

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	21	20
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	162	160

Streete, County Westmeath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Streete is welcome to the first Tidy Towns Competition of the third millennium. The village looked quite well on adjudication day. You make a reference in your application to your three year plan which was previously submitted. Details are not available for this adjudication, so it is difficult to assess your progress towards the implementation of your plan. It would be a good idea to submit a summary of your plan each year together with a statement of where you are now in its implementation.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The old church looks impressive and makes a strong statement at the southern entrance to the village. Has an appropriate use been found for it? Ideally it should be retained and refurbished to retain the integrity of the village. The new stone walls with the 'built in' seating is a most attractive development, no doubt the bedding plants will give welcome colour with the help of a little bit of sunshine. The stone wall along the right hand side of the road leading in to the village from the southern entrance should be refurbished. The 'Lounge Bar' sign on the pub could be cleaned. The colour scheme of the group of buildings, 'Dunnes' pub and the adjacent residential property is most attractive on entering the village from the northern approach, well done.

LANDSCAPING

Flower beds on their neatly maintained green areas have been noted and although not yet in bloom (as it is so early in the season for bedding plants), one can imagine the display of colour they will feature. Don't rely too much on bedding plants, continue planting a variety of native shrubs and trees.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The wild flower displays on approach roads brightened an otherwise dull day. The goal under this heading is to be aware of habitats in your area and to identify threats to these and to take appropriate conservation measures. There are obviously woodland and wetland habitats in Streete. Has some work been undertaken to identify these and to heighten awareness of the wildlife value of the village and its immediate hinterland? Perhaps an appropriate project might be the development of a signposted nature trail. Perhaps an access point could be developed to the river and a small amenity area featured on the river bank. Will the old building on the river bank be incorporated into your three year plan? This appears to have been an old mill.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is very good. Do inform us of your on-going litter activities / litter prevention programme.

TIDINESS

There appears to be a lot of work in progress in the village at the time of adjudication, stone walls and other works, so it is understandable that there are building materials in open storage. Take care that these are completely removed when all works have been completed. Do try to remove sprayed weeds as they look untidy when they are discoloured. As a general rule, verges inside of nameplates should be maintained neatly trimmed.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The terrace of cottages at the southern end of the village are a nice feature, perhaps a co-ordinated colour scheme could be adopted for them. Most town houses in the village look especially well. Some weather stained boundary walls at the top of the Edgeworthstown Road near the junction with the main street could be cleaned or painted. There are no major problems under this heading. It is good to note the consultations with the council engineers regarding house styles for Streete.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The old style nameplate on the southern entrance to the village should be refurbished and retained. The stone wall on this entrance leading up to the church should be cleared of its growth and refurbished.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Streete is one of a quiet rural village which is well maintained and which has a lot of potential for further appropriate development.