

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KESHCARRIGAN**
County : **LEITRIM**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	--
The Built Environment	40	20	--
Landscaping	40	22	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	--
Litter Control	40	20	--
Tidiness	20	11	--
Residential Areas	30	15	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	155	--

KESHCARRIGAN, CO. LEITRIM

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome back Keshcarrigan to the National Tidy Towns Competition. Development work is taking place throughout the village and the number of new houses, which have been built and are still in the process of being built, is most impressive. This will obviously contribute considerably to the property of the village and with the Ballinmore Canal on your doorstep the future looks bright for this extremely attractive canal village. Some significant improvements have taken place over the years since Keshcarrigan last participated in the Tidy Towns Competition. Most notably the Millennium Garden, and the amenity area on the Mohill Road. The residents of Keshcarrigan and the Tidy Towns Committee are to be congratulated on their efforts in this regard. Thanks are due to the committee for completing the questionnaire, the sketch map and the brief development plan, which was most helpful.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Many of the commercial premises were presented to an extremely high standard. The Garda Station looked well with an attractive floral display in the car park beside it. Gertie's Canal Stop looked well, as did Hillbrook House. The Convenience Express could remove the gas cylinders and the peat briquettes which are a distraction on the Main Street. The terrace of houses opposite the Garda Station is extremely well presented, as is the Keshcarrigan Bowl monument. The new houses on the left of the Carrick-on-Shannon approach looked well, as did the old national School building. The Shannon/Erne harbour is extremely well presented. The beautiful thatched cottage on the left of the Main Street is most attractive. Pity about the shed, which detracts from its appearance.

LANDSCAPING

The Millennium Garden on the Mohill approach is lovely. Excellent flower beds, shrubby beds and a nice fountain. Excellent stone wall and green area, unfortunately some litter was noticeable here. The marble plaque had a nice flower surround (excellent). The amenity area is extremely well presented with a lovely lakeside view and nice seating and tables. Many of the business premises and private houses have lovely floral displays, shrubby, window boxes and flower tubs. There is a most untidy green area opposite the proposed Community/Resource building on the Mohill road. Some nice tree planting also in this area and also on the Carrick-on-Shannon approach.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is nice to see that the committee is using the Millennium

Garden as a wild life habitat and it is noted that nesting boxes have been provided throughout the garden. Well done.

LITTER CONTROL

There was some residual litter to be seen on the Main Street on adjudication day, and some litter was noticed at the Millennium Garden and also at the amenity area. Only one litter bin was visible in the vicinity of the Main Street. As Keshcarrigan is developing and as more people are coming to live in the village it is important that litter becomes a priority with the residents and the Tidy Towns Committee.

TIDINESS

The village is relatively tidy, however there are a number of areas, which need attention. The Carrick-on-Shannon approach has a number of untidy green areas on the left. Dumping of old machinery is visible and in general the entire area has an air of neglect. As already stated there is another neglected green area on the Mohill approach. Some attention will also have to be given to the area at the bridge to the left of Carrick-on-Shannon approach. Some nice tree planting here some time ago and with proper guidance the area could become a feature like the Millennium Garden.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many of the houses and gardens on the approaches are extremely well presented. Lovely walls, nice lawns and lovely floral displays. The new housing estate on the left of the Carrick-on-Shannon approach is lovely, nice lawns, and some lovely floral displays. The harbour area looked well and many of the houses in the village looked freshly painted and well cared for. We look forward to seeing Keshcarrigan when the development work is completed.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Many of the approach roads need attention. Verges need to be trimmed. Nice floral display at the wooden Welcome to Keshcarrigan sign. Remember first impressions are most important and better approaches to Keshcarrigan will enhance your Tidy Towns effort. Some back areas also need attention. Harbour area looked lovely.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

When all the development work is completed Keshcarrigan will be lovely. Well done to the committee and the residents.