

Tidy Towns 1997

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DROMAHAIR**  
County : **LEITRIM**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>186</b>

## Dromahair, Co. Leitrim

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The overall progress of Dromahair in the National Tidy Towns Competition has been slow but sure. It is nice to see that you are receiving support from the community by way of your weekly draw. FAS are also giving you excellent support as well as your Local Authority. The IFI funding must be most helpful and will be of great help to the further development of the town if it continues. Your short 3-5 year plan identifies most of the current problems. However, there are still some areas which will also require attention in due course. Thanks are due to the Committee for returning the questionnaire and map which were helpful.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Abbey is a fine building but the porch, as mentioned in last year's report, does not fit in with the current ambience of the building. Also the sign needs repairing. The Catholic Church is another fine building helped by the removal of services underground and the new pavements. The Breffni Centre Hall looks well; it was nicely painted and had flower tubs and hanging baskets. Stanford's Inn was lovely. G. Clarke's as last year, with its clean forecourt looks well. The Craft and Sweater Shop were presented to a very high standard. The Breffni Cottages Development is worthy of comment, particularly on the approach from Drumkeerin. The Church of Ireland with nice flower beds was also well presented. The National School on the Drumlease Road has nice grounds and a good boundary, which will shortly need to be freshened up. The River Walk Hostel needs repainting. The stone wall here is lovely; however, the surrounds of the hostel are very untidy. The Maxol Garage leaves a lot to be desired and we look forward to the re-development of the house on the hill opposite Breffni Cottages and the re-development at Drumlease junction. The remaining plastic signs in the Village should be replaced by traditional ones. The Post Office looked well. The completion of the work on the Depot will be a great asset.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaping, particularly on the Drumkeerin approach, is outstanding. The adjudicator noted a lovely flower bed with well maintained chain link fencing, complemented by a nice green area with treeplanting on the approach road itself, and the excellent garden opposite the garage. The floral display, stone walls and beautiful painted water pump on the Line is excellent, but is marred somewhat by the weedy area surrounding it and dumping. The display of flower tubs, hanging baskets and window boxes throughout the village is a fine example of community endeavour in

support of the Tidy Towns Committee (well done). There is a green area on the Sligo junction which should receive more attention and development. Bear in mind last year's adjudicator's remarks regarding trees and treeplanting.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There are numerous wildlife habitats in and around Dromahair. The River Bonet is one that springs immediately to mind. Although nothing specific is mentioned in your Plan it is suggested that the Committee should consult with local environmental experts to seek advice as to what should be done in this regard.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was little litter to be seen in Dromahair apart from areas on the Drumlease and Drumkeerin approaches. It is very important that litter is constantly monitored so that it does not become a problem.

### **TIDINESS**

The Village looked reasonably tidy on adjudication day. The new painting and removal of services underground has helped the appearance of the Village considerably. It is hoped that this scheme will be continued to cover the entire Village. The McKenna monument is lovely; however, it is still marred by the dumped cars. Remember this is on the Main Street. The Council yard on the Drumlease Road looks terrible and should be screened. It is a pity that some restoration work is not done on the abandoned cottages near the Depot Building. The back line has some poor sheds on display.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Many of the private houses on the approach to the Village are extremely well presented. Some of the houses on the main street are praiseworthy. In particular, the Presbytery and grounds and the purple house in the town centre with its stone wall and well maintained shrubbery and flower beds were noted. The terrace of houses opposite the Spar Supermarket was beautiful. Woodlands Ave. also looked well; however, the housing estate off Drumlease Road is mixed with some houses setting high standards while others are poor.

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

Most of the approach roads to the village are well presented with nice verges and trimmed hedgerows. The road surface at Woodlands Ave. is poor. The Line looked well and full marks to the Breffni Centre which has cleaned up the car park and planted flowers. The verges on the Manorhamilton approach needed trimming. Some minor approach roads also needed their verges trimmed.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A good effort by Dromahair again this year. Keep to your plan and hopefully you can reach your full potential in the near future. Well done.