

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DRUMSNA**
County : **LEITRIM**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	29
The Built Environment	40	19	19
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	20	20
Tidiness	20	10	9
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	174	169

Drumsna, County Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

A great effort is being made again by the Drumsna Development Association. While the objectives as stated in the Plan are all very worthwhile, it is unclear to the adjudicator how many of the objectives as set out has been achieved.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

On adjudication day the village looked bright and cheerful. Again the Catholic Church looks well. The old enclosed graveyard also looked well. The business premises are very well maintained, Duignan's, Taylor's, Woodcarver's. Many of the houses in the village had window boxes and the houses on the periphery of the village had beautifully maintained gardens. Unoccupied houses/dereliction is certainly a problem for you and there appears to be many houses throughout the village in this condition. There are also some untidy open spaces throughout the village which detract from the overall appearance.

LANDSCAPING

The village is impeccably maintained with its neat flower beds dotted throughout. On the approach from Jamestown there is a new flower bed at the bridge which is very eye-catching. The landscaping at Drumsna Garden Centre is very good, lovely beds at the base of mature trees. The shrubbery bed in the centre of the road from the Dublin entrance is maturing very nicely. On the entrance to the harbour there are also some lovely floral displays in very attractive wooden tubs and at the harbour there is a very nice floral boat display.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The River Shannon and the picturesque harbour are two important natural amenities. The Shannonside Walk is also another new and important feature of this village. As suggested last year school children should be invited to get involved in a wildlife project to maintain interest.

LITTER CONTROL

The village centre and approach roads were litter free on adjudication day. Your new bins are obviously working here! However, there was some residual litter at the harbour which marred the appearance of this idyllic area. Also at the Shannonside Walk which is your latest project and a most attractive feature - there was a bin overflowing and some litter scattered around.

TIDINESS

The village was very tidy on adjudication day and it would appear that most residents are making a concerted effort to keep the village tidy. There are many unoccupied houses in the village and some untidy open spaces and there are a hindrance in your serious efforts. A nice floral display was noted at Garvey's forecourt.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

As already mentioned most of the houses are well maintained, nicely painted with window boxes and very colourful gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces are generally good. On the approach from Jamestown there is a new stone wall which is very attractive but is being marred by the unpainted gate and the derelict shed behind.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A strenuous effort is being made by this community. Drumsna has great potential but dereliction is a major problem and certainly will deter from progress being made in this competition.