

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Streete**

Ref: **298**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **194**

Category: **A**

Date: **21/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	194	192

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your application form and Village Design Statement. Your submission, however, should have included a schedule of work completed for the year and a brief three-to-five year Development Plan. This plan will help you identify what can be done to improve the village over the next few years (as outlined in the Village Design Statement) and the resources you will require. In addition, the works-completed schedule will allow you to monitor your achievements on a regular basis.

The Streete Tidy Towns committee is strong in numbers and works in cooperation with local community groups, the local authority and other agencies.

The Built Environment:

The Estate workers cottages mirror Streete's identity. They are well maintained, tidy and very well presented. The pride of the owners of these cottages is strongly evident, as is community pride in Streete. The Community Centre is a huge accomplishment for the community, it is well built and maintained and deserves every praise. The old barracks, which currently houses the village shop is a lovely building, and credit is due to the shop owners for maintaining the original façade. The Mill is an outstanding structure, and the adjudicator was fascinated to note the old cog-wheels still present on it's side. It was also noted that the agricultural yard across from The Mill had two old millstones

there. Is it possible that this signifies some restoration work on The Mill itself? St. Mary's Church has been wonderfully restored, and it is with anticipation we await the new door on the stable. Possibly worth suggestion here would be a new gate? It was disappointing to note the state of disrepair that both the National School and Midland Health Board building, along with their grounds, have fallen into.

Landscaping:

The natural archway created by the Beech Trees on the Rathowen Road accentuates the entrance to the village. This, coupled with the magnificent restoration of the stone walls paves the way to a well-kept village. On the day of inspection, the village was bedecked with flowers. Well done to all concerned!

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

It is important for Streete to focus on this category as valuable marks can be gained here.

Litter Control:

Whatever measures are in place in Streete, though unclear on the entry form, seem to be having the desired effect. Streete was relatively litter free on the day of inspection and the recycling area was very tidy.

Tidiness:

In general a tidy village, a little weeding control measures could be taken, and one wonders if it is possible to screen off the rather untidy storage yard at the village pub.

Residential Areas:

Almost without exception, houses and gardens were very well maintained throughout the village. Keep up the good work!

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Some verges are in need of a little trimming. Flowers on approach roads provide a colourful welcome, as do the trees and stone wall. The new footpath looks well, and the hedges in the village are neatly maintained.

General Impression:

The hard work carried by the Streete Tidy Towns Committee is clearly evident. Community spirit is obviously strong. These are the necessary ingredients in order to create a well-kept, scenic and tidy home. Well done to Streete!

Second Round Adjudication: