

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	9	11
Litter Control	40	33	31
Tidiness	20	14	12
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	5	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>196</b>

## **Stradone, County Cavan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Stradone is a neat and tidy village that needs to review its approach to the Tidy Towns Competition if it is to progress to award winning status. In this regard a 3/5 year plan will help you to focus on specific tasks - do consult with your local area County Council Engineer and Tourism Officer and also refer to previous tidy town reports for guidelines. Attention to detail is also required.

Thank you for the completed questionnaire and map.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

It is some years since this adjudicator was last in Stradone and is pleased to confirm that steady progress is still the norm. The North Eastern Health Board have responded positively to criticism and improved the presentation of the Health Centre, however, as mentioned in last years report the garden and curtilage area still need attention. A poorly presented house on the corner of the green needs attention and will eventually develop a state of dereliction if this does not happen. The GAA Park is presented well the young trees to the front have matured to prominence, however, do paint the main gate which is unattractive at present.

Greater use of colourful flower tubs and hanging baskets will enhance the overall presentation of the village and will add to the attractiveness of the well manicured green.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Well manicured green areas, some excellent planting and maturing young trees have all helped to improve your rating under this heading - well done to all the FÁS workers. It is important that the village green is cut on a regular basis and that the litter bins, railings , water pumps etc are always fresh and clean looking.

All cut grass should be removed immediately.

Some tidy landscaping in the area of the river on the Cavan Road was also noted by the adjudicator - well done.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Stradone has a rich environment of woodlands, lakes, hedgerows and wildlife habitats. However, you still continue to perform badly under this heading despite promptings from previous adjudicators. Some research will be necessary to identify suitable projects under this heading - your local wildlife expert will help out or contact ENFO, the public information service established to help protect the

environment.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Excellent and litter bins nicely presented except for one on the village green which needs replacing.

### **TIDINESS**

On a fine summers day Stradone looked idyllic and tidy - the well maintained village green being exceptionally tidy and outstanding in its presentation. An increase in marks is well deserved for an exceptionally high standard of tidiness.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The comments contained in last years report still apply. "In general private houses and gardens are well presented". A co-ordinated painting programme is recommended for the houses opposite the GAA Park together with a more generous supply of window boxes and hanging baskets. As already mentioned the unoccupied house on the corner of the green is unattractive and is in need of attention.

### **ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS**

All approach road were reasonably well present except for the road opposite the GAA Park. The adjudicator was pleased to see major improvements taking place to the Dublin road. Improve the presentation of signposting and continue to work on having verges trimmed and hedging cut back.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Attention to detail is now required. You need to feature more strongly in the section covering "Wildlife and Natural Amenities". A 3/5 year work programme will create new challenges and help expedite progress. Stradone has a relaxed environment - keep it that way, scrutinise all new developments and protect the rich and unspoilt environment that is yours.