

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dromineer**

Ref: **387**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **200**

Category: **A**

Date: **05/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	18	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	19
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>194</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the very detailed and indeed informative entry form with supplementary material such as update on three year plan and pictorial records.

The committee is quite large and has a junior section, an idea that could be replicated in other villages in order to ensure continuation of endeavour.

The level of involvement from the local community both permanent and transient is noteworthy.

There seems to be a good working relationship with Tipperary County Council and other bodies such as FAS and Tipperary Leader and the village has benefited accordingly.

### The Built Environment:

This adjudicator has not been to Dromineer for some time, mores the pity.

A great number of positive improvements have taken place in that intervening period.

The presentation of buildings was to a very good standard, the majority of both commercial and private owners playing their part by having premises well maintained and tidy.

It looks as if Neddys Cottage is nearing completion and this will be a big attraction for both local and visitor alike.

It is good to report that newer estates are contributing to the promotion of Irish by having bi lingual signs.

The following commercial premises are to be commended for the manner of presentation; The Crows

Nest Pub part of the hotel, The Lough Derg Hostel, the Ottaway Lodge and the attractive Whiskey Still pub.

The Boat Club and Shannon Sailing Marina were also well presented and tidy even though these premises experience large numbers of visitors and boating enthusiasts.

The extension of paths to the foreshore and surrounds is welcome as it makes access easier and more importantly safer.

Plans for the future in this category are progressive and in keeping with the further development of the village and its water based amenities.

### **Landscaping:**

The planting arrangements in the stone beds (boating theme) at the junction near the Crows Nest are very attractive combining colourful geraniums, petunias and flowering shrubs.

There was a very unusual array of planted pots and tubs of varying sizes opposite the Whiskey Still.

The Childrens playground at the Marina was also admired for its basic tidiness and it was complemented by some excellent flower pots near the parking area at the same location.

There may be need to engage with the County horticulturist to evaluate what is already in place, and to give an objective view of what type of planting and landscaping should take place in the future.

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

I would reiterate what was suggested in last years report and seek the help of someone who has both expertise and experience of local wildlife and indeed lake wildlife.

Dromineer is just one big wildlife habitat it would be the envy of most villages and towns in the country.

I will await with interest developments in this section.

### **Litter Control:**

The Village by its very nature is scattered and could be a hard place to control litter, especially as it attracts large numbers of people during the high tourist season.

The provision of additional bins is welcome as on the day of adjudication all were pretty full, maybe one or two more would not go amiss.

Overall the standard was very good but do keep spreading the message of good litter control.

### **Tidiness:**

There was no weed growth in evidence which means that some person or persons are making sure that there are regular clean ups. The Council cannot be expected to do this work on a weekly basis. A number of overgrown areas were noted and some untidy side areas, identifying them is inconsequential, need to be monitored.

The Committee need to be vigilant and make people aware of the importance of keeping areas adjoining properties tidy.

### **Residential Areas:**

The standard was quite good although The Derg Cottages green area and drive could be much tidier, it is fine cutting grass but cleaning up after is just as important. That particular access and parking area would benefit from re surfacing with tarmacadam.

Derg Manor and Waterside Cottages were noted as being presented to a good standard with room for improvement.

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

The forshore path is a big asset as it allows safe access to and from the shore.

Approach entrances in to the Village were in good condition and internal links were also well presented.

**General Impression:**

Dromineer is an attractive village that has large number of visitors at peak season. It has made progress in the competition and this is due to the work of a very enthusiastic committee.  
Keep up the good work.