

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **STREETE**
County : **WESTMEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 13-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	20	20
Tidiness	20	9	10
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	155	154

Streete, County Westmeath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The village is small in size and it is great to have such a large number of people on the committee. The adjudicators await the 3-5 year plan in anticipation. There should be good input from the committee and from the community. Assess your resources and realise your limitations in order that they can be worked around. All categories can be addressed sufficiently with such a good input. Good luck with the plan.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There are only a few buildings in Streete, and these need to be presented to a high standard. The shop is housed in a fine old stone building. A traditional sign and perhaps some single colour basket or window box planting would enhance it further. Dunnes pub had some fine hanging baskets and looked well. The Health Centre was reasonable and the outside wall require repainting. There are, in the village, a couple of rusty gates that require repainting and the shed beside the fine Church of Ireland is a problem.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping on the corner of the Edgeworthstown road looked well. The old stone walls were clean and tidy and there was appropriate growth allowed at the base of these which looked well. Do consider further appropriate planting.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Areas of wildlife habitats need to be identified in your plan. On visiting the village, hedgerow, meadow and woodland all featured to some degree. Plans to enhance and manage these should be drawn up. Sometimes only knowledge through assessment and appreciation is all that is required.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was visible on the Lismacaffrey road and on the road beside the Church. In a village of this size, any litter makes an impact. All the community should be made aware of litter and the importance of its eradication. The adjudicators admired the new litterbin.

TIDINESS

The village was not that tidy on the day of adjudication. Traffic cones were in evidence near the wall that was being worked on, there were weedy areas outside the Midland Health Centre and building work in a house on the main street and uncut grassy

areas gave an untidy appearance. Much of this will be removed when work is complete and the adjudicators look forward to an improvement in this category next year.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

It is important to present houses well as there are only a few in the village. The cottages on the Rathowen road were inconsistent in presentation with some of them looking very well and others not so. The two storey house on the Lismacaffrey road was well presented and the two storey house on the Edgeworthstown junction was freshly painted. The wooden house looks well - work was being carried out at the entrance.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The roads were erratically cut back. The road from Lismacaffrey needed trimming at different stages on the approach. One area where it was trimmed, it was commendable to see that ferns had been allowed grow at the base and this looked very well. The approach sign on the Lismacaffrey road had been repaired, however, the signpost at the Edgeworthstown road was grubby and needed cleaning. The Rathowen road needed cutting back.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A plan is needed for the village and the adjudicators look forward to this next year. It is a pretty village and the name is unusual. Daramona House is a fortunate asset though whether this can be utilised as part of wildlife habitat area will, presumably be addressed in the plan. Well done on work carried out this year and good luck with the plan.