

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DRUMSNA**  
County : **LEITRIM**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	25
The Built Environment	40	18	17
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	12
Litter Control	40	19	20
Tidiness	20	8	8
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	19
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>153</b>

## **Drumsna, Co. Leitrim**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Your overall development plan is very well thought out and it is good to note that most of the residents of Drumsna participated in the drawing up of the plan. As stated in your plan, improvements will be necessary if Drumsna is to achieve its full potential in the Tidy Towns Competition. Thanks are due to the Committee for returning the questionnaire and the map.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The streetscape of Drumsna, notably Main Street and Quay Street, are lovely. The houses in the vicinity of the bridge are extremely well presented and apart from the dereliction in Quay Street most of the remaining houses are a credit to all concerned. The Church and grounds are extremely well presented. However, the building will require some freshening up in the future. Traditional Signs at the Post Office and Duignan's are worthy of comment. The yellow house at the bottom of Quay St. is a fine example of what can be done to disguise a derelict building. There is some notable dereliction on both sides of the Longford approach. The petrol pumps are an eyesore. Most of the commercial buildings were well presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaping throughout the Village was in general terms quite good. The Fair Green is extremely well presented with its newly mown grass and the lovely treeplanting as you enter the town. The flower bed at Garvey's and the floral displays on the Main Street give a nice dash of colour as do hanging baskets in Quay Street. The Harbour area looked lovely on adjudication day, particularly the boat with its excellent display of flowers. The picnic tables in the Harbour area need attention. The Garden Centre looked well.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The Shannon side walk is ideal as a wildlife habitat. Several swans were nesting in the area. This is an area which should receive priority in your Plan as it was poorly presented on adjudication day, being rather overgrown and neglected. The remarks in last years report are still relevant.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter is definitely a problem for Drumsna. It is very visible on practically all the approach roads, and no area of the Village is completely free of it. There is a definite lack of litter bins. One neglected bin was seen on a pole on the

Leitrim approach and the blue bin near the garden centre is in need of repair. It is good to note in your plan that the purchase of litter bins is one of your priorities.

## **TIDINESS**

The bill board above the flowers in the vicinity of Garvey's is really awful. The advertisement sign is torn in half - not a pretty sight. Election posters were still visible on the Longford approach. The tennis and basketball court need attention; basketball nets should be repaired, the court lines should be properly defined and the grass at the rear of the court should be cut. The bunting at the bottom of Quay St. should be removed. As already remarked, open spaces need attention. Grass growing at the verges of footpaths is also a problem.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most of the houses on the Leitrim approach are extremely well presented; with nice boundary walls, well cut lawns and nice floral displays. The new houses opposite the garden centre are a great addition to the Village - they were nicely painted with lovely paving and excellent tree planting. Many other houses on the Harbour Road and elsewhere were well presented.

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

In general the approach roads were reasonably well presented. The maintaining of the verges on these roads as mentioned last year exposes a lot of litter and this should be a priority in your plan. Many of the signs and poles also need replacing. The cemetery where T.H. Parke is buried is neglected and overgrown as is the field in front of it. Parke was one of three famous men who were linked with Drumsna - the owners were Trollope and Strawbridge. As already mentioned the removal of grass from footpaths is very necessary. The Bridge, however, was well presented.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The Bypass has already challenged and hopefully inspired the residents of Drumsna to improve its appearance and make Drumsna a tourism destination. Your plan represents a new beginning. Keep up the good work.