

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DRUMMOND**
County : **CARLOW**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 19-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	--
The Built Environment	40	27	--
Landscaping	40	28	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	--
Litter Control	40	25	--
Tidiness	20	9	--
Residential Areas	30	17	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	173	--

Drummond, County Carlow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition. It is hoped you will continue to enter for many years to come. The map and photographs were extremely helpful to the adjudicator on the day. To have ten persons on your Committee is a wonderful start and no doubt it does help to spread the workload. The following suggestions may help your committee with their work in the years ahead. All Tidy Towns committees are now required to produce a plan which will guide their activities over the next three to five years. It should be a very simple document setting out your objectives and progress for each year. Keep it short and look on it as a guide. Also it can be built on over the coming years. Your village has potential to do well in this competition. It will also help and encourage the wider community to keep their place looking well.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The presentation of the public buildings is very good and they include the Church, Community Hall, School and Grotto. The Church in particular has beautiful stain glass windows which against the sunlight look particularly stunning. The Church walls and gates are in perfect condition. The walls of the Church itself will need painting. There is weather staining on the gable end and the area around the windows needs to be freshened up. The fountain in the Church grounds does need to be cleaned and treated.

LANDSCAPING

The grounds of the Church are maintained in pristine condition. This does take an amount of time and hard work to have them looking like this. The flourishing rose beds have been given care and attention and looked wonderful. The shrubs and trees are been carefully chosen and also planted in suitable places in the grounds. They are very attractive and contribute to the overall appearance. Great care and attention is given to the weeding of the beds and it contributes to an overall beautiful place. The name "Drummond Church" which is done in hedging is really a delightful touch and has not been seen before by this adjudicator in church grounds. The Grotto has a lovely simplicity about it and is presented very well. Perhaps when planning for next year you could look at the possibility of selecting two specimen trees native to the area instead of the existing ornamental evergreen trees which are showing small signs of dead growth. The flower boxes on the windows of the Community Hall were attractive and had some nice plants in them. The shrub beds across the road were tidy and weed free.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your village has great potential for the conservation of nature in the village. A starting point would be to identify the wild life habitats of your area and see what species of birds animals and fish these will attract. The hedgerows in your area and the banks of the river would appear to provide a home to a host of plants and bird life. Useful information on hedgerows and plant life is available from ENFO (Environmental Information Service), 17 St Andrews Street, Dublin 2, which should be of help to your committee in getting a start in this aspect of the Competition. You will be surprised at how much enjoyment you will get from it.

LITTER CONTROL

There are no litter black spots in your village and litter control in general throughout is very good with just small pieces in a few areas. One has to be constantly vigilant to control litter. Also enrol the local school in anti-litter drives.

TIDINESS

The overall appearance is one of tidiness but weeds would need to be removed from the kerbs and at the base of walls.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are very few residents in the area outlined for adjudication. Those properties were well presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads, bridge and the road in the centre of the village were again presented to a good standard. Signs were generally clean and in good condition.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your efforts to have the village looking very well are to be commended. It is noted that you are treading warily and cautiously. You have great potential to do well in this competition and the efforts have been exceptional especially in the Church grounds. Your efforts in this competition will enhance the overall presentation of this area. Thank you again for entering the competition and giving this adjudicator the opportunity to visit and see your place.