

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CARNDONAGH**  
County : **DONEGAL**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	29
The Built Environment	40	29	27
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	10
Litter Control	40	28	30
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>178</b>

## **Carndonagh, County Donegal**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The church which stands sentinel on the Main Street can be seen from approach roads with the best view from the Derry approach. The scenic view of the town set against a backdrop of hills from the Malin road is an excellent introduction to Carndonagh for the travelling public. The gentle rise of the road as one approaches the town centre complements the other elements of the townscape. Welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Dohertys Gift Shop and Jewellers on the Diamond is beautifully presented as are most retail outlets in the town centre. Public buildings such as the hospital, schools, churches, etc. are nicely presented also. The presentation of the Carndonagh Shopping Centre and ESSO station complements buildings in the town centre.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The Diamond hard surfaced amenity area is beautiful in design and landscaping detail and its different levels is an added feature. The Donagh Cross development on the Buncrana road junction is tastefully executed also. Young trees are established and set to mature magnificently. Stretches of wire and post fencing should be planted with hedgerow, especially at the Buncrana/Ballyliffen junction. Both the tennis courts and the children's riverside play area could be better presented.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The riverside walk is a successful nature trail. Herons were spotted in the course of adjudication. A wildlife survey is suggested to identify species present and possible necessary protective measures, seek assistance from a local wildlife expert and local schools in this area.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Marks have been lost for poor litter control on the Diamond amenity area and in a few other locations. The problem was not too serious but is one that needs attention before standards slip further.

### **TIDINESS**

Derelict buildings and sites are a problem of which you are aware and have planned some action. The extensive commercial yards on the Malin road should be screened with planting or good quality boards etc. A derelict car was noted in a field out Pound Street. Weeds along kerbs were a problem out the Malin road.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Ard Bride and the estate opposite plus Millbral Meadows all look really well. Houses out the Malin road are presented to a variety of standards. Remind people to pay attention to the presentation of their boundary walls.

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

Approach roads were neatly presented but some nameplates were in need of cleaning. Footpaths and paving generally looked well. It was good to note the lack of wirescape in the Diamond and other central areas. Street furniture was admired.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Carndonagh is well presented in many respects and has its own particular charm.