

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Drumcree**

Ref: **339**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **170**

Category: **A**

Date: **17/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	23
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	170	171

Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator would like to thank the Committee for the application form and map. Unfortunately no details of work or background information was included in the application and the adjudicator therefore had to make certain assumptions- this was a pity. A strategic five year plan would be most useful and would help focus the committee and wider community. Again in the absence of details is there an active committee? The map was useful.

The Built Environment:

The village has a lot of potential to improve in this category. The area in front of Loughstown Self Catering development needs to be tidied up - gravel building materials etc. are not a very nice welcome for visitors. Derelict buildings in the village are also an issue. The shop area could be improved and Bartlys pub needs painting and some weed control. Restoration work noted at the disused church.

Landscaping:

The pump area could be made more of a feature of with some colour and plantings. Some very nice flower beds; nice use of strong colour with the marigolds and pansies - these are also well maintained for the most part in the centre of the village. The village has some lovely mature trees.

The lawns at the self catering development at Loughstown are very poorly kept and were quite overgrown on the day of inspection.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

No details present - were adjudicators suggestions from last year considered?

Litter Control:

Litter unfortunately present on day of inspection - particularly around Bartleys area. Are there litter control measures in place and local children and residents involved?

Tidiness:

Despite a few trouble spots Drumcree generally gives the appearance of being a tidy village. Keep up the good work!

Residential Areas:

Local pride is in evidence with many of the house frontages looking very well. Good use of colour and permanent plantings. Good work!

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The flowerbeds on the Collinstown approach road are a little overgrown and mowed grass should be gathered to avoid rotting which will spoil new growth. Good sign-posting for tourist amenities, e.g. Fore. The flowerbeds on the Delvin approach are also in need of some attention.

General Impression:

Drumcree is a tidy village with plenty of potential. A plan to focus the further development of the village would pay huge dividends.