

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	31
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	12
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	189	183

Carndonagh, County Donegal

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

In respect of your comments under section D of your application form the adjudicator's report was not carried out until as late as the deadline allowed. It is to be hoped that you will create and adopt a 3–5 year development plan outlining achievable project timescales and proposals for the areas of dereliction within the town. The map is both clear and informative.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

New Shopping Centre is well presented with good car parking provision. The Bridge Street Café has a crazy paving façade; try not to allow this kind of treatment in future and encourage plain render finishes instead. There is nothing wrong the use of strong colours on a building. Try also to discourage the use of neon signs and fascias where they still exist on buildings. The buildings on the Diamond were well presented and finished with good bold colours. The National Irish Bank and the Council Offices were admired. The Cathedral was most impressive with good stone walls and landscaping around.

LANDSCAPING

An area adjacent to the new Shopping Centre would benefit greatly from good landscaping whilst another area on Bridge Street presented itself as a further opportunity to introduce local flora to the built environment. The Diamond is a welcoming space and has been well landscaped and has good stone walls with metal railings, maturing trees and good lighting but unfortunately a few weeds are growing around the shrubs. The many window boxes to the properties on The Diamond were noted. Whilst the planting areas within the pavement were alive with colour for the summer months, be wary of how they look during the winter. The Donagh Cross was again admired.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As suggested above there are a number of areas and infill sites within Carn that could be utilized to great advantage. The riverside walk is well signed and a great asset to the town.

LITTER CONTROL

The Diamond, has good provision of litter bins and was almost litter free within the paved areas, however, there was quite a lot of litter within the car parking areas that was perhaps as a result of the car users themselves.

TIDINESS

Two petrol pumps on the Ballyliffin approach road would benefit from being upgraded. The Esso garage near the new Shopping Centre was very clean.

There is a derelict building just opposite the Bridge Street Café and another beside the Credit Union which will require some thought. The two builder's yards out the Malin road were untidy. Your concern over the old girls school and the Alcohol Factory site is justified and it is to be hoped that they can be developed in the future; perhaps the large vats could be utilized in some imaginative way. The area around The Inishowen Coop was also untidy. Cut grass was allowed to lie on the lawned areas of the cathedral.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses on the Ballyliffin approach road were well kept. Houses opposite the Community School have well kept lawns and hedges although some garden walls would benefit from being repainted. Many of the houses, prior to the new Council Offices, in Malin Street would benefit from a fresh coat of paint whilst others within the street were well maintained with very pleasant gardens. Ard Bhríde Estate has a nice feel to it but some houses have been neglected and there is quite a lot of mess about.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Good quality footpath was noted in the area of the Community School. Church Road is in a very poor condition and need resurfacing. The provision of public information within the Diamond is commendable. The footpath on the Malin approach road needs reinstating whilst Malin Street is quite narrow at its junction with the Diamond and becomes congested with traffic. Pound Street is also in some need of attention. Car park in front of the Girl's Primary School is in need of attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Carndonagh has made good progress in the development of the town and should continue to do so in the years to come.