

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	13
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	165	161

Strokestown, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to Tidy Towns 2000. It is good to see that there has been progress with some of the derelict properties and that new housing developments are nearing completion. With regard to a future plan it would be most beneficial to focus on certain weaknesses.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

It is good to see that work has started on the old hotel and the three houses further up the Square finishes that end off nicely. There are a number of houses in the town which need to be painted and still many derelict buildings and sites. I noted that the Esso Garage is for sale. Hopefully this will lead to some improvement. The plans to restore the original slip garden and ancillaries will enhance this product greatly.

LANDSCAPING

The trees in the Square look good and I noted the work taking place on the riverbank. However the slipway is covered in grass and weeds. The grass verges on the Elphin and Dublin roads, the flower beds and the grotto area look good.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The wooded area leading up to the fire station road is a haven for wildlife. Also the development of the river and Strokestown Park House areas leave plenty of scope for improvement. A notice board or signs outlining the various species common to your area would be useful. Last year's report also drew attention to many other amenities that have the potential to be developed further.

LITTER CONTROL

There was evidence of litter around the convent entrance, along the Elphin Road and around IL BAGGIO. The car park behind the Percy French Hotel had a lot of litter and was very untidy. Some of the litter bins need to be re-painted.

TIDINESS

There are still a lot of plastic signs and canopies particularly on Elphin St. Grass verges need attention and watch out for weeds at the edges of kerbs and boundary walls and

side entrances. There was some rubble and scrap iron in Strokestown Park House Car Park.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A great effort is being made by some residents - nice lawns, flower beds and hanging baskets. There are a number of lawns and driveways to be completed at the new houses. Some garden gates need to be re-painted. There is an uncut lawn which stands out for all the wrong reasons.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

There are a number of business premises in the town which look well now. The stone work on Quinns is nice but don't forget to do something with the back walls. There is some footpath damage in this area also and re-surfacing is needed near the new houses on the Square and at the Convent. Try to encourage the owners, if known, of derelict buildings and undeveloped sites to clean them up. Such neglect is very unfair to the people who are trying so hard.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Strokestown has improved greatly in recent years. Try to get some more of the dull buildings painted.