

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	31
The Built Environment	40	30	27
Landscaping	40	27	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	19
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	190	182

Dromineer, Tipperary (NR)

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The documentation submitted was very concise and helpful including extended entry form, map and five year plan. In this, your second year back in the competition, it is obvious that there is commitment from the Committee for the long term and this is commendable. Again, good work was undertaken during the year and your five year plan demonstrates that there are many more projects which you wish to tackle. In fact, some of the goals you set yourselves last year have already been achieved. In regard to the plan, we would suggest that you put a time scale on projects and endeavour to identify the actions required to implement and fund same.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Quite substantial changes have taken place in the built environment during the past year. It was good to see work being finalised on the new toilet/shower block and it would appear that the new Lough Derg Yacht Club building is also nearing completion, or indeed completed. We note that Neddy's Cottage is now restored and being used by the community for meetings. However, this is a very focal building in the village and if it could be utilised for some more day to day enterprise it would be of greater benefit. Also, probably because it is not being used regularly, the garden was weedy and contained some rubbish. The décor of the Dromineer Bay Hotel was looking well and work was continuing to take place there. Other business premises that were well presented were Ottway Lodge, the Lough Derg Hostel, Lough Derg Cottages, the Whiskey Still with its nice wooden decking (could the crates and barrels here be screened off?) Derg Manor (noted that planting is to take place here) and Waterside Cottages and grounds inside and outside the boundary wall.

LANDSCAPING

The weather up to the day of adjudication was very bad and this fact was taken into account when judging. In fact, landscaping throughout the village was good and grass was being cut in a number of places on the day. The green areas by the new houses on the Nenagh road were immaculate and the grass had just been cut in the housing estate opposite. Tree planting near the new houses would furnish this area and integrate it more with the rest of the village. The boat flowerbeds were again admired – we note you plan to extend this idea – just be careful not to overdo the theme. The planting opposite the Whiskey Still provided a cheerful splash of colour on a dreary rainy day and the gardener here is to be complimented. As mentioned last year, perhaps some terra cotta pots could

be used here instead of the plastic containers that are used in some instances.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Sli Eala walk and the Lough Derg Way both provide opportunities for the study and appreciation of wildlife around Dromineer. We also note that you are campaigning for the protection of wildlife from disruption by jet skis and speedboats.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was not a problem in general around the village and the initiatives undertaken are obviously working – it is good to note that children are involved with your endeavours. Unfortunately, on the day, one of the skip type litter bins on the foreshore had been filled too full and a burst bag had spilt litter all around that very visible area.

TIDINESS

Except for the incident mentioned above, the village was mostly neat and tidy throughout except where building was taking place and no doubt these areas will be finished to a high standard. One situation where action is needed is at the circular housing estate on the Nenagh road. Whilst the grass was cut here there were weeds all around the circular kerbside. Weeds should be removed and this area sprayed in May.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most private houses in and around Dromineer are well presented and contributing to the Tidy Towns effort.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Signage throughout was well maintained and the approach roads neat and tidy, taking into account the bad weather obtaining.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Continuing progress is evident in Dromineer. There is scope for the Committee to engage in further development in the future and we wish you well in your endeavours.