

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dromhane**

Ref: **53**

County: **Cork North**

Mark: **156**

Category: **C**

Date: **14/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	21	20
Landscaping	40	22	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	22	21
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	16	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	20
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	156	150

Overall Developmental Approach:

In a relatively small village a considerable amount of development work is taking place at present and it will take time for this to settle in with the existing structure. The drawing up of the Image Enhancement Plan in the recent past for your Development Association was timely. For the future it is advisable for the community to work on a priority basis which will result in visible progress being made in the vicinity of the village.

The Built Environment:

There are some well presented buildings in the village, for example the church is a prominent building in the village and is well maintained. The school building is also very well maintained. The Community Centre premises which is an important focal point in the village was very well presented. It was neatly painted and enhanced this area of the village. Business premises in the village were also quite well presented.

Landscaping:

It is noted and welcomed that where new housing development is taking place good landscaping work is being carried out. The tree planting which has been carried out in the vicinity of the village generally looks well. The planting in the large green area in the centre of the village enhances the

area considerably. For the future the Committee should continue the tree planting programme which you have already begun.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The village is fortunate in that it is surrounded by a fine rural environment. Such an environment provides an ideal habitat for many wildlife species. The community should however give consideration to designating a specific site or sites for wildlife purposes. In implementing plans for the future the Association might seek the advice of wildlife experts on this aspect of your programme. Please consult the Tidy Towns Handbook for further assistance on this subject.

Litter Control:

The litter situation in the village was generally good. For the future the community should continue to keep litter as a priority for attention. It is important to create and maintain awareness of this problem. As part of your efforts in this regard it would be advisable to involve the schools and this will prove to be productive later on. Focal areas in the village such as the large green area was free of litter and it was noted that litter bins were in place nearby.

Tidiness:

The village centre was quite tidy, again the large green area in particular. Also the area in the vicinity of the telephone kiosk was quite tidy. However areas in the vicinity of the Community Centre would need to be tidied up. The area in the vicinity of the school was extremely tidy. The general area in the vicinity of the church was also quite tidy. The entrance to and the general area in the vicinity of Nazareth House was very tidy.

Residential Areas:

This is the big growth area of the village where substantial residential development is taking place. For example, the development of Newberry Grove is large. It is noted that the green area here and tree planting will be good. The houses and gardens at Hammond Place also look well. At Pairc na Greine the residential area is obviously well looked after. In the village centre there is a considerable number of houses and gardens around the village green area which are beautifully maintained. The new housing development near the church, Cluain na Greine, also looks well.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Association is complimented on the tasteful signs in stone which are in place in a number of areas around the village. For example the "Welcome to Dromahane" sign on the Mallow approach looks impressive. The condition of approach roads would need more attention and this includes the Mallow approach where the grass verges are somewhat overgrown. The Bweeing approach road was reasonably tidy. The large car park adjoining the church was very tidy, well maintained and free of litter. The "Welcome to Dromahane" sign on the Lismore road also looked well. Some traffic signs e.g. for the school are in need of attention. Also some fingerpost direction signs within the village were in need of cleaning and repainting and the speed limit sign on the Mallow approach was also in need of repainting. The Mallow Area map erected near the village Green in the centre of the village is a good idea. The old stone walls in the vicinity of Nazareth House are well maintained and new footpaths which are put in place here improve the area. The Tomas Ruiseal Monument was clean and well maintained. The supervised development of the Ring Fort area would be a most interesting development.

General Impression:

The village is pleasant and as stated is undergoing considerable change. The Development Association should continue its efforts and work with the Local Authority and also relevant Agencies

to bring about further progress. A good foundation has now been laid and the whole community should support the efforts being made. The best of luck with your future endeavours.