

## **Straide Pride of Place 2019**

Straide community has been selected to represent Mayo in the national title of *Pride of Place 2019* competition. Straide competes with other communities of the same size (i.e. of populations less than 1,000) from each of the other 31 counties.

*Pride of Place* is all about the pride a community has in itself. It is a very different competition to *Tidy Towns*. The judges will visit Straide on the morning of July 9<sup>th</sup> and will be particularly interested in the following:

- The level of involvement by individuals and community groups.
- Evidence of community involvement in providing for youth, people with disabilities, minorities and the elderly.
- Active involvement with local agencies, local council and local business.
- Evidence of innovation.
- Engagement of residents / business in caring for the built and natural environment.
- Sustainability and long term benefits.
- Preservation of the culture of the area.
- Linkages with neighbouring communities.

Please keep the judging date of July 9<sup>th</sup> free, as there will be a community get-together that morning. Pride of Place is our opportunity to showcase what a vibrant a community we are! We are a very active community. The many groups and organisations in Straide have been very busy over the years. We have plenty of reasons to be proud.

In this competition, the community is asked to prepare a 20 minute presentation for the judges. Previous winners have approached this in a variety of ways, including a 20 minute video highlighting the great work and successes of community groups, businesses and individuals in the area. It will be exciting to prepare Straide's presentation. No doubt it will help us value, even more, our people, our achievements, our way of life and why we are so proud of Straide.

Do you have any special moment, or memory of what Straide means to you or what about Straide makes you proud? We would love to hear from you.

Planning Meetings, in advance of judging, take place every Wednesday at 8.00 pm in the Davitt Museum. All are welcome and are encouraged to come along. All local groups and businesses should be represented, along with any interested individuals who are not members of any group or organisation.

The winners of Pride of Place, in each category, will be announced on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at a Presentation Function in Kilkenny.

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