

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 27-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	25
The Built Environment	40	25	23
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	9	9
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	174	166

Drumkeerin, County Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is a pleasure to see some of the improvements which have been carried out in Drumkeerin this past year and we look forward to the future when the rest of the projects are completed. Your plans were drawn up with Leitrim County Council and this is to be welcomed. Whilst you appear to be getting the planning of the competition under control one point must be mentioned is that the approaches on all the roads leave a lot to be desired. The verges are overgrown and there are a number of unsightly open spaces and on the Manorhamilton approach there is an abandoned derelict trailer on the left hand side of the road opposite the derelict site of which you are aware. Nevertheless it was a pleasure to adjudicate Drumkeerin on a bright sunny day. Thanks are due to the Committee for returning the completed questionnaire and map.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Catholic Church and the graveyard are extremely well presented and as in previous years Lough Allen College is still maintaining its excellent grounds and building. The Heritage Centre is very attractive and is maintained to a high standard. Pity about the environs which take away from the overall appearance of the complex. The Protestant Church near the Council Estate needs attention. However, it is a fine stone building and it is noted there are plans for this in the future. The Courthouse looked well. The Garda Station should certainly be repainted. Many of the business premises in the village such as Forde's and O'Miocháin's are extremely well presented. Wynne's should desist from displaying gas cylinders in the forecourt.

LANDSCAPING

As last year the rockeries on the Dowra Road looked well and the flowering here will be terrific when it matures. Well done! The picnic area on the Drumshanbo Road is most attractive with its nice tree planting, magnificent views and seating. Congratulations to the residents of Drumkeerin with their excellent displays of hanging baskets, flower tubs and window boxes. The flower bed beside the Old Peoples Homes is worthy of comment. Attention is required to grass growing on pavements and road verges.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Under this heading nothing seems to have changed. Whilst last year's adjudicator liked the long grass and abundant wild flowers – still here – nothing seems to be done for the wildlife. As Drumkeerin is a very rural area it is suggested

that some nature walks be established in the hinterland where wildlife habitats could be set up. Suggest that you contact the County Council in this regard.

LITTER CONTROL

Your litter bins are being put to good use as litter was absent from the streets on adjudication day. However, some litter was visible on the approach roads.

TIDINESS

It's good to see that some of the long standing sites and buildings have received attention. There are still some unsightly buildings of which you are aware. First of all congratulations on getting rid of the old ball alley (Hopefully a proper development will take place here) and the abandoned cars which were hidden in the shrubbery opposite. Well done! The development of Breffni Court should hopefully lead to future developments on this back lane and which will completely transform its appearance. The condition of the two Council Estates was noted. Both have an untidy appearance, overgrown with grass and poorly presented houses except for one on the estate on the right hand side which was nicely painted and had nice hanging baskets and floral displays.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

As already mentioned the two Council Estates are in need of attention. A tree is falling down in one of the estates on the approach to the school. Many of the houses on the approach roads are well presented with beautiful gardens, nice walls and brightly painted houses. Many of the premises in the town are well maintained.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The presentation of the approach roads is rather unsightly. Verges are overgrown and require attention at all times and dereliction is still a problem. The appearance of the back street areas is still unsightly - a rusty corrugated iron shed is noticeable. However, we note your plans and wish you every success. The neglected unkempt open space on the left hand side of the Drumshanbo approach needs attention. Congratulations on the sculpture seating and paving area on this approach.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Drumkeerin is making progress slowly. Congratulations to the committee for their efforts to date and their forward thinking and planning. Hopefully the entire community will support your efforts. Well done!

