

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Carrigaholt** Ref: **732**
County: **Clare** Mark: **214**
Category: **A** Date(s): **20/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	28
The Built Environment	50	27
Landscaping	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	16
Litter Control	50	31
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	400	214

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for your completed application form and attractive sketch map of your village. Again as in 2006 there was no 3 Year Plan included. This plan allows one to have measurable benchmarks to work to. Glad to see your committee have increased from last years four to seven. The support of agencies, such as Carrigaholt Development Association will help you progress in the National Tidy Towns Competition in the future.

The Built Environment:

The village's road surfaces are in very poor condition and this does not help the overall look of the place. This will not be addressed until the promised up-graded sewage system is delivered by the local authorities. The Committee should lobby its local council representatives to progress with the sewage scheme and have the road surfaces re-tarred and improved, this would greatly enhance the overall look of the village. The Church, School and Garda station were all presented to a very good standard. St. Mary's Hall needs painting and the door needs to be replaced. Private premises, such as Carmody's, Keane's and the Long Dock took the adjudicators eye and were presented to a high standard. Like most small villages/towns, Carrigaholt has numerous derelict sites. Camouflaging and painting is recommended for these. Getting people to address issues such as dereliction is always a delicate operation.

Landscaping:

The visual effect of colourful hanging baskets on the bridge and other plants in window boxes was very pleasant without being over bearing or beautified. Planting could be increased in the picnic area and a seating area could be erected opposite Keanes. The cutting of grass needs to be attended to also at both locations. The area by the village pump is very nice on the approach to Kilkee.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

You are spoiled for choice for natural habitats, wildlife, etc. The Heritage Council will help you identify wildlife parks in the immediate. The committee should consider approaching the local school principle to look at the possibility of getting children involved in identifying a project on the various types of wildlife associated with the local area. The Wildlife Ranger from Clare County Council should also help and advise you with this project.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control was acceptable. However, there were some areas in need of attention such as the Post Office area and the area inside the pier. It is good to note that you have requested additional litter bins from Clare County Council. Original bins need replacing.

Waste Minimisation:

Congratulations to the pupils and teachers of Carrigaholt National School for all their efforts in obtaining the Green Flag. However, this was not on view at the school on the day of adjudication. The Recycling Centre units were looking very old and in need of being replaced. There was also evidence of dumping next to the boxes etc. Graffiti was also evident.

Tidiness:

The standard here was a little mixed. Weeding and grass cutting need to be addressed throughout the village. One very black spot was the seating area on Church Road which again is in need of urgent attention.

Residential Areas:

Private properties were presented very well and well maintained. Overall, a good standard in which is in reality a small residential village.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

As mentioned previously the road surfaces are very poor. Roads are in urgent need of repair, again the advice is to lobby all council representatives to progress on sewage scheme as soon as possible.

General Impression:

Carrigaholt is a lovely village with lots of potential to progress in the National Tidy Towns Competition. You are wished every success in competition for many years to come.