

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	24	23
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	20
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	171	168

Strokestown , County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed entry form. You have a very small committee for the size of your town. If you are to succeed in this competition I suggest that you try to form a bigger committee. Perhaps break it into sub groups giving each sub committee responsibility for different projects. I would also suggest that you draw up a five year development plan that you can work to. Strokestown is a lovely town with much potential. There is a lot of help and advice out there that you can tap into. Don't leave all of the work to just four people; remember it is your town and everybody should get involved.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

I would suggest that the school walls gets a fresh coat of paint. I see that the Esso garage is for leasing. I hope something happens here soon as it is a bit of an eyesore. Most of the business premises are well maintained, but as always there are some that require immediate attention, Also more use could be made of hanging baskets and flower pots as they can add a great splash of colour to a town. There is also a problem with derelict buildings and I can sympathise with you here, this is an ongoing problem in rural areas. The graveyard is overgrown and requires attention.

LANDSCAPING

Strokestown Park is such a wonderful amenity to have on your doorstep and this whole area is a credit to all concerned, I am sure that it is enjoyed both by residents and visitors to the area. The housing development at the school area should be very nice when completed and I hope that the open spaces surrounding it will be landscaped. The flower beds at the base of the trees throughout the town looks lovely, there were however, one or two of them that was a little overgrown.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

I am sure that there is an abundance of wildlife in this area. Identify the wildlife habitats of your catchment area and see what species of animals, birds and fish these attract. I always think that this is a good way to involve the children.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is quite good for a town of this size. There was plenty of litter bins available. Again a great idea to involve the schools here.

TIDINESS

The grass area at the monument in the town was a little overgrown. Kerbsides and grass verges are well maintained.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the houses in the town and on the approach roads look good. A good individual effort here. It is nice to see people taking pride in their own homes. There were some very nice well manicured gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Once again the approach roads are well maintained with the uniformed welcome sign on all roads. It would be great if the problem with the derelict houses could be overcome, but I note from your entry form that you are trying to tackle this problem.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

On adjudication day Strokestown looked very nice and welcoming. As stated above it is a town with much potential, but more people must get involved. I think that the committee to-date have achieved much, and you are to be commended for this. Thank you for entering the competition. I enjoyed my visit to Strokestown. Keep up the good work.