

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Streamstown**

Ref: **418**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **129**

Category: **A**

Date: **20/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20	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
TOTAL MARK	300	129	127

Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator would like to thank the Streamstown Development Association for their application form which includes map, a very interesting village renewal programme which sets out the objectives for the village for 2005-2008. This is a very challenging time for the Committee and we look forward to the recommendations being carried out as outlined in this report. The adjudicator suggests that the Committee submit a yearly report of what you manage to achieve in each of these years. Good luck.

The Built Environment:

This village is centred around a crossroads with a number of buildings. This could be a very picturesque village and has loads of potential. While it is evident by virtue of the fact that you commissioned the above plan, that this is a very committed group, unfortunately little progress has taken place since last year. If the Committee feel they need guidance with the Plan they should contact their regional tourism officer who will be able to assist them

Landscaping:

It is not evident from the information provided in the application form what planting, if any, was carried out during the year. This information needs to be provided for the adjudicator on a yearly

basis so that the Committee does not lose valuable marks. The village pump could be a nice feature if painted and flowers planted. The stone flowerbed/ shrubbery in front of ball alley is overgrown with weeds.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

While the hedgerows provides natural wildlife habitat together with the beautiful mature trees near the village, you should consult your report on how to progress further in this category. It is also recommended that you contact Enfo and refer to some of the publications they produce on wildlife conservation, Tel: 01/8883910. The amenity area some way out on the Rosemount road would look very well if the grass was neatly cut.

Litter Control:

While there is a noticeable absence of litter bins there was little litter in evidence on the day of inspection, with the exception of the area around the recycling bins which was strewn with rubbish.

Tidiness:

Streamstown still retains an untidy appearance. Hedges and grassed areas need attention. The Beech Tree Pub needs to be painted. The remains of a petrol pump still stands in the village square. The beds adjacent was full of weeds.

Residential Areas:

Some of the houses leading to the village are well maintained while others detract from this overall appearance. The Committee should contact the community in general seeking cooperation as it is in everyone's interest to have a clean and tidy village.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

All approach roads could be improved upon. Stone walls could be shown off to better advantage if cleaned up. Hedges need to be trimmed back and verges tidied up.

General Impression:

This village has huge potential to progress in the competition and the adjudicator was disappointed to note that very little, if any, progress was made since last year. It is not the intention of the adjudicator to discourage but rather to encourage the committee in their endeavours. As stated your local tourism officer may be able to assist you.

Second Round Adjudication: