

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dromineer**

Ref: **296**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **194**

Category: **B**

Date: **22/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	30	28
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	16	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	19
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>190</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator was pleased to note the high level of support you receive from the local community, which must be of great benefit to you in your work. You have a large committee, including 18 junior members, all of which is to be greatly commended. Your three to five year plan makes interesting reading. Do try to set a timeframe in which you intend to implement each of these individual items. The construction materials were evident beside Neddy's cottage for its upcoming thatching.

### The Built Environment:

The yacht club was noted and admired. The Crow's Nest looked extremely fresh and its attractive sign was admired. It was being well used on a sunny afternoon. The canal building you mentioned in your application looks well although it will need ongoing maintenance. The lavatories and showers looked extremely fresh. The boat club was well maintained although some rusty poles at the entrance created a bad impression. The Lough Derg Hostel looked well in stone and the Dromineer Bay Hotel was very fresh - its grounds well maintained. The Whiskey Still looked well and its magnificent floral display opposite was admired.

### Landscaping:

Your intention to introduce a watering and feeding rota is to be commended, as is the idea of raising

your own plants. The adjudicator noted your concerns regarding the siting of trees. Perhaps you should consider the car park area, in order to define a street line in this location. Trees here could be arranged in such a way to frame the views of the lake and, as the houses behind would appear to be at a higher level, their view should not be impeded. The graveyard area, with its ruined church, was well maintained. The dishes to the car park area were generally fine, although one appeared not to be flourishing as well as the others. The children's playground was well maintained and busy on the day.

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

Your work on walks and, in particular, the Golden Mile Competition, is to be commended. The grasses and rushes of the lake are magnificent examples of this particular type of wildlife habitat. Perhaps engage the help of a local wildlife expert in order to further develop this aspect of the competition.

### **Litter Control:**

The standard of litter control on the day was generally very good. The litter bins at the waterside car park will need painting before next year's competition.

### **Tidiness:**

Your weed control programme seems to be paying dividend, although dead weeds were evident at an estate of houses on the Puckane side of the village. The recycling area was fine although one plastic bag was noted in this location. The public lavatories and showers are obviously being well attended to by the caretaker.

### **Residential Areas:**

The landscaping to the Cois Deirge Estate will presumably await the completion of houses in this location. Derg Manor appears to have a combination of holiday homes and permanent residents. The houses were generally neat, with front gardens to the roadside, in the American fashion. Some had some most attractive planting. Otway Lodge B&B was well maintained. The empty site mentioned in your application by the Whiskey Still looked unfortunate, as did a number of houses with no boundary walls along this road to Ryan's Point. Lough Derg Cottages were fine.

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

Your work on the construction of a footpath along the foreshore is to be commended. Do ensure that this is constructed with materials that would be suitable and appropriate for this type of waterside location. Approach roads were generally fine on the day, although perhaps some could have been neater. The car parking area had been marked out as planned. The adjudicator has already commented on the possibility of creating a line of trees in order to define the road edge in this location.

### **General Impression:**

Dromineer is a most attractive lakeside village with much to offer. It was generally maintained to a high standard.