

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 13-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	39
The Built Environment	40	26	24
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	14	12
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	207	200

Dromiskin, County Louth

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

Many thanks for the information, plans, photographs and the comprehensive map of the village which was very useful. The village has a tremendous history and it is wonderful to see that it is appreciated and is being enhanced by the community.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Dromiskin Round Tower and Church are fine features in the centre of the village and together with the adjacent graveyard were well presented. The pleasant sound of doves, swallows and sparrows could be heard on a bright and sunny summer morning. The Darver Credit Union looked neat and tidy with a simple approach. The RC Church is a fine building and the car park was neat and tidy. Over to the side near the vegetable patch there were some old tyres that required removal and a couple of poorly performing hanging baskets which would benefit by being removed. The School looked well – are the vegetables part of a school project? Ginnittys is a traditional pub though the wall beside the shop and the sign on the shop required attention. The wall opposite on the cross-roads is a focal area and this should be kept whitewashed. Dromiskin Service Station was poorly presented and requires some tidying and work. The area around St. Ronans Hall looked well and provided a nice entrance into the village.

LANDSCAPING

Great effort was evident with the landscaping. Annual planting in the church carpark would better be replaced with more permanent low lying shrubs as these would be of benefit also in the wintertime. A mix of dwarf evergreen conifers could also be included. Take care not to prettify the village too much e.g. flower barrows/ articles with tidy towns on them. A classic approach in such a historic village is more appropriate. The Bible Garden is a contemplative and tranquil part of the village though the arch entrance to this area requires maintenance. Village pumps were all well maintained and the souterrain/capstone is a nice feature in the small green area.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENTIES

The wildflower garden in front of the school no doubt is in progress as dead weeds were in need of removal. Poppies of various hues were noted around the village and perhaps throughout the summer and autumn, seeds could be collected for the proposed wildflower area. The piece of wild ground at the crossroads would make a nice amenity area though is probably not available for such use.

LITTER CONTROL

There were a good number of bins in evidence around the

village though there was also some litter. This was seen beside the church and round tower, and outside the shop. With the additional number of residents in the village, greater effort will be required to eradicate litter.

TIDINESS

The village had a tidy appearance on the day of adjudication though attention to detail is required e.g. whitewashing of walls, etc. It is difficult to judge part of the village due to the ongoing work on house building though no doubt this will be completed some day.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are some fine individual houses within and on the outskirts of the village that are well maintained. New housing is a feature of the village – positively it should bring in additional hands to help with the competition. Landscaping of the developments will mature. The Hamlet, St. Ronans Villas, and Churchview Estate all had well maintained areas.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Ardee/Louth approach was nicely presented. The road leading from the Dundalk Road pleasantly leads the visitor in via winding roads past the round tower. The signs for the village looked well though some speed signs did need replacing. Official county signs should be in place.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Dromiskin is a tranquil village – it is nestled in a landscape with views of the hills in the background. Future work should be directed at the wildlife section of the competition and the consideration of more permanent planting in places – well done with the work so far completed and best of luck in the future.