

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Carney** Ref: **747**
County: **Sligo** Mark: **233**
Category: **A** Date(s): **02/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	39
The Built Environment	50	30
Landscaping	50	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	22
Litter Control	50	35
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	13
Residential Areas	40	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	233

Overall Development Approach:

Carney Tidy Towns Committee is welcome to the 2007 competition. We appreciate and sympathise with the problems you have been having in relation to developing you plans for the village, in the face of such major development taking place! We can only suggest patience and the development of a strong dialogue between yourselves and developers and between yourselves and Sligo County Council to ensure that the village is not dwarfed by the ongoing and future development of Carney! The Carney Mini Plan was read with interest.

The Built Environment:

The street buildings of the village generally looked well on the day. Mace was very fresh in its corporate colours of sparkling white and blue. Brady's Bar looked reasonably good but will need a fresh coat of paint before next year's competition. The Scouts Building on the Lissadell Road was in need of some attention - at the windows in particular. Laura's in the village centre was admired and smartly presented.

Landscaping:

The Riverside Park seemed to be well cared for despite problems you mentioned regarding access. The montbretia looked marvellous in its gravelled beds. The timber planters bearing the village's name were all bright and cheerful along the main street on the day. Attractive planting was noted at the prominent location of the bridge. The village pump was simply presented and admired at the top of the village.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The Riverside Park is an ideal venue for locating a wildlife information board. As suggested by last year's adjudicator, enlisting the help of local experts in regard to a study of the habitats within the locality would be an interesting task. Other centres have created wildlife gardens, wildflower meadows, riverside walks etc in

order to develop this aspect of the competition further.

Litter Control:

The standard on the day was good. However, it is important to note that even one or two papers in a village of Carney's size are all the more obvious. The riverside park area, as last year, had a few papers evident and one or two were also apparent on approach roads and along the main street. An election poster for the recent General Election had been abandoned behind the stone wall at the bridge which was unfortunate.

Waste Minimisation:

Last year's adjudicator mentioned the possibility of the village acquiring recycling bins. Have you looked into this? This category also relates to how you tackle the issues of waste management within your own work. Do you segregate the litter you collect on your clean ups? Do you compost the green waste that results from your landscaping projects? It also concerns how you inform the local community - shops, businesses and residents about what options are available to them regarding waste management. Do contact the local Environmental Officer in Sligo County Council to get some advice regarding this furthering category of the competition.

Tidiness:

The village looked neat and tidy for the most part. Again, as last year, the Yeats United F.C. forecourt area appeared quite rough and weedy which is particularly unfortunate given its prominent location at the bridge. The carved timber finger post sign was admired however, as was the flower planting at the entrance.

Residential Areas:

The existing housing stock, both within the village and on approach roads was generally well cared for on the day. The creeper clad cottage and adjoining outbuilding on the bend in the road to Lissadell House were greatly admired. There were some attractive gardens which extended over their stone boundaries on this road also. The new housing estate at the top of the village on the left hand side appeared to be maturing well and sported some attractive displays of montbretia. Do ensure that any new housing developments are of a style that is in keeping with the character of the village. It is also important that they are completed in good quality materials that are appropriate for Carney village. Landscaping and entranceways are also of great importance in terms of their presentation and overall context within the fabric of Carney.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads were generally reasonably well cared for and planted tubs were admired at the village nameplates. The retention of the square traditional sign on the Sligo approach is commendable, but it will probably be in need of a fresh coat of paint before next year's competition. The hedgerows further out on this approach could have been less rough in appearance, but verges closer to the village were well cared for and the montbretia must be marvellous when it comes into bloom!

General Impression:

Carney still maintains its unique character, in its magnificent setting with Ben Bulbin as a backdrop and despite the onslaught of ongoing development. Do keep a sharp eye on future developments to ensure that this continues to be the case for years to come!