

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DROMOD**  
County : **LEITRIM**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	37
The Built Environment	40	34	34
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	22
Litter Control	40	35	35
Tidiness	20	18	17
Residential Areas	30	26	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	34	35
General Impression	10	8	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>245</b>

## **Dromod, County Leitrim**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

It was observed that the ESB lines are being placed underground which was welcome. The efforts of the Tidy Towns Committee are being rewarded. The relationship between Dromod and the State Agencies is obviously a good one and long may this continue. The new stone walls together with the old style timber gates have added significant improvement to the approach roads. There has not been any new traffic calming devices at present, however, the majority of footpaths have been replaced by cobbled lock paving. The new housing development will have similar cobble lock footpaths. Thanks are due to the committee for returning the completed questionnaire and the map which was most helpful.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Both public buildings and private business establishments were obviously well kept. However, there is one exception to the private business sector and that pertains to the dilapidated plastic sign at the food market. Other businesses were exceptionally well presented such as O'Connor's, The Brandy Well, Annaduff Credit Union, Jimmy's and the Copper Still. While the Antique Store had a façade of some charm the arched corrugated roof seems out of place. Approaching from the Longford road a vacant house had a neglected garden with excessive weed growth. This needs attention as it spoils the first impression on entering the village. On the opposite side as you enter from Sligo a more impressive presentation was Crowe's Garage. The marina was extremely well presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The earlier treeplanting has shown signs of growth. Maples and silver birch are flourishing. Numerous homes offered pleasant views of manicured gardens, flowers and shrubs. The displays of hanging baskets, flower tubs and window boxes are a credit to the residents of the village. Well done! The landscaping on the harbour road and at the main road junction are exceptional as well as the stonework on existing walls and new ones recently built.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The wildlife areas at the rear of the harbour is an important initiative. This area should complement the harbour. It is recommended that the Committee should further investigate and implant further undertakings to enhance this natural

environment.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

All indicators point to the fact that litter presentation control is being contained to a high standard. There was no litter observed on the Main Street or at the harbour road. The stone bins are very attractive.

## **TIDINESS**

The Main Street was exceptionally tidy on adjudication day. The old railway yards were cluttered with obsolete machinery and equipment. The station itself appeared to be fairly well kept with its nice traditional refurbished cottage behind the station. In like manner the Cavan/Leitrim Railway building was very attractive however the bus yard was deplorable. The freight depot of nice stone and well built could be converted for other amenities. The harbour facilities for pleasure boats et al were exceptionally well maintained. In the car park facilities include clean public toilets, seating with picnic tables together with pathway surrounding the harbour, night public lighting and an excellent facility for launching boats. The entire surrounding has new treeplanting to complement the area. There is an attractive new glass enclosed information map at the harbour as well as a paddock for litter bins. Well done! At various points there are display notices in connection with motoring and traffic on the water. Some of the poles here could do with repainting. Presumably the portacabin is to facilitate the development works taking place here. The house at the harbour with the nice garden and floral display is marred somewhat by attached wooden shed.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The construction of new housing blends in with the existing traditional buildings of the village. There is absolute care maintained by home owners throughout this picturesque village. Stone retaining walls add to the landscape of housing, as well as the mature lawns and gardens. The derelict houses on the Main Street are well camouflaged.

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

In general the approach roads were well maintained and verges trimmed and nice floral displays at the town entry signs. On leaving the village on the Mohill road there is a lovely little fountain and garden on the left hand side and opposite is another small area with Wishing Well and new trees. Continuing on a short distance on the road is Duignan's house on the left hand side which is well maintained. Approaching Railway Bridge one can make a right turn to Cloonagh, while a nice shady drive it is overgrown with noxious weeds unfortunately. Returning to

the main Mohill road one approaches the Copper Still which is nicely appointed with floral boxes etc. Shortly beyond that is the GAA Car Park which has numerous young trees and a small stone retaining wall. However, the parking area is in need of resurfacing.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Most appealing aspect of this village is the peaceful Shannon surroundings and the untiring spirit of the village residents.

### **SECOND ADJUDICATION (03/08/00)**

Dromod was presented to a very high standard again on second adjudication, well done. The new hedgerow planted along the concrete fencing across from the old bus depot will enhance this area nicely as it matures. We note with interest planning applications for new developments both at the harbour and at the Cornacloonagh Road. Litter control was excellent throughout, although one or two crisp bags were noted in verges at the harbour, however these had probably been very recently dropped. The points made by the first adjudicator under tidiness still pertain. The building materials and bits of machinery located in the field at the harbour should be removed from public view and all building material should be removed from the environs of the sports grounds when work in progress has been completed. Some boundary walls to residential properties near the sports grounds and at the harbour are in need of attention. To be considered for the Wildlife Award, it is necessary to indicate the exact location of your new wildlife area together with its special features including details of species. An excellent presentation overall, we look forward to many repeat visits.