

# Tidy Towns Competition 2009

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Carndonagh** Ref: **536**  
County: **Donegal** Mark: **229**  
Category: **C** Date(s): **22/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	30
The Built Environment	50	35
Landscaping	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	16
Litter Control	50	35
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	26
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>229</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

As detailed in previous adjudication reports, it is highly advisable to develop a medium to long-term plan. This will provide many advantages for your group's work.

### **The Built Environment:**

The Supervalu building is very modern and impressive. There are quite a few disused and derelict buildings. These are a problem. These may be used as temporary low-cost or free advertising spaces. Other TidyTowns groups have used these to promote their work. The AIB and NIB buildings looked well. The Bank of Ireland building needs some painting at the base of the wall. There are many fine premises on the Diamond. McGonagle's Bar and the Shoe and Sport shop are two good examples. There are some nice colours on Chapel Street and Bridge Street. The Vocational School was very neat but could do with some softening.

### **Landscaping:**

The Carndonagh Shopping Centre looked very neat. It is recommended that some tree planting be considered for the streets. Some flower beds would also be a useful addition. The Diamond looks very well. The planting of trees and shrubs is very well done. The benches and the sculpted bollards are very good. The avenue up to the (RC) church is very nice and the building itself is very pleasing.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The adjudicator could not locate the new town park as discussed in your entry. Well done on your river clean up. Unfortunately, there were no other initiatives discussed in your entry. It is suggested that you contact a local wildlife enthusiast or expert for advice on this section of the competition. The recommendations made by

the previous adjudicator in 2008 are also good starting points.

**Litter Control:**

Well done on your regular anti-litter actions. These have paid off because hardly any litter was seen on day of visit. Keep up the good work!

**Waste Minimisation:**

In future entries, please give details of how you might communicate with others to encourage use of recycling centres and keeping the town tidy. Also, it is recommended that your group focuses on the reduction and minimisation of waste. Your local authority environmental awareness officer will be able to advise you on this.

**Tidiness:**

The Celtic cross motif on all of the street names looks great. The telephone boxes should be removed or repaired. There is a weed problem in several areas. This includes in planting areas, under trees and by buildings. Some premises could make a better effort with their frontage. The litterbins seen were all clean and well kept.

**Residential Areas:**

Well done on holding the Best Estate competition. Cill Bhríde and Ard Clochan look well. Some work still remains to be done in these. Abbots Wood was seen to be well-presented. There are some unoccupied houses and some others that have not yet been completed. It is recognised that these problems are common to many towns.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The approach roads to Carndonagh are in need of attention. A small amount of trimming, some tree-planting and some judiciously placed planters would make a huge difference. It was noted that the laneways and alleyways of the town are very clean and are tended. This shows that an effort is being made. There is a lovely (and well looked-after) flower bed with shrubs on the way up to the church.

**General Impression:**

Although there are several areas in need of attention, it is clear that your group and many in Carndonagh are making an effort to improve your town. Do make a simple strategic plan. Concentrate on making inroads into the areas mentioned above. You are advised to make contact with other Tidy Towns groups for ideas and advice on some of these. Good luck with all your work.