

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	25
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>165</b>

## **Strokestown, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your completed entry, and welcome to Tidy Towns 2001. There are various new housing developments and I suggest to you to seek the new residents to have pride in there area, and maybe join your hard working team. There are numerous derelict houses and ones in need of painting, maybe an overall colour scheme could be developed. I note your comments re the road around by the Fire Station. Strokestown Park House is the jewel in Strokestown, it is beautifully landscaped and well maintained.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Percy French Hotel renovations are now complete and it looks very well, as those the Health Centre. The beds in the Church yard need attention, some weeding has taken place is bed to the back but front one requires attention as does railing. The School is maintained however the grass verges entering Dun Meave need tidying. The entrance to the GAA Grounds is nice, but gates on either side are in need of painting. Railing at entrance to Strokestown Park House also require painting. The stone wall on left would be further enhanced if grass verge was cut. There are a number of premises which stand out for all the wrong reasons e.g. Esso Garage.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The Bed at the GAA pitch looks well. Flower beds at Carrick-on-Shannon/Elphin Road Junction are lovely. The new housing development on Elphin St. freshly planted, area will look well when housing development opposite is completed. The housing development on Bridge St., requires weeding at entrance. New residents are making an effort with flower pots. The Grotto area had the grass just cut and looks well, seating here needs painting and one of the flower pots is broken. Bed at Maxol Station requires weeding. Round-about grass cut, but edges need attention.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

I note your plans to develop the river area, this is a very worthwhile project and would greatly enhance the area. The slipway has grass and weeds which should be the first step, while awaiting funding to proceed with the river bank etc.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was evidence of litter around the bridge / river area, and also on Church Street.

### **TIDINESS**

There is room for improvement in this area. Try to replace plastic signs with original ones. Be conscious of weed and grass at edges of kerbs. Encourage owners of derelict sites to tidy them up.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

There are number of lawns to be completed at new housing estate at Bridge St., at lot of weeds at entrance, but residents that have moved in are making the effort. Housing estate Elphin St., freshly planted. On the whole a great effort is being made by many residents, however many more need encouragement.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Approach roads require grass verges to be cut. Encourage the owners of derelict buildings and undeveloped sites to tidy them up.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Strokestown is a town with great potential. It will take time to fully realise that potential. I would advise you to draw up a 3 – 5 year plan, clearly setting out priorities. Your committee has achieved much to date. Well done and keep up the good work.