

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DRUMCONRATH**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	27	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	197	195

Drumcondrath, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thanks for your submission which included a village map. The Group have actively co-operated with local community, business interest groups and with the local authority. The submission should have been accompanied with a brief long-term plan and a schedule of completed works. This plan will be of considerable benefit to the group in formulating a long term plan for the village. It will also help the group monitor their progress on a yearly basis.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The village consists of a linear main street around which the village fabric is clustered. There are a number of very interesting buildings, for example the Regency awning at the hotel. The RC church and the school were well presented, while the Church of Ireland church and cemetery are very overgrown.

LANDSCAPING

The public and private landscaping around the village is good. The square is potentially a very attractive feature, but it is currently bleak looking. This is the result of such a large area of paving. If there was some form of formal tree planting in this area, it would add and draw attention to the square feature.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The pedestrian access to De Valera park winds around the village. It offers extensive views of the countryside and offers a wonderful opportunity to establish a nature trail.

LITTER CONTROL

There was only a few isolated instances of litter around the village. In addition, the approach roads were almost totally free of litter. The one area where litter was a serious problem was along the pedestrian route to De Valera park, which was strewn with discarded papers and wrappers.

TIDINESS

There are a few derelict buildings around the village. These could benefit from tidying up. Otherwise they detract from the environment of the village. The area around Doyle's garage is very untidy and could be tidied up considerably. The Parish Centre was neat and tidy, but could benefit from landscaping.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

De Valera Park was well presented and attractive, with neat houses, gardens and well planted open spaces.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads to the village are attractive with neat houses and excellent gardens. The road edges are generally well managed with excellent green areas, tree planting and good landscaping, however, they are untidy in parts and could benefit from more intense management.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Drumcondrath is a pleasant village with many interesting features. The Drumcondrath Community Development Association have been very active and successful in improving the presentation of the village.