

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Carrigaline**

Ref: **561**

County: **Cork South**

Mark: **220**

Category: **F**

Date: **27/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	37
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	22
Litter Control	40	28	29
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	26	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	8
TOTAL MARK	300	220	218

Overall Developmental Approach:

Carrigaline Tidy Towns has a very good relationship with FAS, local voluntary clubs and Cork County Council. Your three year plan reaches its final year in 2003, perhaps for next year's competition you can formulate a new one. The adjudicator was pleased to note that the majority of your tasks had been completed.

The Built Environment:

There were a number of construction sites evident on the day - to the Garda Station and adjacent to the car park. Barcello's looked well. The national school was quite fresh although some additional landscaping would soften the harsh effect of the tarmacadamed playground somewhat. The Pottery Barn is quite a quaint building situated, as it is, in a simple industrial building with individual raised lettering. The library building, unfortunately, was in bad condition and quite flaky and therefore will need attention before next year's competition. The unusual and charming warehouse type buildings of Irish Cement should be restored to their former glory. Dennehy's Auctioneers is a good modern attractive shop front with simple raised lettering. Do discourage the use of curved plastic canopies and encourage their replacement with ones of a more traditional fabric variety.

Landscaping:

Your work in regard to the supervision of the landscaping of developments around the town is to be commended. Further work should be considered to those gaps in the streetscape - alleyways/access to rear areas - these should be treated as potential landscaped spaces or even just tidied up, with a minor amount of planting. More landscaping could also be considered to the town car park adjacent to the river. The roundabouts were in good condition and are most attractive. In particular, that with the heron was greatly admired. Landscaped areas to roadsides, such as the junction of the Crosshaven and Cork Roads, appeared rather overgrown.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The walk to Crosshaven is a good means of educating people regarding the wildlife habitats in the locality. Your plans for the island area should be another marvelous asset. Do ensure that the methods you use for weed control do not damage the environment. The reed bed area, river and estuary are all fine examples of wildlife habitats and Carrigaline is indeed fortunate to have these facilities so close to the village centre.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day could have been better. A lot of litter was apparent along the main street - in particular at the bus stop outside the hotel, in front of the AIB and in front of Permanent TSB.

Tidiness:

The adjudicator noted your comments regarding derelict properties - that to the Cork side of the town does look unfortunate. Don't forget alleyways and rear areas when considering presentation - that leading down to the library was particularly weedy. Discourage the practice of fly-posting, as it can give roadsides and streets a very untidy looking appearance. An empty site beside the surgery will hopefully be developed in time as, at the moment, it looks quite unfortunate.

Residential Areas:

Your organised estates competition are a good idea. However, the standard in this category of the competition was somewhat inconsistent. The houses adjacent to the church were well maintained with a variety of attractive gardens. Maurland Estate looked attractive with mature trees to the front and grassy banks. Abbeyview Estate entrance area however, was quite overgrown, as was the open space to Ferndale. Clevedon's open spaces were well maintained and Heron's Wood looked extremely well.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The roundabout with the heron was greatly admired. The Cork Road was reasonably well maintained. However the Kinsale Road was not up to the same standard and sported some weedy verges, overgrown spaces and weeds to kerbsides. The village nameplate sign on this side had been damaged. In terms of directional signage, that opposite the church was in bad condition. The junction of the Crosshaven and Cork Roads was rather overgrown and road surfaces on the main street were quite uneven.

General Impression:

Carrigaline is a busy vibrant centre with a number of large housing estates. Carrigaline Tidy Towns Committee has done much good work - good luck with your future efforts.

