

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Streamstown**

Ref: **594**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **127**

Category: **A**

Date: **05/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	18	18
The Built Environment	40	18	18
Landscaping	40	18	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	9	9
Litter Control	40	20	20
Tidiness	20	9	9
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	13	13
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>127</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Streamstown is a relatively new entrant to the Tidy Towns and it is gratifying to read that you have a very representative committee of 15. Your 5 year plan is eagerly awaited as there is much you can achieve when the various objectives are identified and put into a time framework for completion.

### The Built Environment:

Centrepiece to the village is the large beech tree at the cross roads. The Post Office looks well and is freshly painted. The Beech Tree Pub could be freshened and perhaps dressed with hanging baskets. The derelict buildings at the cross roads remain a problem. The School and Streamstown/Horseleap Community Centre which are some way from the village looked well presented.

### Landscaping:

The walls of the handball alley need screening. No work has been done to the verges, but on the corners of the cross roads there are two grassed areas with new saplings planted. A feature could be made of the old water pump which sits on a bare concrete pad, beside which there is loose shale and weed in the road surfacing.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Streamstown offers excellent hedging and grassland habitat for wildlife development.

## **Litter Control:**

There was no litter on the roadways, but there were beer barrels thrown into field beside the cross roads.

## **Tidiness:**

There are 4 unit re-cycling bins placed beside the handball alley. At the beech tree corner, the remains of the petrol pump stand and sign post still remain and should be removed.

## **Residential Areas:**

Most of the surrounding residential houses are mature and well presented with attractive gardens. There is also some new housing being built which augurs well for Streamstown's future.

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

The approach from the Kilbeggan road has not been maintained. There is a lot of weed and no verge cutting has taken place. On the left a wall has been rebuilt and looks quite well. The approach from the Rosemount road is quite nice. Verges here have been attended to, and some new trees planted.

## **General Impression:**

As indicated earlier Streamstown is really only embarking on its journey in the Tidy Towns Competition. It will take time to see the results of your efforts and the sooner the 5 year plan is put into action the better will be the presentation of the village.