

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	13
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	9	9
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	166	163

Drumkeerin, County Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Plans for the future, and work which will show results in the future, seemed to take precedence this year over work achieved or projects completed. There certainly has been progress, although the increase in marks is comparatively low. Reading the notes on your entry form, it is expected that this will change. Your notes are helpful, as always, as is your map.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Both churches are well kept, as last year. The Court House, the Community Resource Centre and Lough Allen College, are the other well presented buildings of importance. Most of the business premises were neat and tidy on adjudication day.

LANDSCAPING

The half-moon shaped stone beds on the banks of the Dowra road are most promising, and planting in them will be looked forward to next year as a major enterprise. The grounds of the RC Church and Lough Allen college were looking well on adjudication day; the grounds of the Church of Ireland seemed rather neglected in comparison, although the notes state that they are kept by the Tidy Towns Committee. The shrubs at the Community Resource Centre looked very well, except for the lowest (street) level where there was weed growth.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This adjudicator liked the long grass and abundant wild flowers – clover, marguerites, vetch etc. – on the steep banks of the Dowra and Carrick roads. (However, a formal bed was very weedy in the lay-by on the latter.) The suggestions of last year's adjudicator under this heading still apply.

LITTER CONTROL

The purchase of litter bins is a good step forward. Litter control is comparatively good. Congratulations.

TIDINESS

The derelict sites and vacant buildings have been remarked upon in the past, and are mentioned as a source of anxiety in your notes. It is good to read that progress is expected before long, for this is the matter which conspicuously disfigures Drumkeerin. Rusty corrugated iron roofs also

contribute to a generally untidy effect. The wire fencing at the Ball Alley is untidy, and the sites next to it and further up at the back of the Court House, need tidying up. Kerbside weed was seen in a number of places – if each resident were responsible for the kerb in their immediate vicinity it would mean less than five minutes work a week, and a tidy street!

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Among the older street houses, one in shades of green particularly impressed. The estates of newer houses are well kept, though the estate on the left as you mount the hill is perhaps less so. Individual homes here and there have attractive front gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Surfaces on the main approach roads are very good indeed. The paving on the road to the top of the hill appears to be new, and the narrow street at the back of the Court House seems to have been resurfaced quite recently. The telephone box was clean on adjudication day.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

While derelict sites are more numerous than one would expect to find, real progress has been made under other headings, and it is hoped that your efforts will continue to prosper.