

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Carrig**

Ref: **588**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **227**

Category: **A**

Date: **04/07/2004**

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2004 | Mark Awarded 2003 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 33 | 33 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 34 | 34 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 35 | 35 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 18 | 18 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 34 | 33 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 16 | 15 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 22 | 21 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 28 | 28 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 227 | 224 |

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the completed application form and sketch map of the village. Last years report alluded to lack of support from within the community but it is important for the Committee to harness the goodwill in the community and to make sure that it is put to practical use. The village looked well this year so maybe people are putting are in support of your efforts. The committee has developed good working relationships with the local County Council which has benefited Carrig

The Built Environment:

The road surface in to the village has been improved since this adjudicator last visited Carrig. Its amazing what a simple improvement such as this can do for the look of a village or town. The Church and graveyard were kept in immaculate condition with boundary wall recently painted. The uniformity in size of headstones was noted and maybe it is something that should be encouraged right around the country. The local school was recently dashed and looked extremely well. The upgraded GAA Grounds is a credit to the local club which I presume has loyalty to Tipperary ! A few Offaly flags were flying on adjudication day which happened to be the Leinster final day. T White General Merchant had a nice old style shop front and the Country Store, albeit in a modern style, also reflected the style of rural or village architecture.

The Community Hall looked as if it had been recently painted, this is a positive development

Landscaping:

The landscaping in front of the Community Centre has an attractive look about it with a good mix of conifers and flowering shrubs.

The flower beds near the Country Store shop was admired for its simplicity of design.

The Green Area at the Ballingarry end of the village could be softened with one or two shrub beds that would combine perennials and annuals such as simple marigolds or the like.

Residents should desist from parking on the grass as it will eventually cut it up especially in winter time.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The Committee should consider getting advice on putting together a project that would depict the species of wildlife to be found in the area.

This type of project is ideal for involvement of local school children and maybe the school principal should be consulted in advance.

The village is fortunate in that it has an ideal natural habitat in the river that flows through it.

Litter Control:

There was virtually no litter to be seen on the day, although the adjudicator felt that the village could do with one or two more bins.

The committee should make contact with the County Council to set the wheels in motion.

Keep up the good work in making the community aware of the importance of good litter control.

Tidiness:

The Village was quite on the day and looked quite neat and orderly

A few side areas could be weeded other than that the standard was acceptable.

The recycling area would look better if screened by a nice timber fence at present it is very visible as one enters the village.

Residential Areas:

The Village is the residential area as there is no recognised housing estate.

Carrig House was much admired for its character, complemented by a very contented pedigree Shetland ? pony grazing in the front green area. The entrance could possibly be improved and it would enhance the property even more.

The remainder of properties were well kept but a few could paint their boundary walls, something that would further improve the overall look of the village.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The entrance from Riverstown Birr, where there was work in progress on grass margins, was presented to an acceptable level although the name sign was discoloured.

The Borrisokane/Ballingarry entrance was good but the caravans parked erratically at the 30 mile speed limit sign are not supposed to be there - that's an issue outside the control of any tidy towns committee.

The side road out of the village was well presented with a good mix of conifer hedging and attractive post and rail fencing.

The rusty trailer is not in keeping with the look of this entrance and should be moved somewhere else less conspicuous

General Impression:

Carrig is a very pleasant rural village on the Tipperary Offaly border that has potential to do well in the competition.

The Committee are to be commended for the effort it has put in to date.