

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Carndonagh**

Ref: **345**

County: **Donegal**

Mark: **200**

Category: **C**

Date: **08/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	29	27
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>195</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your entry form, map and report which outlines your current strategy to promote more extensively the Tidy Towns concept throughout Carndonagh.

Your strategy of consultation with Local Authority, FÁS and the availability of a detailed survey of the town should enable you to produce a three to five year plan in support of next year's application. In this regards you should read page 14 of Tidy Towns Handbook relating to the creation of such a plan. Keep your objectives realistic and carefully consider the observations contained in this and last years report.

### The Built Environment:

The Catholic Church, The Public Service Centre and the New Fire Station are prominent in presentation and enhance the landscape, as does the Diamond in centre of town. Donagh Cross was very impressive - congrats to all concerned for the tidy and good all round presentation.

The National Irish Bank and the old Bank of Ireland site require attention. Some nice shop fronts are also a feature of the streetscape – Neal's Doherty's Gift Shop & Doherty's Auctioneers, however as mentioned in previous reports, there are still a number of derelict sites requiring attention.

## **Landscaping:**

Many colourful hanging baskets, window boxes and flower tubes were noted around the village and more are needed to impact extensively on the streetscape.

The tree/shrub/flower planting at the Community school and the Donagh Cross were most noteworthy. The area around the shopping centre is nicely displayed but lacks floral displays. The area around the Public Service building and the new Fire Station is presented to a high standard. Some premises within the town had nice colourful displays of window boxes most noteworthy where those along the row of the Persian Bar. The trees in the Diamond are maturing nicely although the planting of flowers around the base does not always give an attractive result and they may also compete for soil moisture in the summer.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The environs of the river are an obvious starting point under this heading. In this regard do ensure that work is carried out under the supervision of a wildlife expert. Top class sign posting will also be required to profile this area.

## **Litter Control:**

Some incidental litter was noted in the area of the Diamond and the Shopping Centre, otherwise an improved performance under this heading. Well done to the two FÁS employees who do regular pick ups.

Congratulations to the boys Primary school on flying the Green Flag.

## **Tidiness:**

The petrol pump on the Bunrana and Ballyliffin road shows signs of improvement. The recycling Bank is presented well and was nice to see the local community putting the facility to good use. Sign posting within the town requires some attention – the sign posting at circular Road needs cleansing, as does the Carndonagh sign on the Bunrana road and the Inishowen 100 sign at Donagh Cross requires some attention.

The Diamond presented well although benches required painting – remain vigilant under this heading. A number of unoccupied /derelict buildings remain problematic; you can overcome this problem by way of consultation with property owners.

## **Residential Areas:**

Individual houses on all approach roads looked well. Many with tidily cut lawns; colourful planting and well cared for boundary walls.

The new Bay view housing estate is progressing nicely and the use of stone for the extensive boundary wall is highly commended and will considerably enhance this approach to the village. The bungalow directly opposite this development is eye-catching with its wonderful display of colour and tasteful landscaping.

The Chedar Grove residential development on the Moss Road, is a good example of how landscaping should be completed within estates. Millbrae Meadows also looked well and the completion of new housing estates such as Donagh Park and Hawthorn Meadow is awaited with interest.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

All roads are presented well – verges neatly trimmed and suitable planting. Do ensure that the Station Road is finished and that landscaping is completed to a high standard. The Car park adjacent to the old fire station is in much need of attention. The street up to the Catholic Church is nicely landscaped and finished to a very high standard. Back streets in general show improvement.

### **General Impression:**

Your 3/5 plan will give you a clear focus as to what is required to make real progress. You have the confidence to succeed and your established relationship with Donegal County Council and FÁS would continue to benefit your campaign greatly.

Your work plan is awaited with interest.