture, water feature and planting. Congratulations to Herons Wood on their local landscaping award which was well deserved. The landscaping in the two town car parks and at the Riverside walk car park is very good. The Grotto is well maintained also. The Gaelscoil would need to cut the grass in the foreground.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Carrigaline has certainly made great strides to incorporate its natural amenities into the town. The Riverside walk is an excellent amenity particularly as you are making it accessible from the town centre. The information map board and your wildlife enhancement activities in your plan are all noted. One suggestion would be to put a road sign highlighting the existence of the Riverside walk for non-locals. The timber picnic tables and timber bins were also admired. There was duck and fish life in the Owenboy River also. The development of wildflowers is also an admirable pursuit.

LITTER CONTROL

This is a strong category again for Carrigaline.

Congratulations on being the overall winner in the 2000 Cork County Council Inter-town Anti Litter Campaign. The activities listed in your plan illustrate very well how this success was achieved. Well done! There are a good number of litterbins in strategic locations. Keep an eye to keeping bins themselves clean.

TIDINESS

There is an absence of kerbside weed growth; footpaths and other areas appear very clean. This category is very well covered in your plan. The presence of recycling facilities in the main car park is complimented.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

All residents have made great efforts to maintain their properties. There are very many residential areas in the vicinity at Carrigaline and practically all of them have made great efforts. Area such as Waterpark, St. Philomena's Estuary Estate, Mount rivers. Owenabue Heights and Grove and Herons Wood are just some that were particularly noted. As mentioned earlier Herons Wood was well deserving of its landscaping award as it is to a very high standard.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach road from Cork is very good with the two fine roundabouts mentioned under landscaping. The Ringaskiddy, Cork Airport, Kilmoney and Crosshaven approached are all well maintained. The hedgerow (straight through) the Bothar Buidhe Cross Roads needs to be managed. Softening by planting of car parks, Streetscapes and proposed bye pass roads does greatly improve the visual aspects of these areas. Traffic signs and town signs look well but the fingerposts at the Kilmoney turn (near the Cornerhouse Pub) need attention. The two car parks near the river, at the Carrigaline shopping Centre and at the Riverside walk are very clean, well maintained, clearly marked out and landscaped. The modern toilet facilities in the Owenabue car park are a great amenity. The footpath area to the Riverside walk looks very fresh and clean also.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Carrigaline is a town very conscious of its history, which is conserving. The area has a very clear and focused approach to developing the town and its hinterland. The appetite and vigour displayed in works on the ground and in your plans deserve the highest praise. Keep up the good work.