

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **STRANDHILL**  
County : **SLIGO**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	15
The Built Environment	40	21
Litter Control	40	15
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>140</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your typed entry form and neat map were very helpful for adjudication day and indicate an organised approach. However, it seems that there are not enough people in the town involved in your efforts, and this resulted in an uneven approach to tidiness throughout the town. If you can try to involve more of the townspeople, you are more likely to achieve a consistently positive appearance for the town. Quite a few of this years comments are repetitive of points cited in last years report, so you will need to determine a strategy for long-term solutions. It is a positive point that you are working with other organisations in your improvements.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There was no mention in your report on this section of any proposed improvements. With the outstanding natural environment of mountains and seashores that envelop Strandhill, it is clear that there is great potential to promote this aspect.

### LANDSCAPING

The public car park on Strand Road still needs re-surfacing and should be designed to include trees. Some planting of flowers around the public toilets would help. The car park detracts from the view to Knockree at present, but could be developed to a higher standard. The strand was very well-presented but the view down the side laneway was very poor and the walls should be painted. The cannon is still in need of re-painting. The fencing around the car park at the strand end could be painted or stained. The lot next to Shells Cafe could be planted or at least edge the footpath.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Hopefully the Baymount House will be renovated soon. The church looked very well, but the lay-by between the church and Baymount is very drab and weedy. The Dunes Tavern looks well but the view to the side yard should be improved. The stone wall opposite here is in disrepair. The Ocean View Hotel looked well but the boundary wall is weedy. The Venues looked very well-kept. The site next to it, however, is untidy. The post office looked very presentable - well done!

### LITTER CONTROL

The town was relatively litter-free on adjudication day. There was a problem area at the top of the steps on the seafront, and this was worsened by the fact that the bins were full along the seafront. You must try to keep the bins emptied, especially on summer weekends, when visitor numbers dramatically increase. Litter was not a problem on approach roads or in housing areas, so it would seem that a focus on the strand area would virtually solve any problems.

### TIDINESS

There is a problem with untidy side yards in both business and residential areas. These neglected yards, combined with the derelict sites in prominent locations, give an untidy appearance to parts of the town. Weedy and overgrown or unpainted boundary walls further compound the problem, so attention to detail is essential to improve this problem.

### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the houses on the Strand Road are very well-presented. Only a few boundary walls need freshening up. It would greatly improve the approach to the seafront if residents would plant trees in their front gardens. The road has a stark appearance at present. The housing estate off the top road is generally well-kept. There are opportunities here to plant trees.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road to Sligo Airport had verges mown but the concrete block wall needs painting. The top road approach from the south had not been mown recently and several walls need repair and general clean-up. The top road is weedy and unkempt, with many walls overgrown and unpainted. The derelict house on the right is a poor view on entering the town. The trees on the church end of the Burma Road were not watered and showing signs of stress. The edge of the lot opposite should be mown as well as the upperpart of the road is. The new planting on Burma Road shows promise, but weed control is a problem. The walls at the junction of Sligo and Burma Roads should be painted as should some houses here in the Sligo direction.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

You are making progress but there are a number of areas which require attention. These are described in detail in the report but most importantly you need to plan your maintenance and development activities in the Town.