

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	19	19
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	21	20
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	20
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	176	174

Drumsna, County Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

"God help us when our prayers are answered" (Oscar Wilde I think) and this has proved to be the case for Drumsna this year. Started in February 2001 and finished hopefully in 2001, the sewage scheme should be a big boon to the village in terms of its development. In the meantime roads are being dug up and the village is not looking as well as it can. We look forward to the new plan, which will be commencing next year, and we wish Drumsna every good wish for the future. Thanks are due to the committee for returning the completed questionnaire and for their excellent map.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Catholic Church and its environs looked well, however the church will need painting shortly. The new wall on the Roscommon side of the Bridge looks lovely, however the flowerbed has still to appear. Many of the business premises are well presented. Duigins, Taylor's and Garveys are well presented. Dereliction appears to be a problem both on Quay Street and on the left of the N4 approach. Dereliction is also notable on the Leitrim approach. Many of the houses in the village have lovely displays of hanging baskets, flour tubs and window boxes. A credit to all concerned. The tennis/basketball court has not changed much over the year, except the fencing is much improved. There also appears to be some dereliction beside the antique shop. An abandoned car was visible here amongst other debris. The development of the open space beside McLoughlins offers possibilities. There are also some overgrown green areas in the village, which also need attention. The proposed new housing development should be an added addition for the future.

LANDSCAPING

The village was reasonably well presented on adjudication day. The green area opposite the church was well presented. Grass and treeplanting looked lovely, however the flagpoles need some painting. The riverside walk at the bridge is lovely however the enclosed graveyard to the rear of the Strawberry Monument is looking in need of attention. The Drumsna Garden Centre looks lovely. There are some excellent flower beds opposite Taylor's in the main street, which are extremely well maintained. Some of the floral displays are lovely including the shrubby bed beside Garvey's. The Harbour cannot be commented upon, as work is ongoing there.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Harbour and the riverside walk are ideal areas for the development of a wild life habitat. Last year suggested involving school children and the provision of a wildlife habitat or bird sanctuary should be given serious consideration by the

committee. Invite a wildlife expert to visit local schools in the future might prove to be a good idea.

LITTER CONTROL

As last year there was litter visible at the Shannonside walk and also at the harbour. However the village itself was virtually litter free. Some litter visible on the Dublin approach. Litter was visible on some of the other approaches.

TIDINESS

The main problem for Drumsna under this heading are the untidy open spaces and green areas. Whilst the main street is well presented, Quay Road and Street leaves a lot to be desired as do the neglected areas in the vicinity of McLoughlins. The garage and petrol pumps near the XL Shop are unsightly.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the residential areas are extremely well presented. Nicely painted houses, lovely gardens, good boundary walls and nice floral displays. (Well done).

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces are well maintained. Verges on most of the approaches are slightly overgrown. As mentioned in last year's report the stone wall is most attractive but ruined by the unpainted gate and the derelict shed. There is an extremely rusty litter bin on the Leitrim approach on a telephone pole.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It is a pity that the long awaited sewage scheme is still not finished. However Drumsna can look forward to improving its position in the Tidy Towns Competition in the years ahead. Keep up the good work!.