

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DROMISKIN**  
County : **LOUTH**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	28	26
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>185</b>

## **Dromiskin, County Louth**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The 3 year plan submitted was good in prioritising the work to be carried out. The map provided was useful in finding the areas mentioned. Your good working relationship with Louth County Council, FAS and the local school is clearly of benefit to the village. Another positive factor is the involvement of the local community in the meetings with Ann O'Leary and Louth Leader. It will be interesting to see what projects from the new plan you decide to incorporate into your existing plans and develop over the coming years.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The main buildings in the village are well presented. The Round Tower and cemetery make a very attractive central feature and are well kept. The wall restoration is a very worthwhile project and the old National School is certainly a credit to the community. The committee is to be commended in achieving their goal of removing the derelict buildings opposite the graveyard. The idea of a map/information board to show the interesting history of Dromiskin would be a valuable addition to the facilities in the village.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The school and church grounds are attractively landscaped and well maintained, which is always beneficial to the children in gaining an appreciation of the value of gardens and nature. The new stone flower bed, colourful hanging baskets and the newly planted area opposite Ginnetys pub add to the pleasant appearance of the village. The trees planted along the wall in the cemetery should be effective in a few years time. As noted before the area outside the cemetery needs some attention.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The idea of using bin lids to display local wildlife is interesting. However, the cemetery and stone walls around the village can also offer a rich source of wildlife. Perhaps the children from St. Peters could get involved in exploring the habitats and species living in their village or look at how to develop a nature trail with local environmental groups.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control in general was quite good, except for some pieces scattered near Ginnetys shop and just inside the cemetery. This is an area where vigilance is always required.

### **TIDINESS**

The building site in the centre of the village detracts from its overall appearance at present. However this is only a temporary problem and will be resolved in time.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

As already noted there is a lot of building going on in the village at present. The new estate, St. Ronans Villas, should add to appearance of the village centre when finished. Church View would benefit from a lot more trees and shrub planting. Other residential properties in the village are well presented. Individual gardens can play a large part in adding colour and interest and should be maintained to the highest standard they can.

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

The village approach roads are presented to a good standard with neat grass verges and attractive stone walls. The nicely painted name signs are a welcoming feature. There is scope for more planting of groups of native trees on the approach roads from Dundalk.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Dromiskin has a pleasant atmosphere and the work of the committee is to be commended. The village is undergoing a lot of development at present which should hopefully add to these efforts in the long term.