

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **STRADONE**
County : **CAVAN**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	35
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	12
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	21
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	189	192

Stradone, County Cavan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

As mentioned in last year's report there is an urgent need for an overall strategy/framework within which to work. Progress this year has been disappointing not least the fact that the condition of the road surface has deteriorated significantly and is cause of great concern to the committee. You must be assertive with the statutory bodies to ensure that Stradone is fairly treated and supported in it's campaign to improve the environmental infrastructure of the village. Stradone has a most pleasant setting and a more focused approach is now required to achieve further progress.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Health Centre continues to be a problem and has been so for many years - this is very disappointing despite the efforts of the Tidy Towns Committee to seek an improvement. The petrol pumps at the garage need freshening up. In general the presentation of houses is good, however, a co-ordinated approach to painting would impact greatly on the overall presentation of the village.

LANDSCAPING

The planting in the centre of the village looked well and the colourful flower beds add greatly to the ambience of this area. A flower tub on the factory road was in a state of neglect and was obscured by overgrown grass. The village pumps are a unique attraction and could be presented better. Give some consideration to the greater use of shrubs and perennial flowers and perhaps a small number of flower containers in the area adjacent to the GAA park to create real significance.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The suggestion in previous reports to have a wildlife trail still stands and would gain you additional marks under this heading. You should involve the juvenile section of the GAA Club to undertake a study of wildlife in the area and from this progress to the signposting of an identified trail. The educational aspect of such a project would also benefit the children. The adjudicator would like to see some positive action under this heading for next year to compensate for a disappointing response in 1998.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was almost litter free on adjudication day and

you are commended for this.

TIDINESS

Another good performance under this heading and your attention to the boundary walls of the GAA grounds in response to last years criticism was positive. Open spaces are a feature of the village and require regular attention to create the desired enhancement.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private house and gardens were again well presented this year. Local Authority housing was also well cared for with the exception of a few where attention to gardens would make an improvement.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Improvements noted. Verges being trimmed on adjudication day and the base of bridges also receiving attention. Freshen up the presentation of signposting and keep open spaces tidy. The poor road surfaces in the centre of the village still, is a major problem and losing you marks.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A very positive response by the Local Authority to improving the condition of the roads in the village is long overdue - this is militating against progress in the competition. When this happens Stradone can go forward and build on its strengths of great natural beauty and a relaxing environment. A more focused and determined approach is now required. Thank you for the questionnaire and detailed map.