

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CARRIGALLEN**
County : **LEITRIM**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	180	177

Carrigallen, County Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

A co-ordinated approach to Tidy Town matters is now required if Carrigallen is to improve significantly its rating in the National Tidy Towns Competition. The progress achieved last year has not been maintained and the full support of the community is the key to further progress. A 3/5 year rolling plan will guide your activities and offer a clear focus as to what is required – this plan can then be used to influence support from the state agencies for priority projects that will enhance the environmental presentation of Carrigallen. The village has an attractive rural setting and the potential to do well in the competition. Thank you for the entry form with detailed map which was most useful during adjudication.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Many of the buildings in the town were well presented with hanging baskets and window boxes eye-catching features. However, you still have a problem in relation to derelict sites and poorly presented open spaces. Upper Cut, Hartes Hotel, Post Office and Churches were all presented to a very high standard as was the Vocational School with colourful planting and neatly trimmed lawns. The Cornmill Theatre looked well and the adjoining environmental features are outstanding, however, the area to the left of the Theatre was untidy looking and takes away from the overall presentation of this area.

Some commercial properties on the main were undergoing renovations and should enhance further the presentation of the streetscape when work is finished.

LANDSCAPING

Some excellent projects under this heading were identified by this adjudicator. The landscaping beside the town lake and the planting on Church Road were presented and maintained to a very high standard as was the gardens of many private houses on the main approaches to Carrigallen. A broken wooden fence and a seat overlooking the town lake are in need of attention. Some planting near Jet Wash was untidy looking and a number of open spaces might be presented better. More use of trees and perennial flowers should be considered for open spaces and the greater use of hanging baskets and window boxes can make a huge contribution in terms of colour.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your comments under this heading have been noted by the adjudicator who agrees that for some Tidy Towns Committees the Foot and Mouth Crisis was unhelpful this year.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was good on adjudication day except for incidental litter on the Main Street and in the area of the Cornmill Theatre.

Increase and improve the presentation of litter bins.

TIDINESS

The observations contained in last years report still apply. There are many untidy open spaces and rusty corrugated roofs evident. Dereliction is still a problem and is restricting your progress under this heading. Fly posting on telephone poles was noted and must be discouraged. An improvement under this heading should be a priority in next years work programme.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The all round standard of private houses and gardens on the approach roads was excellent. The approach to Bredagh Estate was untidy because of ongoing works and should be monitored on a regular basis. A very good performance under this heading is rewarded with an increase in marks.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Mohill road is nicely presented and has a tidy and welcoming approach to the town – the lakeside amenity area and Vocational School are outstanding features on this approach. Church Road is also well cared for with the environmental work adjacent to the Church nicely finished. The footpath on the road to Church of Ireland was paved and finished to a very good standard. Other approaches were not as well presented with untidy open spaces, verges and signposting that could do with fresh paint.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

An action plan will help to co-ordinate activities and prioritise projects. Seek the advice and guidance of your local Council Engineer in this regard. You should also influence greater support at community level.