

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CARNEY**  
County : **SLIGO**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	35
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	28	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	32	30
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	25
General Impression	10	8	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>199</b>

## **Carney, County Sligo**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Carney Tidy Village Committee certainly seems to be one that cares for the village's future. You are fortunate in relation to the amount of support and sponsorship that you have achieved amongst the local community. You mention that in 2004 you propose to erect street lighting. The adjudicator has noticed throughout the county that Sligo County Council appear to be erecting simple but traditional style lamp standards which would be quite suitable for the village. Good luck with your endeavours to attract the passing tourist trade in this very centrally located village at the heart of Yeats Country. Your bi-lingual signage was greatly admired.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Scout Club in the old National School on the road to Lissadell looked quite charming. A pretty ivy clad outbuilding adjacent to a small rose-clad cottage on this road was also admired. Laura's and Carroll's looked well as did Brady's Bar with its mural depicting a map of Yeats Country. Please try to discourage curved canopies and projecting plastic signs. These should be replaced with traditional fabric awnings and signs of a more traditional timber variety. The entrance area to Yeats United Football Club, as mentioned by last year's adjudicator, would benefit from being freshly painted at the entrance area and the weeds removed from its forecourt area. The adjudicator noted the ongoing hard work at the stone bridge – this appeared to be taking place late into the night!

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaping throughout the village in terms of organized areas such as the Riverside Park and incidental spaces beside houses were all very well cared for and beautifully presented on the day. The grassy banks with timber tubs filled with flowers on road to Lissadell were admired. The pump and its stone wall surround was simply presented – the pump itself being freshly painted. The tubs throughout the village inscribed with the village's name looked most cheerful. The incidental bed planted by the stone house at the crossroads to the Lissadell Road was greatly admired as was the new attractive planting to the gravel bed on the Drumcliff approach was greatly admired.

### **WILDLIFE**

The Riverside Park and the wealth of mature trees give Carney a distinct advantage in this category of the competition. Good luck with your endeavours to attract wildlife to the Riverside Park area.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good with a single can being evident on the Lissadell Road. However a problem area is that of the Bundoran Road where a number of plastic bags appeared to have been situated there for some time.

## **TIDINESS**

The village had a very neat and ordered appearance on the day – the adjudicator was amazed to note that even a site for sale on the Main Street had neatly cut grass! Derelict sites and buildings are a problem in a number of areas – one was spotted on the Lissadell Road. You mentioned in your application the derelict buildings adjacent to the housing estate site on the Bundoran Road will be developed in the future. Weeds were apparent to the kerbsides of the established housing estate on this road.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The housing estates of the village looked well – the adjudicator noted your plans to repaint Orchard Grove in the not too distant future. This had the most attractive landscaping with its overhanging beech tree. The new houses on the Bundoran Road are coming along well – the adjudicator was pleased to note that you are keeping in close contact with the local authority and developers in relation to the future housing schemes in the village. Please ensure that the village atmosphere does not get lost in continued expansion! The raised gardens with their dry stone walling and flowers extending over the top on the road to Lissadell were greatly admired as was the stone house and porch at the crossroads with its unusual ornate railings – ; these will need painting before next year's competition.

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

The standard in this category of the competition could have been better. The Lissadell Road was quite overgrown and there was evidence that a stone wall was to be built in this location but seemed to have been abandoned as grass was growing over the stones intended for use in building it. This road affords the visitor a magnificent view to Benbulbin beyond. The retention of the traditional square village nameplate on this side was commendable and the timber tubs filled with flowers at the base were admired. The Bundoran Road also appeared somewhat rough in terms of its grass verges although they had been cut, the dead grass had not been removed. The overhanging trees on this approach make it an attractive entrance to the village.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Carney is a most attractive village set in the heart of Yeats Country. It continues to expand and develop – the best of luck with your future work.