

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CARRIGART**  
County : **DONEGAL**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	45	44
The Built Environment	40	30	31
Landscaping	40	35	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	22
Litter Control	40	29	23
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>225</b>

## **Carrigart, Co. Donegal**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

It is evident from the accompanying information and developmental plan 'Carrigart 2000-2005' that a huge effort has gone into overall developmental planning. Many of the projects listed in the plan have been completed ahead of schedule, the ramp access to the park for example. This is to be highly commended.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Public and commercial premises along with private residences of the village generally looked well maintained on adjudication day. The Texaco Garage forecourt leading into the village needs attention, as does the forecourt to Micky Joe's. Storing produce/gas containers on the street forecourt in front of commercial premises, for example, Harkins supermarket, is a dubious practice. It detracts from the overall attractiveness of the streetscape. It would be more appropriate if back yards could be used for this purpose with access provided for the public from the street if possible. The existing Health Centre building could do with a facelift and the gardens need maintenance.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The results of your hard work, in developmental planning are clearly evident in this area.

The park on the waterfront in the center of village is a beautiful space, meticulously kept and planted with great regard for variety of species, providing the user with a lovely display of colour, and changing vista. A planting program around the stone ramp and car park would further enhance this area. The outward roads are well planted. Hedges and verges are maintained well and protect the natural habitat. The stone, planted beds in the town looked most attractive on adjudication day. Trees are maturing well around the town. The gardens of private residences are well landscaped and meticulously maintained again a great asset to the village as a whole.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Its' noted that waterfront walks are part of your developmental plans. These walks will be a huge asset to the towns' natural amenities and should include a planting program also. The hand painted board displaying the wild birds of the estuary looked well. The tide was out on adjudication day, nevertheless the estuary looked beautiful and the area was spotless, with an abundance of wildlife in the vicinity. The dunes along the Downings road are also an area of great potential for development as a natural amenity

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Little litter evident on day of adjudication.

## **TIDINESS**

Overall the village looked well cared for on adjudication day. The park offers a view of the rear of main street buildings and they were generally in good repair. The forecourt to the fire station needs to be sprayed.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

For the most part the houses in the village and along the outward roads looked well cared for on the day.

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

The approach roads and streets looked good on adjudication day. Some of the road surfaces in the village centre need refurbishment. Routing all overhead cables underground, and developing a plan for co-ordinated street furniture ( bins, lighting, signage, seating etc) would be a worthwhile project to consider as part of the overall developmental plan. Pavements are generally well maintained but in need of refurbishment outside some commercial premises notably Harkin's supermarket. The car park area on the waterfront is finished out in hard materials. Introducing planting and stone chippings would help to soften the area.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Carrigart is a most attractive village, located in a beautiful waterside location. Involved in an ongoing process of development to enhance it as a place to live, work, visit and enjoy.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (07/08/01)**

The attractive welcome signs and relatively new trees on the approach roads were greatly admired. The standard of landscaping was high – of particular note being the jaunty and colourful cape daisies adjacent to the pump. Road surfaces were in bad condition, which seems to be a problem throughout the county. The attractive rose garden opposite Ostán Carrigart was greatly admired. The charming stone Church of Ireland was as well presented as ever – a large development seems to be taking place adjacent to it. Do try to ensure that any future developments do not detract from the overall charm and character of the village. Litter control seemed to be a problem on the day along approach roads and, in particular, on the main streets of the village. The gable wall to the Weavers was extremely flaky and indeed some buildings on the Main Street seemed to be in need of attention. Carrigart is a charming and busy centre which continues to progress well in the competition