

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Carriganima**

Ref: **613**

County: **Cork South**

Mark: **203**

Category: **A**

Date: **22/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	31
The Built Environment	40	32	32
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	22	20
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	203	197

Overall Developmental Approach:

The very large number of people forming the tidy towns committee is a credit to the community spirit in the village. The difficulties of the lack of the FAS scheme workers and the lack of sponsorship make developments challenging. Congratulations on achieving the €5000 grant from the Urban and village renewal scheme – this will no doubt be put to great use in the village. The three year outline of work to be done is a good start and a much more detailed three to five year plan should be elaborated from this so that a focus can be placed on - the work, when it will be done, how and by whom. This will then act as a guide for the years ahead and will be useful to monitor progress.

The Built Environment:

The school, church and post office are all very well maintained. The well painted school form a nice welcome to the village and the stone wall towards the Macroom side is attractive with its well planted features. The old curiosity shop is brightly painted too. There are still a number of buildings - prominently located - that need serious attention. Painting and simple decorating would be helpful. It is understandable that maybe it is not possible to interfere with some of these. Efforts made to resolve this problem would be welcome. Some attention to roadside wall painting, where needed, would also be of benefit.

Landscaping:

The natural setting of the village is very attractive with many mature trees in the vicinity and it is important that this aspect be preserved. New tree planting is always welcome where sites exist – the corner of a field, the roadside and within buildings grounds. Tree planting needs to be an ongoing process as the trees we currently enjoy were planted by previous generations – as such we also owe a legacy of the same for future generations to enjoy. Some nice trees have been planted along the roadside opposite the church – while these are attractive ornamental trees, please consider planting the trees native to the area as well. The green triangle at the top of the village is well cared for, the surrounding wall and the well cared for grass gives a pleasant approach or exit to the village.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The river offer interesting opportunities for wild life appreciation. As remarked in last years report, there should be possibilities of engaging the school to identify projects and to use the natural features of the surrounds to develop more awareness of the natural flora and fauna. Often local knowledge can be helpful in this regard. It is very important that young people get to understand the value of nature and the appreciation of their environment, as they will carry this with them through life. Please consult your Tidy Towns Handbook for more advice and assistance under this heading.

Litter Control:

The village is well kept and good efforts at litter control are evident. The litter patrols by the school children and the local people are very worthwhile and help to develop a good community spirit.

Tidiness:

Efforts to keep Carriganima tidy are good. However, there are many possibilities of improvement in this regard particularly in relation to the building décor. Dilapidated buildings are always a problem and hopefully improvements will be possible in this regard soon. The overhead wires too will hopefully go underground at some stage.

Residential Areas:

The residences are well maintained through the village and contribute well to the appearance of the village. Front boundaries and gardens are important in painting the picture of the village and good results have been achieved in this regard. The use of stone and timber are helpful in retaining the natural aspect of the village and in helping to merge the village with the natural features of the area.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The road surfaces are reasonable good, some attention to roadside surface spaces within the village would be helpful. The approach from Millstreet is pleasant with the natural vegetation playing a part. Similarly, the Macroom road is well maintained with an natural aspect. Some kerbside grasses within the village need attention

General Impression:

Carriganima is a very pleasant village to visit which has retained much of its original features. The well-painted buildings show the dilapidated buildings up in stark contrast. Hopefully this will be the focus of attention as well as availing more of the riverside areas. The safe walkway by the river bridge separated from the road is very commendable.

