

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Drombane**

Ref: **362**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **192**

Category: **A**

Date: **24/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	
The Built Environment	40	26	
Landscaping	40	25	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	
Litter Control	40	27	
Tidiness	20	14	
Residential Areas	30	24	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	
General Impression	10	7	
TOTAL MARK	300	192	

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the detailed entry form, three year plan and map of village and surrounding area. There is a very active committee involved in promoting the Tidy Towns ethos in the community and the plan submitted is very achievable.

20 committee members seems to be somewhat large for a village the size of Drombane.

It may be more worthwhile if you divided into sub committees, each with responsibility for defined tasks, and report back to a main committee on a monthly basis.

It is good to see that the Committee has developed working relationships with the County Council. Leader and FAS, these type of relationships will benefit the Village in future years.

The Built Environment:

A small village such as Drombane should always try to retain its own characteristics in the face of modernisation. The challenge is to embrace change or improvement and blend them in with what is already in place.

The new parking area is something that has transformed the look of the core area but it would be very beneficial if the existing roads within the village could be brought up to the same standard.

The concrete railing should be painted to add to what has already been done.

Ryan's Bar is very much in the mould of traditional pubs and long may it stay that way, maybe the owners might consider removing the existing sign as it is a bit dated.

There are some fine new premises to be seen in the Village and the outskirts .

The derelict building near Ryans is an eyesore something should be done to camouflage same.
The stonework in the bridge is acceptable but naked block work should be faced before the year as per plan
The Church was in good condition having undergone some improvements.
The School, on the outskirts, was very well presented and John Dunne original shop front was noted

Landscaping:

The standard in this category was good and it was noted from the submitted plan that additional work was planned for the remainder of this year.
The work undertaken near and opposite Clodagh Rangers FC is welcome and this will mature with time.
The low stone wall opposite Ryans and the adjacent stables could benefit from some judicious planting and it would be worthwhile seeking advice from the Horticultural Section of North Tipp County Council.
The Committee needs to review this area regularly and suggest additions that will be a bonus to the Village.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

There was no mention of any proposed activity in this category.
The Committee should, for next year, consider getting some practical advice from a local wildlife enthusiast and then initiating a work programme that could involve local schoolchildren.

Litter Control:

A good effort has been made to make the Village litter free and the standard was quite good.
The Committee has succeeded in mobilizing the local community in contributing to the clean up campaign.
Recycling bank noted in the Car Park, it is hoped that this area will be kept tidy and that there will be regular collections to alleviate the possibility of litter being strewn around.

Tidiness:

The standard was acceptable with the exception of some farm related activity residue scattered at various parts of the village and outskirts. Given that this farming countryside allowances have to be made at this time of year.
Some signs within the village, notably Tipperary/Dundrum sign at the bridge, were a little tatty.
The Committee should actively encourage all residents to make sure that outside frontages are tidy and free of weed growth.

Residential Areas:

The Village is for all intent and purposes a residential area.
The standard of presentation of premises and surrounding areas was good and some houses were newly painted.
There were a number of new ones just constructed that when fully completed and landscaped will enhance Drombane.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The entrance from Thurles Ballycahill was a little mixed, after an initial good impression at stone sign

the standard dropped somewhat.

The entrance from Pendyes Cross was quite good with verges trimmed, mature trees and timber fencing on stone wall as one enters the Village.

The Rossmore entrance has potential as one descends with a panoramic view of the Tipperary Countryside. This entrance is narrow at the best of times but the state of the edges compound matters and they need to be cut back.

The standard of signs was mixed and the Committee should, as part of its plans for the future, request the County Council to examine and make good any signs that are not up to scratch.

General Impression:

This was this adjudicators first time in Drombane and it is a nice village set in rich countryside. It has good potential to do well in the competition and the Committee is to be commended for putting in place a very worthwhile and practical work plan.