

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DRUMCONDRATH**  
County : **MEATH**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	27
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>189</b>

## **Drumconrath, County Meath**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The preparation of a development plan which would outline future objectives, help conserve the character of the village and set out a work programme is desirable.

Such a plan need not be a lengthy document but would be invaluable in focusing the community's attention on what is important and what the priorities should be. It would also be useful when seeking assistance from relevant state agencies. The village map was helpful and the points noted in the entry form.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

A considerable amount of renovation work has been completed and is also on-going in the village. An attractive feature of the village is the many stone buildings and the stone walls complement these buildings. Many of the houses and business premises are brightly painted. However a number of renovated business premises have frontages that are not in keeping with the architecture of the village. The Church, School, Hall and Health Centre are all satisfactory. Doyles Garage is festooned with signs and has a weedy forecourt. The grotto is well presented but the surrounding area could be upgraded. The old Church is quite neglected.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Several of the buildings have window boxes and hanging baskets. Planted concrete containers were noted in front of the grotto and at Muldoons. The trees, trimmed grass and shrubbery at the grotto look well. The well maintained wide grass margin on the hill and also at the bend on the hill on the Ardee Road were noted. Colourful rose beds add interest, e.g. at Road Junction on the Ardee Road and at Nobber/ Dublin junction. There are several well planted stone flower beds at the village name signs and at other locations but these are too small to have the impact that they should. Mature trees are attractive in the village background and more should be planted where appropriate.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Water is an attractive amenity and has a variety of recreational uses. It is also an important wildlife habitat and should feature more in your future plans. For example a display map might be erected in the village centre giving details of the surrounding lakes, etc. which would be both

decorative and informative.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There seems to have been some improvement in the litter situation since last year. However there is no room for complacency as a light scattering of litter was noted in several locations, e.g. Dublin and Nobber Roads and in the village centre.

### **TIDINESS**

The tended approach roads and the well presented buildings in the village centre generate a cared for appearance. Negative factors include weedy gravelled margins and poor road surfaces.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Private houses and gardens in the village and its approaches are generally satisfactory. Rose beds, trees, closely cut grass are an attractive feature in DeValera Estate. However weedy footpath kerbs need attention.

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

Stretches of new pavements were noted especially around the grotto. Pavements in other parts of the village still need attention. Road surfaces also need improvement especially the wide margin on the opposite side of street to the grotto and the side road leading to the Old Church. Several gravelled margins need weeding. Long grass needs to be cut at speed limit sign on the Kingscourt road. Planted trees on the Nobber road are an attractive feature.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Drumconrath is a pleasant village. Steady progress continues to be made. A planned approach will yield the best results.