

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DROMBANE**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14
Landscaping	40	24
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	21
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	163

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The information and map received with the entry form was useful, especially in defining the village boundaries - the County Council should be approached to provide proper village signs. Drombane is a small rural village that fits pleasantly into the surrounding countryside. The efforts of the village development group and individual contributions has resulted in a neat, tidy and most attractive village. The development group is obviously working to an overall plan in their annual work programmes.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As mentioned in the entry form, the central features of the village are the river, the bridge and the carpark - some planting or landscaping along the perimeter of this latter space might be worthwhile considering - possibly in conjunction with the Local Authority or FAS. There is potential for greater nature conservation in the village. A good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats of your catchment area and see what species of animals, birds and fish these attract. Look to your local environmental experts and groups to get involved.

LANDSCAPING

The timber fencing and the roadside areas being cleared and grassed were noted, as was the stone walling. With regard to landscaping generally the point made above regarding the carpark might be taken on board for future work programmes. The flower baskets and tubs gave a pleasant, colourful aspect and must be commended.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Parish Church, the most prominent building in the village, is very attractive and the grounds very well maintained - the grotto, the mission monument, the memorials to Canon English & Rev. J. Corcoran, the store and toilet block are all very well maintained and presented. The Post Office, the hall opposite and Dunnes shop are most attractive. Ryans lounge bar is another prominent building in the village which could, however, look much better if re-painted. The roadside pump at the bottom of Castlehill could be a nice additional feature if developed.

LITTER CONTROL

There was little or no litter around the village on the day of adjudication - obviously the litter bins provided are getting the message across. There was, however, plastic bags and other debris in the river just out the road a little which should be removed - if allowed to accumulate this could quickly deteriorate and spoil all the effort that went into developing the river and bridge area in 1995.

TIDINESS

The overall appearance of the village was neat and tidy and this was reflected in the appearance of property throughout the village and buildings mentioned above.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses in the village, though few, are all making their own contribution to the overall good appearance of Drombane. Again the large house at the carpark, the cottage across the river on the corner, the shop and post office premises, opposite the Church and (although at some distance) the large premises at Patsys Cross have made an effort and are to be commended.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The improvements along the approach road from Patsys Cross were noted. Perhaps when the grassing

has been completed, some broad leaf trees could be planted in these areas and possibly along the timber fencing. The sides of the Rossmore Road and Castlehill are somewhat overgrown but too much cutting back, other than what are clearly weeds etc., would spoil the naturalness of these areas and the very rural nature of the location of the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Drombane is a pleasant rural village that is neat, tidy and attractive. Too much prettyfying would spoil this. The village development group and the community should continue with what they are doing to improve the overall appearance of the place but not to go overboard. Concentrate on planting, landscaping, stone walls, appearance of houses and buildings, litter control and the village will continue to be attractive not only for those living there but visitors passing through or hopefully stopping.