

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	30
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	27
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>191</b>

## **Strand, County Limerick**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The submission outlining current and past developments proved very helpful on adjudication day. No doubt the SuperValu Endeavour award won by Strand last year has added impetus and extra support for the village. You have maintained your standard of last year and gained extra marks for improvement. It is important that you work to an agreed plan and bring the community with you in your endeavours.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Heritage Centre is well presented and obviously provides an important service to the Community. Hartnetts is well presented together with the Post Office. You have a good deal of well presented stone walls on both approaches and within the village core. You may now have reached the stage where you need to match the stone wall building with more green areas to include tree planting and fences. Don't make the village devoid of green areas at the expense of stone and concrete.

### **LANDSCAPING**

You have scored well in this section. The great plethora of flower growing, hanging baskets and flower tubs add great colour to the village. The fountain area is most commendable and gives additional focus to this attractive area. You now need to finish this project and get the water flowing in the fountain. The treatment of the river opposite is good. You need to make more use of the river and perhaps consider a river side walk if this is feasible. The extra public lighting is effective and very acceptable underground.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The provision of nesting boxes throughout the village is praiseworthy. You might consider a wildlife survey of the area that would list the local species of birds etc. You should then progress to erecting an illustrated display board – this would generate increased interest in the Community.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The village was virtually litter free and great credit is due to all concerned. Litter bins seem adequate in numbers and the river was also litter free.

## **TIDINESS**

Your problems here relate to building materials being left around the village. Sand and gravel and a concrete mixer were very dominant beside the house opposite the fountain. The car park beside the post office is being used for repairing/maintaining cars, which causes untidiness. Your black spots with derelict houses and rusty corrugated roofs are obvious and need to be tackled to increase your marks.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Houses are well presented and some individuals have gone to great lengths in developing their gardens. New housing should be well landscaped as soon as feasible after construction.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The road structure and maintenance is very good and the approach roads in particular present a good introduction to the village. The fáilte/sláin signs are quite effective. You should contact Limerick County Council for two new village fáilte signs – these are prevalent in other villages in the county.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The village looked really well on adjudication day and you are really entering into the spirit of the competition. You need to protect the rural ethos of the village, so don't overkill the ornaton aspect. The tree planting, hedge development and shrubbery will continue to enhance the appearance of the village, so be careful not to overdo the stone wall development. Good luck for 2001.