

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	14
Litter Control	40	28	26
Tidiness	20	9	9
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	35	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	185	174

Drumkeerin, County Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Drumkeerin was reasonably well presented on adjudication day. It is noted that last years report has caused some controversy, with the result as per your report that there are only three people on your committee, hopefully this will only be short term. The Tidy Towns Committee have carried out some significant improvements over the years and hopefully this will continue in the future. As last year the approach roads still need attention. There are still some derelict sites on the approaches which leave a lot to be desired. Some nice new houses are being built and the dereliction is slowly disappearing. Thanks are due to the committee for their sterling efforts over the year and for returning the completed questionnaire and the map, which was most helpful.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Lough Allen College is still maintaining its excellent presentation. The Catholic Church is excellent, however the graveyard requires attention The Heritage Centre as last year was extremely well presented, however the grass and shrubs in the vicinity of the centre require attention. Some of the artefacts displayed are beginning to rust and need attention immediately. The Protestant Church looked well and the grounds were reasonably well presented, as were the windows, which were recently painted. The committee are to be congratulated on their relationship with the Garda. The Garda station was receiving a new coat of paint on adjudication day. Well done. The Courthouse is still well presented. As last year many of the business premises are extremely well presented such as O'Miochains, Fords, Devitts, O'Duigneains and the Lough Allen bar. Gas cylinders still catch the eye at Wynns.

LANDSCAPING

As last year the amenity area on the Drumshambo Road is extremely well presented with its wooden seating, tables and litter bins. The views are exceptional and the grass in the vicinity was receiving attention on adjudication day. Well done. Nice tree planting as well. The rockeries on the Dowra road are extremely well presented. Unfortunately the grass in the vicinity is badly in need of attention. The shrub display at the cottages on Upper Main Street is excellent. Well done to all.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is hoped that in the future the committee can increase the efforts in this regard. As last year the suggestion that some nature walks and wildlife sanctuaries could be established in Drumkeerin. County Council should be contacted

regarding this.

LITTER CONTROL

There are plenty of well-presented litterbins in Drumkeerin. Most of the residents apparently make use of them, as there was very little to be seen in Drumkeerin on adjudication day. Well done.

TIDINESS

The general appearance of Drumkeerin is mixed. The abandoned cars on the Dowra Road are gone and the site is nicely concealed by a wooden fence. There is some dereliction on the Manorhamilton approach and the road to the right as you enter Drumkeerin is poorly presented. The open space on the right of the Main Street badly needs attention. The two estates mentioned in last year's report have improved somewhat, however work still needs to be done. The National School in this vicinity is well maintained and the flowerbeds and shrubbery at the top of the main street are a credit to all concerned. The housing development on the Dowra Road and the stone houses being built on the back road between the Drumshambo Road and the Dowra Road should be of great benefit to Drumkeerin in the future. There is a very untidy space beside the Post Office.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many of the houses on the approach road are extremely well presented. Green lawns, brightly painted houses and magnificent floral displays. Great credit is due to all the house owners. The two Housing estates in Drumkeerin are improving ever so slowly. Please keep this effort up. The houses in the village itself are also improving and efforts are being made every year to improve the standard. Drumkeerin can look forward to the future with confidence.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Last years comments under this heading are still relevant. The appearance of the back streets is improving each year. Well done. Dereliction is still a problem. Nice tree planting on the new paving near the sculpture.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A bit of setback this year. Hopefully the committee will be back stronger than ever next year. Keep up the good work and well done.