

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Carrigallen**

Ref: **73**

County: **Leitrim**

Mark: **194**

Category: **B**

Date: **17/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	28	26
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	21
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	24	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	194	185

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your detailed entry form and map which were very helpful. However, you have not yet prepared a three to five year plan, as recommended in previous years' reports. The plan should set out your work programme on an annual basis. Moreover, it is essential that you have the support of the public, business and voluntary sectors of the community in order to make real and substantial progress in the National Tidy Towns Competition.

The Built Environment:

Public and business premises were generally presented to a high standard. Harte's Hotel and the Uppercut on the opposite side of the road looked extremely well as did the Credit Union, the Family Butcher, the Post Office and Mitchell's Bar. Also, there were some fine examples of shop front signs that complemented the built environment perfectly. The flowers boxes and hanging basket displays were very well done. However, the effect was somewhat spoiled by beer kegs left standing in front of Harte's Hotel. The Corn-Market Theatre also looked well with some nice potted plants and shrubbery, but the litter bin adjacent to it was overflowing and the notice board tied to a pole was unsightly. The private building opposite the garage on the Mohill Road junction should be painted, as should the boundary walls of the national school.

Landscaping:

The amenity area overlooking the lake on the Mohill road was nicely landscaped. There was very impressive shrubbery planted along the road leading into town from the Catholic Church, and the carpark adjacent was also well presented. There were some nicely landscaped gardens on all approach roads. There were also some very impressive floral displays on a number of premises in the town centre, and the planted trees are maturing nicely.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your plans for cooperating with the local gun club to care for the habitat of pheasants is commendable. You should also take on board the recommendations of last year's adjudication report and identify the flora and fauna in your area. You should then include this project in the recommended development plan.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control was quite good on the day of inspection. The approach roads were generally litter free, but there was a small amount of litter thrown on the main street. As mentioned previously, the litter bin beside the Corn Mill Theatre was overflowing.

Tidiness:

The placing of cables underground has greatly enhanced the streetscape of the town. Street furniture generally looked well, but the picnic table at the Mohill Road amenity area could do with painting. However, commercial and industrial businesses on some of the approach roads should take steps to present their premises, including fences, in a tidier fashion. Some road signage needs cleaning or renewal - the sign for Killeshandra and Arvagh was broken. There are also some problems with neglected or derelict buildings, which need attention.

Residential Areas:

The residential areas along all the approach roads were very well maintained. Houses were neat and tidy, and gardens were nicely landscaped. Two of the old people's houses were in need of maintenance, and some fencing should be painted or replaced. The green areas in the local authority housing estate were neatly maintained and landscaped.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads were well maintained, and the verges were neatly trimmed. The paved streets significantly enhance the town centre. It was also noted that some of the newly paved footpaths are designed to meet the needs of people with disabilities - well done.

General Impression:

Your committee seems to have made a determined effort to improve the appearance of the town, and your progress is reflected in the marks awarded. You should now take on board the recommendations of this and previous adjudication reports and prepare a three to five year plan. This will enable you to progress in a planned and focused manner towards achieving your potential in the National Tidy Towns Competition.