

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dromahair**

Ref: **163**

County: **Leitrim**

Mark: **226**

Category: **B**

Date: **15/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	34
The Built Environment	40	29	30
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	16
Litter Control	40	36	34
Tidiness	20	14	12
Residential Areas	30	26	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	8	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>219</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thanks yet again for the excellent map---it highlights things and gives us the addresses etc and is most helpful! Good to see the reorder development plan. It appears very realistic and achievable and will be most useful to your community. Work on it and progress will follow. Terrific to see you identify your 'stakeholders' in the actions...clear indicators of what is expected and from whom!

### The Built Environment:

Dromahair's linear layout and charming generic architecture lend themselves to being fully exploited and developed for the community good. It is heartening to see new developments respect these traditions and that by and large new homes etc. are in keeping with the village. The community must ensure that this continues all the more since your plan recognises that tourism is central to the village. Great to see work well underway at the Abbey Hotel. The dainty little plaque on Dervogilla Bridge is an attractive enhancement and not noticed before by this adjudicator. Unfortunately the problems associated with the Maxol garage further out remain.

### Landscaping:

There were many high points in public and private space under this heading. On the day of adjudication an attractive timber arch was being installed on the triangle at the Sligo Road. Opposite a charming flower filled wheel barrow was noted as were the magnificent baskets on the Depot. The Breffini , the Blue Devon and the Woodside were a testament to good victualling!

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The extensive maps and signs for the various touring and nature routes near the Breffini Cottages gate are a great boon to visitors. It is hoped that for next year real progress can be made on a fully integrated nature walk within the village...nature has given you it all, the Bonet, the riverside walk, even perhaps bats in a belfry! ... all it needs is a little interpretation and some sign posting...I wonder would some of the new developers in the village contribute towards such an initiative?

### **Litter Control:**

This was simply not a problem for Dromahaire. It was great to see even the Bottle Bank area immaculate and lovely planting around it...well done.

### **Tidiness:**

Good to see the Breffini Gate commented on last year now sparkling with new paint! The sign for the OPW yard badly needs replacing. Some grass and weeds were noted at the Cutting Corner pavement ( lovely planting here though as usual) and in the Library grounds. The Garda Barracks gutters were ready for silage making although the baskets here again were beautiful. Such inconsistencies drag down the overall effort. The estates were excellent. Woodlands had two lovely rock-style gardens and the Abbey Vale estate would benefit from some colourful planting to compliment the fine trees already planted there.

### **Residential Areas:**

As noted under Tidiness estates were very well presented. Drunlease was up to its usual high standard. Its to be hoped that Castle Court, having been completed, will now 'soften' itself with appropriate planting of trees, shrubs etc. The Line has some charming cottage style houses notably the two tiny ones on the large field. A very sympathetic new house opposite the Abbey Hotel was noted .

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The approaches were all excellently maintained giving a real sense of arrival to a special place. Road surfaces however were bad in some locations. The 'backs' along the Line were excellently if variously developed and maintained. New estates will extend your curtilage for the Tidy Towns and you should encourage them to become involved as soon as they are inhabited.

### **General Impression:**

You have done very well this year and are coping with expansion in an excellent way. Keep up the good work and you will continue to thrive in the competition.