

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **STROKESTOWN**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	21	20
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	15
Litter Control	40	22	21
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	19
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	161	158

Strokestown, Co Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your entry form and map. You should try to prepare a simple plan showing proposed development over the next 3/5 years and submit it with next year's entry. It is good to know that you are working with the Local Authority, FAS and the ESB.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There is some improvement in the Square area and the new Percy French monument and completed roundabout look good. What a pity not all the houses in the Square could be persuaded to make an effort as this area has great potential. The trees and shrubs planted there look good but there is no improvement by Connolly's and the Telecom residue is still outside the Strokestown Park gates. The old hotel in the Square is a continuing eyesore but it is good to see that the old Percy French Hotel building on the Longford Road has been painted. Some houses on Bridge Street have been improved and there is more evidence there of hanging baskets and flower displays. Lisryan House is still derelict and the old Esso Garage, while now operating as a tyre depot, is still very unsightly. It was good to see that one vacant site is seeking planning permission for a resource centre and, hopefully, if this is granted there should be an improvement there. Londis Supermarket looks good but the advertising signs on the pavement are unsightly and dangerous for elderly/handicapped people and should be removed.

LANDSCAPING

More evidence of this but the town could do with a lot more to brighten it up. The triangle at the football pitch now looks well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Heritage Centre and Strokestown House are a great asset to the town and continue to be very well maintained but seats outside restaurant could do with some attention. Lisnuffy Cemetary is 3 miles from town, there is one signpost from the Longford Road to it but after that it is quite difficult to find. It is nice to know that a FAS project is happening but difficult to assess work there. The lake sign on the Drumsna road should have the distance shown on it as apparently it is 3/4 miles from the town. The Bully's Alley Famine Graveyard proved very difficult to find and when found was a great

disappointment as it was completely unaccessible. The vegetation there had grown to 3/4 ft and there were no direction signs to it. In this case it was probably as well it was not signposted as there was really nothing to see. On the credit side one house near the Famine Graveyard has a lovely flower display and the owner should be congratulated. The sign to Dun Maeve is still in evidence near the Heritage Centre. This apparently refers to a Resource Centre but this should be made clear on the sign and the sign itself improved.

LITTER CONTROL

Some litter in Square by old hotel and some other evidence around the town but generally quite good. The new Litter Warden should be of great benefit and the placing of notices on litter in all the local bulletins seems a good idea.

TIDINESS

Telecom residue should be removed and side accesses to houses should be kept clean and weed free. A lot business premises and houses still need attention. A number are making a big effort and these should be congratulated and, hopefully, the others will be persuaded to improve. Old trailer and poorly maintained hut still adjacent to bottle bank. Brogan's looks a lot better and they should be commended for this.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

New houses by Heritage Centre looks good, hopefully these will be landscaped in time. More houses overall seem to be making an effort but more encouragement is needed. Killdalogue Heights looks good and is very clean - well done residents !

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

As mentioned in last year's Adjudicator's report you should consider a unified approach to painting the buildings in the town area and a unified approach to maintaining all buildings could do a lot. The Square has great potential and could be a very attractive feature if properly managed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Strokestown has great potential. Keep up the good work on seeking and maintaining improvements.