

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DROMOD**
County : **LEITRIM**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 25-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	34
The Built Environment	40	33	31
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	20
Litter Control	40	35	34
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	33	32
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	238	228

Dromod, County Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The Dromod Development Plan (1997-2000) prepared by the Tidy Towns Committee is a very interesting document with two particularly ambitious projects for years 3 and 4, namely the upgrading of services and traffic calming in year 4 - both very necessary and vital to the well being of the citizens of Dromod and in particular to the Tidy Towns Committee who are anxious for their picturesque village to achieve the highest honour that the competition can bestow. Time does not stand still and hopefully bouquets will come Dromod's way before the average age of the Committee becomes unmentionable. Seriously, the entire plan is reasoned and thoughtful and we wish Dromod and The Tidy Towns Committee well. Thanks are due to the Secretary for returning the questionnaire and map.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There are some excellent presentations of buildings in Dromod. Jimmy's is really outstanding. The Convenience building at the Marina is a nicely designed cut stone building and it blends in completely with the ambience of the area. The Credit Union looked well. O'Connor's Newsagency with its traditional signs and window boxes is also worthy of comment. The Post Office as last year was admirable and the Railway Bar looked very colourful with its hanging baskets. The Antique Shop, in spite of the tidy up mentioned in your report, still appears to be untidy. Most of the rusty hay shed opposite the Breffni Inn has gone. However, the remains of the building need attention. The Railway Station has some nice stone buildings and was reasonably well presented. The northern environs of the station need attention. There is an untidy corrugated shed opposite the station which detracts from the area. The Cavan/Leitrim Railway Station was well presented. Keep up the good work in this area. The front entrance with its shrubbery beds is marred somewhat by the untidy grass area behind the gate. The two houses opposite the harbour road still look drab. The Garda Station has a venerable appearance and is well presented.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping of the Water Sculpture on the Mohill junction is lovely. A beautiful sea of colour with lovely stone walls, blue seats, link fencing, water fountain and new paving. The car park on the harbour road is beautifully presented and the Marina with its planting, stone walls and new convenience building is excellent. Good efforts by the Committee are noted at the GAA Park and the Railway Station. The floral display throughout the village area is a credit to all concerned.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is noted that the Committee under their development plan will be providing two Wildlife Sanctuaries. The first of these near the Railway Bridge on the Mohill Road and the second on the River Shannon at the Harbour. These should be of interest to the many cruising visitors who come to Dromod.

LITTER CONTROL

The litter bins throughout the village are well designed and easy to see. No real litter was visible in Dromod on Adjudication Day. Well Done.

TIDINESS

Dromod is a very tidy village with some exceptions. The amount of fly posting advertising a circus on telegraph poles throughout the village was surprising. It certainly detracts from the overall appearance of the village. Some of last year's remarks still pertain.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In general, the overall presentation of houses in Dromod is of a very high standard. The number of stone walls, manicured green lawns, colourful floral displays, brightly painted houses, boundary walls and lovely tree planting takes the breath away. The yellow bungalow on the left as you approach the main road from the harbour has beautiful gardens and a magnificently presented water pump. The houses opposite the new car park are also worthy of comment. Well Done to all concerned. The house on the left of the Dublin approach is still untidy. Warren Lodge, as last year, was extremely well presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads to Dromod were all presented to a very high standard. The Sligo and Dublin approaches are extremely well maintained. The Mohill approach has been improved considerably due to the landscaping carried out by the Committee at the GAA Park. As last year the Harbour Road is excellent with its planting, stone work and pavement. The entrance to Aughey House was, as last year, extremely well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Dromod Tidy Towns Committee have produced a fine Development Plan for the Village. Most of the community are solidly behind the plan and fully intend to achieve its objectives. Great community effort. Well Done.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (9/8/97)

The urban improvements to the village in recent years make for a most pleasant visit and provides the much needed sense of centre to the village, as there are diverse areas such as the marina and the sports field which require

linkage to connect the dispersed facilities. The Committee must be complimented on getting this work carried out the most spectacular fountain. The flower plantings provide a wonderful sense of colour but perhaps more permanent plants would integrate the park more fully with the surrounding countryside. The fuchsia at the Warren Lodge provides wonderful colour, which could be extended into new plantings. There is a fine alley of mature ash trees on one of the entry roads into the village. This should be integrated with the centre of the village and the current maintenance programme of trimming the entry hedges should possibly leave some of these latent ashes to grow up through the hedge, so as to extend this feature in the village. There are a lot of small trees in the village; perhaps new plantings will use trees that get larger as they mature. The report submitted should identify the various property owners on the map, as the adjudicator does not have such local knowledge of property owners. The village has become a most desirable spot to visit whether on boat or by car and has a very welcoming environment in which to walk through.