

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **STRAND**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	25
The Built Environment	40	27	20
Landscaping	40	27	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	14
Litter Control	40	26	20
Tidiness	20	13	11
Residential Areas	30	18	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	23
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	191	152

Strand, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning the completed entry form, together with map and details of work planned and work on hand. Do you have a three to five year plan? The village has much to offer and retains many of the traditional features associated with similar locations in west Limerick. You have done well in a short space of time and your challenge now is to keep the community with you and get them to play an active part in your improvements. Do not rely exclusively on Fás as such schemes may not always be available. The true spirit of tidy towns is in community endeavour.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The newly built thatched house, now serving a multiplicity of needs is excellent and provides a welcome focal point for the village. A portrait of the late Mr Heffernan, if available, would be an appropriate recognition to hang on the wall inside. The Grotto adjacent, is excellent, with a rich array of shrubs. Your attention to boundary walls is above average standard and you should build on this. Stone walls are attractive, but need to be softened with grassed areas, together with trees and shrubs.

LANDSCAPING

You have scored well here and the many fine planted areas are commendable. The tree planting in the village centre will improve with time. You need to build on the natural amenities and the lovely sheltered environs of Strand offer a natural backdrop to the village not shared by others.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There are valuable marks for efforts in this section and you should consider highlighting areas suitable for the promotion and popularisation of wildlife.

LITTER CONTROL

Your efforts in this section are paying off. There is a great image of litter free about the village and despite the absence of litter bins, litter is not a problem - well done.

TIDINESS

The rusty corrugated roof near the thatched house is now a black spot. Perhaps the owner would have it painted, or

allow the community to paint it. Other areas of untidiness relate to unattended open spaces and poor entrances. However, in general the village looked tidy throughout.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard of housing is really good and most are well presented. Castle View Park is again well presented this year. Some residents have gone to a good deal of trouble in erecting hanging baskets and these add to the colour of the village. The standard of footpaths is also exceptional and enhances the overall village appearance.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The car park beside the public house needs to be completed and will finish off this important area. Some farm gates are attractive but need painting. Approach roads are well presented and offer a neat introduction to the village from both main approaches. In summary, you have done well in this section and the compactness of the village together with well kept approaches have raised your marks here.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The adjudicator, making a first visit to Strand was immensely impressed. You have done well in this, your second year of entry. Your task now is to raise your standards and at the same time preserve the rural ethos of the village. Strand has the potential to be a high scorer in the competition. Try and get a village renewal plan in operation over the next year or so. Well done on a fine performance.