

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **STRAFFAN**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	29	26
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	25	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	207	200

STRAFFAN, CO KILDARE

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition of 2002 and thank you for your application. Our sympathy is conveyed to your committee member on their recent bereavement. Straffan is a lovely village and a charming rural ambiance has been created here. Well done to all on the Junior Tidy Towns Committee on your involvement and you appear to be doing an excellent job as on the last day of the European Open there is little or no litter to be seen. Keep up the good work.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Both Churches look extremely well – good luck with the lighting of the Catholic Church, as the effect is quite magnificent at the Church of Ireland. The boundary wall of the Straffan Inn is in need of cleaning or painting. The Litch Gate is a beautiful feature and was much admired. The architecture of the RIC barracks and Barberstown Castle was also admired. The shop beside the petrol station was well presented. The School looked very well but the boundary wall needs cleaning and/or painting.

LANDSCAPING

Your comments on keeping flowerbeds to a minimum have been noted. Tubs and baskets were admired across from the RIC barracks. The bed at the centre of the village and the street furniture are well presented.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Good luck with the opening of Parsons Walk and Cow Lane. Keep Tidy Towns informed each year of developments under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was very good on the day of adjudication. Well done. It is commendable that this is undertaken by yourselves and your Junior committee, with only the assistance once weekly of the road sweeper. You gained an extra mark for the presence of a Junior committee!

TIDINESS

There are no major problems under this heading. Ensure that all building materials are removed after building or restoration.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

You have done very well under this heading. All residences are presented to a very high standard.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Your comments regarding footpaths in Coarsemoore have been noted. The approach road from the K-Club looks magnificent on the left hand side. However on the right hand side adjacent to the petrol station needs some attention. The road down to the Steam Museum needs resurfing & verges need to be maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression of Straffan is very favourable. It was a pleasure to adjudicate. The best thing however was to note the presence of a Junior committee. This is the first time an adjudicator has come across this. Congratulations to all on both committees.