

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Straffan**

Ref: **670**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **213**

Category: **B**

Date: **28/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	34	29
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	8	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>207</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission that included your long-term plan, a map of the village and a copy of the Village Renewal Plan. The latter is very impressive and the results are awaited. Your submission did not include a schedule of work completed during the year. This schedule is very important and it will allow you to monitor your progress and achievements on a regular basis. In addition the schedule helps the adjudication process.

The Tidy Towns Group is extremely strong and it is good to see the continuing input from the junior group.

### The Built Environment:

Straffan is a 'Picturesque' type village, laid out as would be expected on an asymmetric street plan. The fabric consists of stone houses and public buildings all built in an antique form, as well as delightful stone boundary walls.

### Landscaping:

The landscaping of the village is excellent particularly the way the old and new fabric of the village seems to pivot around the delightful green. The flower beds and other planting around the village add to and compliment the 'Picturesque' atmosphere. The Parson's Walk and Cow Lane projects have yet to materialise. These should add further to the village.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

As previously noted, the proposed developments at Parson's Walk and Cow Lane should present the opportunity to initiate a wildlife project.

### **Litter Control:**

As was previously the case, litter control in the village was excellent – this was on the day of the Golf Tournament. The only litter noted was a small scattering near the school. Again, as previously mentioned, the contribution and activity of the junior group is commended.

### **Tidiness:**

The village was outstanding in terms of tidiness.

### **Residential Areas:**

The housing around the village is excellent, very well presented with attractive gardens.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The approach roads are most attractive and inviting and consist of grass verges, stone walls, trees, and well managed landscape – all excellently managed. No doubt the village roads and paths will be upgraded as part of the proposed village renewal.

### **General Impression:**

The tidy towns groups (Senior and Junior) and the community have continued to keep up the high standard of previous years. Clearly there is a very high appreciation of the village from within the community. The visit was an enjoyable one.