

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DROMISKIN**  
County : **LOUTH**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	39
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	28	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>197</b>

## **Dromiskin, Co. Louth**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Dromiskin is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. The village is rapidly changing with the amount of new housing being developed. This presents a challenge to the committee to retain Dromiskin's traditional village ambience. It is hoped that the new villagers will make a significant contribution to the social life of the village. We wish you well in the restoration of the old wall at Dromiskin House, which was the site of the Bishop's Palace. Well done on the Green Town 2000 Award for the Biblical Garden.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The derelict wall beside Ginnity's Grocery should be kept freshly whitewashed until this site is redeveloped. The church together with its grounds and entrance gates is stately in its presentation. Most buildings are being nicely maintained.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The idea for a Biblical Garden is very different from anything experienced before by the adjudicator. This is a nice touch and, of course, in keeping with the heritage of the village being the home of the archbishop of Armagh in times gone by. The verge opposite the entrance to Cluskey Park and the corner of the main street should be landscaped (located just across from the cul de sac). The large tree on the village green beside the pump is a charming feature of Dromiskin. The landscaped corner across from Ginnity's looks well and hopefully this will be retained in the face of residential development on the site behind. Container plants throughout the village are in the early stages of blooming. The landscaped area at the Community Hall is beautifully presented. The triangular feature at the western end of the village with its new sculpture looks well. It is good to note your commitment to native species of plant.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The entrance to Cluskey Park should be kept freshly whitewashed, planting of the walls here is a nice touch. There is no reference in your application this year to any initiatives under this heading, however your awareness of the importance of native trees and shrubs will of course make a contribution under this heading. The sounds of wild fowl carried across the evening air was a pleasant experience.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control throughout is quite good, however it was at its weakest outside of Mulligan's Post Office. Extra attention

should be paid to this location. Have you considered undertaking a litter survey?

## **TIDINESS**

Overall the village is a very tidy settlement, however with so much construction work in progress, this does present a problem under this heading. No doubt when all construction work has ceased, the problems will have vanished also. Ensure that all building materials are removed promptly on the completion of work.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

New housing developments such as Innis Linn and the Hamlet are nicely finished and no doubt developments in the course of construction will be equally well finished. The single storey cottage located across from the graveyard should have its boundary wall whitewashed. The retaining wall to the Credit Union premises should also be upgraded. Remind property owners of their responsibilities to curtilage areas.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

We acknowledge your difficulties regarding the road surfaces, footpaths, etc. This of course is tied in with on-going developments at the motorway and of course with on-going construction work in the village itself. The street furniture, pump, flower containers, bollards at the Community Hall are being nicely maintained. Your plans to reinstate the old footpath at the school are good, especially if the old limestone kerbstones are featured.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Dromiskin is one of 'work in progress' and an ambience of busyness. It will take a few more years before the village 'settles' and can begin to build on its strengths. In the meantime keep up the good work on maintaining standards.