

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DROMOD**  
County : **LEITRIM**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	39
The Built Environment	40	36	35
Landscaping	40	36	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	36	35
Tidiness	20	18	18
Residential Areas	30	27	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	35	35
General Impression	10	9	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>254</b>

# **Dromod, County Leitrim**

## **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Dromod Development Association are to be commended on the marvelous achievements that it has made in the village. You obviously have a high level of practical as well as financial support from the local community. This is quite apparent in the village as it looks like a well loved one. The village itself was in good condition throughout with only minor negative impressions made on the visitor.

## **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Public and commercial premises all looked extremely well on the day. The Brandy Well was extremely fresh with colourful hanging baskets and window boxes and The Copper Still with its associated beer garden was admired. O' Connor's was also extremely fresh as was Jimmy's with its attractive limestone trim. The Post Office was fresh and the stone Garda Station and traditional gate to an adjacent field were admired. Even the Antique Shop in an old tin shed appeared to have been freshly painted. Do discourage curved plastic canopies and encourage their replacement with more traditional fabric awnings. The plastic sign to the food market was damaged – this should be replaced with a timber sign of a more traditional variety and the out-building behind seemed to be in need of re-whitewashing.

## **LANDSCAPING**

This is an area of the competition which shows a high level of enthusiasm. The main landscaped area at the crossroads incorporating the memorial garden to J.J. O'Connor with its heron fountain and the magnificent picnic area on the other side of the road incorporating unusual street furniture was greatly admired. Another attractive area of landscaping was that with the bog oak sculpture on the Harbour Road and the trees planted in stone beds on the Mohill Road. Incidental landscaped areas to side roads and recessed areas were also noted throughout the village. One minor bone of contention would be do resist the temptation to "gild the lily" – perhaps the numerous hanging baskets from individual poles might be overdoing it somewhat!

## **WILDLIFE**

Bird tables were noted in the vicinity of the harbour area and your wildlife sanctuary on the Carrick-on-Shannon Road should be a marvelous refuge for wildlife habitats.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good and your continuous litter control programme is obviously paying dividends. A minor issue in relation to this aspect of the competition was that a litter bin on the main street appeared to be rather

scratched and should be restored to its former condition.

## **TIDINESS**

The village was extremely neat and ordered on the day. Minor issues would be the tin roof to a cottage at the bus stop opposite the Harbour Road which should be repainted in its traditional red colour before next year's competition. Discourage advertising hoardings on approach roads as these can give a rather cluttered appearance. Perhaps you could consider screening off the recycling bins. The seat at the picnic table at the harbour area appeared to have been vandalised and should be replaced. The new beech hedging to the farmyard on the Mohill Road, mentioned in last year's report, should screen this area nicely – well done to all concerned.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The new houses by the harbour were still under construction on adjudication day. The new houses on the Carrick-on-Shannon approach appeared to be contributing to the fine level of landscaping throughout the village. Some magnificent gardens were noted along approach roads. The Station House and associated cottages in stone looked quite magnificent.

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

Approach roads were well maintained. The Carrick-on-Shannon Road sported some well cut grass verges and new paving was admired. On the Dublin Road relatively new ash trees were coming along well. An old Milestone was admired. The Mohill Road was also to a high standard with well cut verges. Advertising hoardings had been mentioned previously in the report. It is to be hoped that the potholes in the surface of the Harbour Road will be sorted out once construction work in this area is complete.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Dromod is indeed a splendid example of what can be achieved in the Tidy Towns competition. The village continues to maintain a remarkably high standard considering its location on the busy N4 Road. Congratulations to all concerned.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (04/08/2002)**

For many years now Dromod has been a serious contender for the title of Ireland's Tidiest Town. A standard of excellence has been achieved for the village which is matched by only the top centres. This year has seen the same high standard of presentation. Stands of mature, semi-mature and young trees combined with neatly trimmed grass verges and well managed hedgerow are evidence of the communities commitment to their environment. New stonework at a variety of locations within the village together with pebbled verges and incidental areas were much admired. The road to the harbour was badly pot-holed as was the car-park, this may be a result of recent

construction works, hopefully this problem will be addressed soon. As noted in the first report the fascia sign for the Foodmarket is broken and outbuildings to the rear need to be white-washed.

New housing developments are discreetly located and so far appear to complement the built environment of the village. Hopefully there will be lots of new hands for the Tidy Towns effort. Good luck for the future!