

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Carrig**

Ref: **20**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **224**

Category: **A**

Date: **19/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	34	33
Landscaping	40	35	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	33	30
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	224	218

Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator was disappointed to read that you feel you have a low level of support from the local community. Do endeavour to try to encourage more people to take an active interest in the village. It is indeed a charming and pretty one. Perhaps you could consider approaching the owner of the Windmill and Barracks in order to open this area up to the public.

The Built Environment:

The quite charming national school and its grounds were both greatly admired. The church is very unusual and charming with its stone facade and rendered side walls with stone dressings around the windows. The Carrig Country Store and Whites were both quite fresh. The attractive stone wall and entrance gates to the GAA pitch contribute well to this category of the competition. The community hall will need attention before next year's competition as red algae is forming on the gable. The attractive planted area to the steps however was admired.

Landscaping:

The large green area with the pump appeared quite bare although it was well maintained. It has an attractive backdrop of hedging and trees. Strimming was required at the road edge and perhaps further planting would help this area. An attractive bed with snapdragons adjacent to the bridge

was admired. The magnificent walled riverside garden, with the stream running through, and its displays of vegetables and flowers was greatly admired. However, the gates will need painting before next year's competition and perhaps some work on the garden footbridge could be considered.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Carrig is indeed fortunate in this category of the competition with its magnificent riverside area, which is well maintained. Lily pads were evident in the stream on adjudication day and much birdlife was apparent throughout. Perhaps the local school children could be involved in drawing up a study or project of the wildlife habitats in their locality?

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good. A minor bone of contention would be the one or two papers revealed by the grass cutting. The school bin should be painted before next year's competition.

Tidiness:

Some long grass was apparent at the front of the stone wall by the school. The entrance to Carrig House should be painted before next year's competition. A cottage on the Nenagh side of the village, in particular its tin roof, would benefit from being painted in its traditional red colour. The recycling area was fine with the adjacent jaunty red poppies. Perhaps the gas tank could be screened in this locality? Building materials appeared to have been abandoned beside the barracks - is this construction work complete? If so, do ensure that the building material is removed or, if long term storage is anticipated, this area should be screened from public view.

Residential Areas:

Houses and gardens, both in the village centre and along approach roads were all extremely well maintained on the day.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Along the Birr Road, the grass verges had been cut back, but strimming was required around the poles and at verge edgings. On the Nenagh approach the grass had been cut but the dead grass had yet to be removed, revealing a number of papers as previously mentioned.

General Impression:

Carrig is a most unusual and charming village set on the busy main Birr to Nenagh Road. It continues to do well in the competition. The charming toy ponies in the field at the village centre were a pleasurable surprise!