

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Drumsna**

Ref: **245**

County: **Leitrim**

Mark: **182**

Category: **A**

Date: **24/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	34
The Built Environment	40	19	19
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	21	21
Tidiness	20	10	9
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	19
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	182	178

Overall Developmental Approach:

The sewerage scheme at Drumsna is now finished and we look forward to the future with anticipation. Many of the projects mentioned in your report have still to be started and finished. We note that your fund raising is still successful and we expect great things from Drumsna in its Tidy Towns efforts. Its good to see that the local authority, other state agencies and the residents of Drumsna are fully supportive of your efforts in this regard. The Drumsna Development Plan is a comprehensive one and we look forward to its implementation over the next few years. Thanks are due to the Secretary for his excellent entry form, programme of works and his first class map which was of great help to this adjudicator.

The Built Environment:

As mentioned in last years report the Catholic Church looks extremely well and we understand that it will be painted shortly. Some residual litter visible in the grounds. The Tennis Court and Basketball Court is also well presented. Basketball equipment needs attention. There is also some building material still scattered around the Church. The XL Shop on the Main Street has a cluttered appearance. Duignan's and Garvey's looked well as did "Taylors" Pub with its Anthony Trollope plaque which will shortly need replacing. The Post Office looks well on Quay Street, however the garage near the XL Shop has a poor appearance, augmented by the derelict building alongside it. McLaughlin's Pub is beginning to have an untidy appearance, however the Wood Carvers nearby was nicely presented. The Shannon

Bridge in the village looked well on a bright sunny day. Another derelict building is clearly visible at the entrance to the Leitrim Road. Quay Street has some fine examples of period houses on it, however the refurbishment of houses in the future is eagerly awaited.

Landscaping:

The Fair Green appeared to have got smaller, however, the grass was neatly trimmed. The Garden Centre is extremely well presented, nice tree planting and flowers in this area. There is a garden seat near the Centre which needs to be replaced. The Strawbridge Monument looks well but the Graveyard behind needs much attention. It is wildly overgrown and in poor condition. There is a nice little floral display at the bridge on the Roscommon side of the Shannon which looks lovely, marred by the rusty gates in the vicinity. The boat filled with planting at Drumsna Harbour looked lovely. (Well done). Some work still has to be carried out on the Shannonside Walk, however, there was a nice ambience to this area. The floral display at Garveys looked well, however, the harbour area still needs to be refurbished. Some nice floral displays are visible throughout the village.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Drumsna should really do well in the future under this heading. As already mentioned in last year's report nature walks should be a marvellous area for wildlife development, and located as you are on the Shannon, a wildlife habitat should be a real challenge for the Tidy Towns Committee.

Litter Control:

The new litter bins as mentioned in your report looked well and were obviously popular, as most of them were full. Most of Main Street was litter free, however, litter was clearly visible in the R.C. Church grounds, on the road to the motorway, Quay Street, Quay Road and Jamestown Road on the other side of the bridge and near the Garden Centre and in the vicinity of the harbour.

Tidiness:

Last years report already mentioned the derelict buildings throughout the village. Two houses have already been referred to in this report. These problems will have to be addressed if you want to make progress in the National Tidy Towns Competition. The houses opposite the Catholic Church look lovely as do the new houses in Belmont. Consider screening the recycling bins and hopefully whoever is responsible for cleaning up the harbour area will do it quickly. The back area behind the Wood Carvers is most untidy and a big clean up now would not go amiss.

Residential Areas:

Many of the houses and gardens on the approach roads and in the village are extremely well presented. The houses in the village, particularly near the Bridge are well presented with nice planting and floral displays. As last year Shannon Lodge looked particularly attractive. The houses on the Leitrim Road have nice gardens, brightly painted houses and attractive boundary walls. The houses at Belmont looked well and will be an asset to the village in the future and as already mentioned the houses opposite the Church are a credit to the residents.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads are not too presentable. The Jamestown approach is not good, there are overgrown verges, an untidy area on right hand side, untidy gates on both sides of road and the Drumsna sign is old and badly in need of attention.

The approach from the by-pass is also most untidy and needs attention as does the nameplate which is nearly hidden by overgrown grass. In contrast the Leitrim approach is very nice, trimmed verges and a nice footpath on the other side. The approach to the Harbour also needs attention. All of

these improvements for the near future.

General Impression:

As mentioned in last years report Drumsna is a pretty village on the Shannon Waterway. With the sewerage scheme now completed and hopefully the regeneration work completed we look forward to next years Tidy Towns competition. Good Luck.