

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DRUMCREE**
County : **WESTMEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	22
The Built Environment	40	20	20
Landscaping	40	23	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	15	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	17
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	156	155

Drumcree, County Westmeath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Drumcree is welcome to the first Tidy Towns Competition of the third millennium. You make no reference to your planned work programme in your application. Do you have one? If so, send in details next year. It is important to undertake work in an integrated way to achieve the desired overall effect for the village. Thank you for your participation, we look forward to many repeat visits to Drumcree.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Buildings in general are well presented in Drumcree. The church looks well again this year as does the Post Office, Shop and Thatched Cottage.

LANDSCAPING

The village was judged in early June this year which did not give much time for bedding plants to bloom. As noted last year, your best strategy would be to plant shrubs and trees for seasonal interest. Choose native species as this supports a variety of wildlife.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There are some handsome stretches of well managed hedgerow, both on approach roads and on the entrance to the village centre. Well done, these are important wildlife habitats. The wire and post fencing leading to the junction for Dysart Lakes has been planted and this will be a nice feature as the planting here matures. A survey of wild life habitats should be undertaken, threats identified and appropriate conservation action taken. Other wildlife initiatives include perhaps the development of a nature trail or the development of a wildflower park.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was very good again this year. Well done! You give no information regarding your litter management activities. We would be interested to know of these.

TIDINESS

Well done on the clean up of the river Deel and the handball alley, the latter is a particularly dominant feature in the village. We wish you well with your efforts to obtain the deeds of the handball alley and with plans for its future development. An untidy storage area can be seen from the public road on the Dysart Lakes road. A number of derelict buildings are to be

seen in the village, no doubt the committee is in contact with the local authority regarding these and their possible redevelopment. Some have nice traditional features. Sprayed weeds should be removed as they look quite untidy and they suggest neglect.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

We note with interest the development of holiday homes in your village. No doubt these will be finished to a high standard. It is hoped that these homes contribute to the life of the village. The stretches of hedgerow at the entrance to the holiday home have been gapped, hopefully these will be reinstated. The thatched cottage is a beautiful development. Most properties are well presented, however many boundary walls are in need of attention.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The area in front of the nameplate on the Delvin road is underdeveloped and unattractive. Maybe this problem could be redressed at some stage in the future. The stone bridge over the river Deel is an attractive feature. The village centre, particularly at the crossroads is spoiled somewhat by the wirescape. Have enquiries been made regarding having the wirescape ducted?

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Drumcree is one of a small attractive village with some very nice features but also with lots of opportunity for further environmental enhancement.