

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DRUMKEERIN**  
County : **LEITRIM**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	23
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	9	9
Residential Areas	30	16	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	5	4
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>156</b>

## **Drumkeerin, Co. Leitrim**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The Tidy Towns Competition does not appear to be a high priority for many of the residents of Drumkeerin. The village has a pleasant appearance with a nice streetscape and some good approach roads with excellent road surfaces and stone walls. Improvements have taken place over the years; however, as stated in your report, these have taken place on an ad hoc basis. There is no real co-operation between the Tidy Towns Committee and the citizens of Drumkeerin. Everybody appears to do their own thing or not do anything at all. Leitrim County Council, FAS and the Committee appear to have a good relationship and these organisations are responsible for the improvements that have been carried out. Thanks is due to the committee for returning the questionnaire and map. This adjudicator found these most helpful.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Most of the public buildings are well presented. The R.C. Church grounds and graveyard are well maintained. Lough Allen College also looks well, with lovely gardens, flower beds, shrub beds and excellent wooden fences. The community centre and the Resource Centre on the Manorhamilton Road are also worthy of comment with the lovely stonework, floral displays and unique design. The courthouse looked well. As noted last year, the Church of Ireland grass needs cutting. Davit's Lounge has some nice hanging baskets and O'Miochan's has very attractive and well maintained flower boxes. Forde's, Clarke's and Dolan's are also worthy of comment. There are too many stickers in Dolan's window which take from the shopfront. The B & B in the main street has a colourful appearance, with lovely window boxes and hanging baskets. The restored cottage beside the Courthouse is reasonably well presented (well done). However, the houses on the back lane here are most unsightly.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaping and treeplanting on the Carrick Road is excellent. The green area on the left was rather untidy. While the grass had been cut, much of the grass had not been removed. There were some nice shrub beds and flower beds on the Manorhamilton Road and some nice treeplanting as well on the Dowra Road. A lovely green area on the Carrick Road was noted opposite the Courthouse with shrubs and rose beds. The remarks of last year's report are still relevant, particularly in relation to corners. Some of the houses on the main street have made a serious effort to improve the area with hanging baskets, flower boxes and flower tubs. Others could do likewise.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This is a new concept in the Tidy Towns Competition which was introduced last year. There are very many areas in and around the Village which could be developed as wildlife habitats and highlight the flora and fauna of Drumkeerin. If you need help in this regard why not invite your local environmental expert to become involved and provide you with the advice you require.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

The main street was relatively free of litter. However, the same could not be said of some of the approach roads. Plenty of litter was seen on the Dowra approach. Some litter was dumped at the national school and more was noticed on the Drumshanbo and Manorhamilton approaches. Some of the litter bins in housing estates should be replaced.

## **TIDINESS**

Last year's remarks regarding presentation under this heading still apply. The cars on display on the Dowra road, the condition of the ball alley (remarks noted in your report) and the unsightly area on the left speak for themselves. Beer kegs and gas cylinders are prominently displayed on the top end of the main street; this practice should cease. Some buildings in this vicinity should be freshened up. The derelict site on the Carrick approach still needs attention. Dereliction and untidy green areas seem to be the norm. Over to you Drumkeerin.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Many of the houses on the approach roads are well presented, with nice gardens, floral displays and boundary walls. The estate on the left as you approach the Church of Ireland car park is in a very poor condition. An abandoned car is plain for all to see. The estate on right is reasonably well presented; however, grass cuttings should be removed. The new houses on the Dowra Road are commendable.

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

The main approach road looked well. The Carrick approach with its nice picnic area is splendid. The Manorhamilton approach has nicely trimmed verges which show off the lovely stone wall and the major developments which have taken place here. The Dowra approach has a lovely new surface and treeplanting. Many of the minor approaches are poorly presented.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

More co-ordinated community involvement is required. Now that your Plan is produced, get everyone involved in making Drumkeerin a better place to live. Good Luck and

keep up the good work.