

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **STRADBALLY-WATERFORD**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	30
The Built Environment	40	33	32
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	23
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	35	35
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	240	234

Stradbally, County Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed entry form, detailed map and update of Work Plan which is very much appreciated. Your plans over the coming years are indeed very exciting and worthwhile. You are to be congratulated with your plan for identifying and signposting all the historic places of interest in the Stradbally area. You are also going to see this through to the end by producing a guidebook with an historical account of each place ie Ogham Stone, Ringfort, Holy Well, etc. These aspects will be of significant interest to visitors to your area. No doubt you will not overlook in your plans to promote greater visibility of the Irish language for inclusion in appropriate signs. It is wonderful to see the support you have from the local Community and they do appreciate the great work that you do. You also co-operate with all the statutory bodies in your county and the other local organisations.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The standard of maintenance achieved throughout is very good and it does contribute to the general appearance and character of the village. The bars and shops were presented to a very good standard and had some lovely displays of flowers outside their properties. Well done to all ! The Church was maintained clean and tidy as was the Garda Station. The GAA grounds, again, painted in a delightful colour. There was some weeds at the base of the wall and in the grounds to the front. St James' Church of Ireland and school where again great care has been taken with its maintenance. The school which is the one furthest away from the Catholic Church was tidy and clean. The gate did need painting there. The school nearest the Church which is cream in colour again was well presented - the adjudicator would suggest that the stone wall here would need cleaning. Well done on completing the task of putting all overhead cabling underground. The Barron Hall needed freshening up.

LANDSCAPING

The Committee has achieved a nice balance with trees, shrubs and flower planting throughout the village. There are all well cared for. Open green spaces and all lawns cut neat and tidy. The green area around the statue at the Church did need cutting. The village green area was maintained in pristine condition with the pump being a lovely feature. The green area at Rockville was maintained in a beautiful condition. Again there is some lovely landscaping done with a corner on the Dungarvan road. It is indeed excellent !

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is good to see that you are taking appropriate measures to enhance and increase the wildlife value of your Community. As a Tidy Towns Committee you have an important role to play in protecting, enhancing and increasing the wildlife in your Community. The adjudicator would suggest perhaps that the River Garden area could be another wildlife and natural amenity site. A good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats of that area and see what species of animals, birds and fish it attracts. No doubt you have somebody living in your Community who is a wildlife expert and would only be too glad to advise and provide you with the information you require. Your activities to date ensure that nature and wildlife will continue to have a place in your Community.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control overall is extremely good. You have a very good plan in action with the schools and scouts involved which does give you enormous help - that and together with the Student Employment Scheme and the co-operation with the Student from ReHab does help enormously. Just a few pieces on the roadside opposite the Holy Cross Church were observed. Your arrangements in place for the prevention and control of litter on an on-going basis are doing well.

TIDINESS

The control of weed growth at the kerbs and at the base of the buildings is very good. There were some weeds however at the footpath by the stone wall at the Church car park and also at the kerb at the top where the trees are planted.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residents of Stradbally continue to present their properties to a very high standard throughout. They are very attractive and the level of maintenance is very good. The residential areas of Rockville and Mountain View are presented to an extremely high standard and have delightful displays of flowers. Other house owners again put in an exceptional effort in presenting their properties in the best possible light. Well done to all concerned !

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were all very neat and tidy. The footpaths were attended to on the day of adjudication as was the footpath from the Church right into the village. No doubt they will be completed in time for the second adjudication. Some of the signs do need to be painted and cleaned. The car park at the Church had some weeds on it and again was being attended to on the day of adjudication. The public toilets are well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The trojan and huge efforts which the Stradbally Tidy Towns

Committee makes has and is doing much to improve the presentation of the village. They have combined to enhance the overall presentation of the village. Your colour brochure which was re-issued is helping to promote the unique features of your village.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (14/08/98)

Apart from minor defects such as some litter on the Dungarvan Road, some shabby timber fences on the Bonmahon Road and a few gates in need of attention, the general standard of Stradbally was again very good indeed. Grassed areas were meticulously mown. You have a great ability to develop landscaping - the green of course being superb and, of example to many other towns and villages the standard of incidental open spaces. Also, numerous exquisite private gardens were noted. The consistent road surfacing helped the overall image immeasurably as did the footpaths which the second adjudicator is pleased to state were complete.