

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	201	198

Dromcollogher, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning the completed entry form, and attached details of your work at hand. You also mention that you have a new tidy towns committee and we wish you well. You have a very interesting village and its historical content is well worth highlighting. You also have an evolving village as is evident from the many new developments. You have a challenge to blend in the new with the old and maintain the rural features of the village. You need a 3-5 year plan that will outline your vision for the next few years. You should consult with planners and formulate a plan that will have the backing of the community.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Your most impressive building - both inside and outside is by far the Church, with its unique side features, beautiful bilingual illustrations and richly landscaped environs. The commemorative Celtic Cross should be cleaned up and bring out the names of those inscribed. The schools are fair, but in both cases would benefit from having the boundary walls painted. The Community College has attractive metal gates/railings that should be painted - it is probable that they were made within the former VEC School. Linehan's Garage is a let down on this strategic location and the iron works opposite the Dresden Factory, could with little effort, be better presented. The Credit Union sign should be replaced for next year. The Irish Dresden Factory is excellent and presents a standard that others should pursue. The Garda Station now looks well and is freshly painted.

LANDSCAPING

There is evidence of former work in this section and much of the tree planting of former years is now enhancing the village. You have a weakness with landscaping on the approach roads. You need new illustrated Fáilte signs to replace the existing small cast aluminium signs, - contact the County Council. The landscaping in the square is good with an attractive display of flowers. The area around the lonad Glas has potential for improvement and the presence of the flower tubs, though welcome, are fighting a lone battle to enhance this area. The square is your strong point, but still needs more colour, indeed, the proposed 3 - 5 year plan should feature a section on the square's improvement.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You might consider asking the Community College to instigate a project on wildlife of the area. You could then progress and highlight the various species through a display board. This would stimulate interest and lead to an increased appreciation and understanding of wildlife.

LITTER CONTROL

There were pockets of litter in evidence at the approach roads, but the square was well presented and free of litter.

TIDINESS

Your problems here relate to an abundance of untidy small open spaces, poorly presented forecourts, some dereliction and rusty corrugated roofs needing painting. As mentioned earlier you need to blend in the new developments with the older traditional buildings. The inordinate amount of P.V.C. doors and windows is not blending in well with the attractive buildings in the village. Páirce na nGael is well presented, and looks neat and tidy.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The approach from Freemount has some excellently presented houses and gardens. Some of the smaller older estates on the edge of the village have no identity signs. The new housing scheme opposite Páirce na nGael should be richly landscaped and will improve this approach road to the village. There are many small open spaces in the village core that lend themselves to residential infill and would enhance the overall appearance of the village. Many boundary walls of the houses are in need of painting. In general, the village would benefit from more colour, but this should be tackled over a period.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The area around the Creamery Museum needs more defining. You have many attractive side streets and rear entrances here that need attention. Owners of premises should be encouraged to present their rear entrances to a high standard as they now form part of the core adjudication process.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Dromcollogher has a great air of antiquity and agricultural history about it and your task is to maintain the rural ethos of this important village in West Limerick. Good luck for next year and try and get a good plan in place as soon as possible.