

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DROMCOLLOGHER**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 19-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	194	190

Dromcollogher, Co. Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your detailed responses to the questionnaire and also the descriptive map of the village. Judging by the responses it seems that you have a good working relationship with the Local Authority and other public service agencies. It is important that a 3 year work plan be prepared prior to next year's competition.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The standard in this category was reasonably good although there were inconsistencies. The Plunkett Co-Op Museum was in excellent condition as Plunkett Place with its attractive stonework. Unfortunately across the road there was a very derelict building in the process of demolition I presume. All in all,, this area was in direct contrast to Plunkett Place. The Church and grounds were well maintained, both the National and the Community Schools were presented to a high standard with the grounds of the latter very attractive. Credit must be given to those responsible for the upkeep of these buildings. The Grotto and Daycare Centre were also in good order. The Garda Station looked well on this occasion as it was freshly painted. Walls Hardware is a very impressive commercial premises. The AIB Bank has a nice stone frontage and is well maintained, as is the Pub on the corner with cut stone was admired. The following deserve mention for the manner in which they presented their buildings; Brudair's, Twomey's Bakery and Country Fresh which had a nice front with window boxes. The Pharmacy had a nice colour scheme and both Aherne's and O'Halloran's had very attractive old shop fronts. There were a number of businesses that had far too many posters and advertising cards. The premises that displayed colourful window boxes and hanging baskets are to be congratulated. The dereliction referred to in last year's report has not been addressed and this is taking away from what is quite an attractive town!

LANDSCAPING

The standard of landscaping was quite good with lovely examples of shrub and flower planting. The town square area landscaping was very effective with a mix of trees, shrubs and flowers. Plunkett Place and the Day Care Centre were very much admired as were the stone beds at the National Co-Op Museum.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The committee should engage the services of a local wildlife expert to help them initiate a wildlife project for the village. Any project should involve both National School and Community School pupils as it gives them a sense of ownership and responsibility; in that way they will be contributing to the development of the village.

LITTER CONTROL

There was a good deal of litter on adjudication day. A closer control mechanism is needed and more bins are required. Litter in the form of wrappers and crushed cans was seen in the Square, on the Kanturk Road and across the road from the Co-Op Museum.

TIDINESS

Again this was a sector that was problematic. There were far too many examples of untidiness in and around the village. I have just picked out a cross section of examples that need to be addressed asap. Weeds were growing at the base of the wall near the Museum, at a number of kerbsides at the base of the National School wall and on the Kanturk Road. The sign posts and barrels at the Milford /Kanturk Junction were grubby. Linehan's Garage front was very untidy and at least should be cleaned up. The GAA boundary wall was in a very bad state; surely with the availability of a number of local employment schemes, the GAA Club should be in a position to build a new wall every other cross roads club in the country has done so. There were a number of other areas on both the NCW and Broadford Roads that need attention. Suffice to say that the standard in this category needs improvement.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard was very good and full marks to all residents for having their homesteads well presented. Some had lovely gardens with an abundance of flowers and shrubs.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

A number of road signs were rather tatty and need to be either replaced or refurbished. The committee should approach the Council and ask them to examine the condition of signs in and around the village. The Milford Road approach was in fair condition; verges were cut but untidily so. The Broadford road was in good condition but both the NCW and the Kanturk approaches need to be cut back. There were a number of building sites on the Kanturk Road which should be properly screened during the duration of work.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Overall the town looked very well and efforts should continue to focus on the positives of which there are many. Keep up the good work and try to address the problem issues such as untidiness.