

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Carriganima**

Ref: **460**

County: **Cork South**

Mark: **197**

Category: **A**

Date: **01/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	32	30
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	20	19
Tidiness	20	13	14
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	197	194

Overall Developmental Approach:

Carriganima Community Development Association certainly seem to have a large proportion of the village's population on their committee! It is disappointing to note your problems in relation to getting your FAS scheme back. The adjudicator noted your anxiousness to get more people moving to the village, in order to get a better level of support. You have completed your five year development plan and it is now time to draft a new one. You can revise it based on your original one. Many thanks for your three dimensional map, which was most useful on adjudication day and quite charming.

The Built Environment:

The Old Curiosity Shop looked well and the Post Office was simply presented. The plain church looked very fresh in butter yellow. The school was extremely fresh, with window boxes filled with pansies. Do ensure that any remaining projecting plastic signs are removed and replaced with ones of a more traditional timber variety. Edmund Walshe's is an attractive traditional front but is, unfortunately, in very bad condition. It would look quite magnificent if restored. Generally public and commercial premises of the village looked extremely well on the day.

Landscaping:

Attractive stone walling with lavender on top, on the Macroom side of the village was admired . Newly planted trees by the fence were noted and also admired. The rustic timber fence and gravel bed on top of a stone wall near the Post Office looked well and was well maintained.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

As noted by last year's adjudicator, the riverside area was quite overgrown and, indeed, it was difficult to see how anyone could access the area! You were asked last year to develop this aspect of the competition and, unfortunately, there is still little achieved under this category. Get the local school children involved in order to identify areas of wildlife interest in the locality. This could be incorporated with a riverside walk, once it is restored to its former condition. The foxgloves and ferns were noted on the roadsides.

Litter Control:

The weekly school litter patrol is obviously paying dividends, as little was evident on the day. However, the litter bin by the Post Office was quite full and rather small. Perhaps the provision of more bins could be considered.

Tidiness:

The village generally had a neat and ordered appearance. However, there were a number of problem areas. Weeds were evident to kerbsides in the vicinity of the school and at its boundary wall - more were evident closer to the village centre. A whitewashed wall by the red pub in the village centre should be re-whitewashed before next year's competition, as should the roofless cottage.

Residential Areas:

Houses along approach roads and in the village centre were generally well maintained on the day. The stone wall and garden to a house on the Macroom side of the village looked quite charming.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The broken village nameplate on the Macroom side of the village creates a bad impression. However, the welcome sign in this location was admired. The road was to a reasonable standard but could have been better. The Millstreet Road was not as well maintained and the sign to Peadar O'Laoire had been scratched with graffiti. This road was so overgrown that the yellow and black warning barrier was barely visible. The Children Crossing sign and speed limit sign were also extremely grubby and a second Children Crossing sign was virtually obscured by overgrowth.

General Impression:

Carriganima is an attractive village set in some magnificent scenery. It is to be hoped that you improve the level of support that you have gained from the local community and the local authority, in order to continue your efforts.