

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Streete**

Ref: **439**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **192**

Category: **A**

Date: **22/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	192	188

Overall Developmental Approach:

Many thanks for you completed application and map. While some good detail was given in the application form, a plan is really needed to focus the development of the village and, indeed, its interesting links.

The Built Environment:

Most of the built environment was in excellent condition and tastefully restored or maintained. The National School on the Rathowen road needs some attention as does the Midland Health Board building which looks very run down. Fiddlers Green in the centre of the village looked very well but the yard area needs to be tidied up or screened.

Landscaping:

The restoration of the lovely stone walls looks wonderful, as do the highly coloured flowerbeds that decorate it sporadically. Well done! Hopefully the owner's cooperation will be attained to allow the completion of this project, as it will greatly enhance the village. The landscaping at the front of the estate cottages is highly commendable; a lot of local pride in evidence. Weeds had recently been sprayed in several areas; dead sprayed weeds should be removed as quickly as possible otherwise they look unsightly. There was a large area of trees being cleared on the day of inspection - is this

to be the area for the Parish Park?

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The adjudicator did not locate the wildlife reserve on day of visit; it was not on the map submitted - is it signposted? Good to see it is apparently open to visitors and also to learn that composting is being investigated. This should be done in conjunction with the local authority. Again a development plan or a page of objectives would be useful to gain valuable marks in this area.

Litter Control:

Excellent litter control in village centre - no evidence of litter on day of inspection. The recycling area was unfortunately a disaster with a plethora of dumped bags.

Tidiness:

The village looks very tidy overall - apart from a few trouble spots and obvious restoration/construction issue, which have been allowed for.

Residential Areas:

All residential areas are well maintained and landscaped. The estate cottages are particularly attractive. Local pride is evidently high throughout. Well done to all!

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The residential areas on the Edgewardstown approach road are highly sculpted and make for an interesting arrival into the village. The National School on this road, however was very disappointing and a great pity. All approach roads were nicely cut back and gave an impression of tidiness on arrival.

General Impression:

Streete has a lovely natural woodland setting. It is an attractive rural village that has the potential to do very well in the coming years. Well done and continued good work!