

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DROMINEER**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	27
The Built Environment	40	27	25
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	12	10
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	19
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	182	170

Dromineer, Tipperary North

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is good to see Dromineer back in the Competition and congratulations on the work undertaken in your first year. This is a time of great change in the village and it is advisable that there is a body such as the Dromineer & District Development Association to monitor developments taking place. We note that you have good support from the local businesses and the residents in Dromineer as well as from FAS, the Local Schools, Tipperary NR County Council and Shannon Development. The well completed entry form; plan and map received were very helpful.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The challenge in Dromineer is to integrate the already established village with the many new developments taking place – at present this linkage does not exist. Buildings in the village which were well presented on the day were:- The Whiskey Still, Lough Derg Hostel, Waterside Cottages reception and Otway Lodge Guest House. Lough Derg Cottages scheme is a pleasant development but some landscaping would be needed to soften this area in order that it would blend in better with the rest of the village. Another self-catering group of houses, Waterside Cottages, was well presented but the garden furniture of wooden seating and tubs needed restaining. The low maintenance planting was admired but was rather overgrown by the entrance. The Dromineer Bay Hotel, which is quite a prominent building in the village was looking well overall but little items such as the Logis of Ireland sign being buckled, the glass menu display box needing attention, an empty frame for a sign and all the white frame type woodwork at the side of the Hotel needing to be painted, detracted somewhat. The public toilets could do with a facelift inside and out – little items such as very poor bins should be easy to rectify until a more comprehensive uplift can be organised. “Neddys Cottage” – such a focal point in the village is now looking well due to your efforts. As you state, a use must now be found for this, as already the grounds were rather weedy on the day of adjudication. A craft type operation here would seem appropriate and provide a shopping outlet for the visitors arriving in Dromineer on the cruisers. Your future plans for the Canal Store and Dromineer Castle are visionary and we look forward to progress in the future.

LANDSCAPING

There are many excellent planted areas with seating in and around Dromineer which were looking well on the day of adjudication. The rowing boats used as flowerbeds on the Nenagh approach are appropriate for a village on the

lakeshore. The good play area for children was noted as was the work undertaken on the old Church and graveyard. The planting near the Whiskey Still and across the road was admired. The householder who undertakes this latter planting (providing so much colour in the centre of the village) is to be congratulated. However, perhaps the many containers, of different materials, could be rationalised.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

We note your work in endeavouring to have dedicated areas for jet skis and speedboats in order to prevent these craft from infringing on wildlife habitats.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little litter to be seen in the village and obviously your work in regard to a weekly cleanup, provision of a litter warden and work with children and householders is working. A number of litter bins were noted in strategic areas. However, in some cases the locking mechanism for the doors of these bins was faulty and so they were rather unsightly.

TIDINESS

Dromineer was mostly tidy throughout (except where building is taking place) and kerbs were weedfree.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Old established houses in and around the village are contributing to the tidy towns efforts and no doubt the new residents will be encouraged to join in your work. The estate of two storey pebble dashed houses on the Nenagh approach is not sympathetic with the remainder of the built environment in Dromineer and planting here would be recommended to endeavour to integrate these houses to some extent.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Again, because of building taking place, some road verges were rather rough, but no doubt this is a temporary condition. Signage was quite good throughout and the new informational display maps should prove very helpful to visitors.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Dromineer has much to offer through its position on the lakeshore and also in view of the heritage of the area. What has been put in place to date is impressive and should be maintained to a high standard. Also, it is good to note that new projects for the future are in train and we look forward to seeing your further achievements in the years ahead.