

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dromod**

Ref: **46**

County: **Leitrim**

Mark: **271**

Category: **A**

Date: **01/08/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	43	42
The Built Environment	40	38	37
Landscaping	40	38	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	22
Litter Control	40	37	36
Tidiness	20	19	19
Residential Areas	30	28	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	36	36
General Impression	10	9	9
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>265</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Dromod was looking absolutely beautiful on adjudication day - as one would expect from last years Regional Award Winner. On-going co-operation between the residents, Tidy Towns Committee, Dromod Development Association and the local authority is very evident in the continuing high standard of presentation and landscaping visible throughout Dromod.

Your update on progress, map and detailed entry form was most helpful to the adjudicator.

### The Built Environment:

Dromod has a charming appearance with buildings complementing the landscape and the community determined to conserve the essential character of the village.

The removal of overhead wires adds greatly to the overall attractive built environment of Dromod.

The Copper Stil with stone frontage and floral display was most appealing.

The Brandywell on the Sligo approach was beautifully presented with great use of colour, railings and attractive outdoor furniture. A welcoming introduction to Dromod.

Annaduff Credit Union was again looking well as was O'Connor's and Jimmy's.

The presentation of both private and business premises were of a very high standard throughout.

The painting of the corrugated roofs has added greatly to the appearance of this junction.

## **Landscaping:**

The large amount of white thorn, ash and illandi trees planted throughout the village is very attractive and greatly enhances the landscape of Dromod.

J.G. O'Connor Memorial Garden and the Gazebo opposite was very eye-catching with great use of colour and the fountain as the focal point. The road down to the Marina with flower beds, fencing and display of old farm carts and machinery is most appealing. Well done to all concerned.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Bird tables were again noted as was the new wildlife area down by the marina. Your initiative in sourcing funds to put ducks, signage and a viewing bay in place is much admired by the adjudicator. For further advice and guidance refer to the Tidy Towns Handbook and liaise with local wildlife experts who will assist you to achieve further progress under this heading.

## **Litter Control:**

There was no litter present on adjudication day. The bins with their bilingual text are very attractive and well positioned.

## **Tidiness:**

Dromod has a very tidy appearance with good use of floral displays and open spaces attractively landscaped. The area around Cavan and Leitrim Railway has improved in appearance with good use of shrubs and flowers. The G.A.A. Park has maintained its excellent presentation and recycling bins nearby are clean and tidy. Private and commercial premises along the Main Street are well kept and attractively presented.

The road down to the Marina has some untidy areas which hopefully will be addressed when resurfacing of the road is undertaken. The area down around the harbour was a delight with its well presented holiday village and numerous amenities.

## **Residential Areas:**

There were many eye-catching private houses both on approaches and in the village.

It is hoped that the completion of the new housing development on the Mohill Road will be landscaped to the same high standard as other residential areas in the village. Floral displays, hanging baskets, mature and young trees, well trimmed lawns and cared for boundary areas were the order of the day. Well done to all concerned.

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

Dromod appears to have the full co-operation of the local authority as all approaches were extremely well presented, margins neatly trimmed and boundary areas tidy. The extensive use of tree planting and colourful floral displays gives a very welcoming first impression of Dromod. Back areas, especially behind Cox's is very attractive and is a lovely introduction to the Marina. The focal point of the J. G. O'Connor Memorial Garden and the Gazebo at the Mohill junction is greatly enhanced by the painting of the corrugated roofs on the Carrick Road which was recommended in last year's report. Well done.

## **General Impression:**

You have performed very well again this year. It is obvious that the community have great pride in Dromod which is evident in a very enthusiastic and energetic Tidy Towns Committee.

You are now among the very elite in achieving such a high mark in this category and therefore must

now pay special attention to detail if you are to progress further in this competition and achieve the national recognition you richly deserve.  
Congratulations and well done.

### **Second Round Adjudication:**

The charming village of Dromod is located on the busy Dublin-Sligo Road. Despite the obvious drawbacks of this location, it was presented to the highest of standards! The adjudicators look forward to seeing development at the Shannon Cove construction site. It is to be hoped that these houses will be as successful as those at the harbour area which, through their use of materials and suitable scale, are maturing well. Colourful displays were evident throughout the village, and the montbretia at the Antique shop was particularly admired, as was the bog oak heron sculpture and associated landscaping. The Credit Union was fresh and the Brandywell pub was well presented and busy on the day!