

Tidy Towns Competition 2008

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dromod** Ref: **314**
County: **Leitrim** Mark: **292**
Category: **B** Date(s): **06/06/2008**

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2008 |
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| Overall Development Approach | 50 | 44 |
| The Built Environment | 50 | 40 |
| Landscaping | 50 | 40 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 50 | 26 |
| Litter Control | 50 | 39 |
| Waste Minimisation | 20 | 8 |
| Tidiness | 30 | 20 |
| Residential Areas | 40 | 29 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 50 | 38 |
| General Impression | 10 | 8 |
| TOTAL MARK | 400 | 292 |

Overall Development Approach:

Dromod is welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition in its 50th anniversary year. Thank you for your submission and in particular for a copy of your plan. Dromod has been bypassed since last seen by this adjudicator and hopefully this is a welcome development for the community. The village continues to be presented to a high standard and looks magnificent particularly in the area of landscaping. Well done on gaining the co-operation of Leitrim County Council and on your communications with schools although these are so far from the village. We wish you every success for the future and particularly for the implementation of your plan. Don't forget to log on to www.tidytowns.ie as a resource for future activities.

The Built Environment:

There have been many new commercial premises developed in recent years and all looked well at the time of adjudication. Both Coxes and the Brandy Well were admired also. The reconstruction of Warren Lodge is an excellent initiative. We wish you every success in relation to the refurbishment of the two-storey corrugated iron roofed house and the upgrading of the toilet block at the marina. Your many stone buildings are a handsome feature of your lovely village.

Landscaping:

Both the fountain and its surrounding cobble - locked area are a lovely feature of Dromod and planted areas provide beautiful colour. The co-operation between Waterways Ireland and the Dromod Development group to maintain all green areas at the marina is admirable. The bog oak landscaped feature at the entrance to the Railway Station was also admired by the adjudicator.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The ducks at the quayside were a great source of interest for visitors who were busy feeding these and are welcome addition to the life of the community. We look forward to the findings of the survey by the National Wildlife and Heritage Service of the flora and fauna on the upper Shannon and no doubt interpretive facilities will be provided in Dromod. Do keep us informed of new developments regarding the proposed bridge over the wildlife area. Hopefully your liaison with the county council regarding the upgrade of Coach Road will bring about the desired result.

Litter Control:

Congratulations on your participation in the Leitrim County Council 'Adopt a Road' programme and on your success in overcoming the problem at the Waterfront. Thank you for your enclosure on Leitrim County Councils Litter Management Plan. Don't forget to segregate litter when collected.

Waste Minimisation:

We wish you every success in the acquisition off recycling bins in the village. It is good to note that all the pubs are segregating their recyclable waste and having it collected by a local waste company. The proposed distribution of a Waste Minimisation leaflet throughout the Community is an important initiative. A Waste Audit might also be undertaken to identify further ways of minimising waste. The bottle banks at the sports grounds have been noted.

Tidiness:

The village appeared to be weed and fly-posting free at the time of adjudication, well done. Your discussions with developers regarding the maintenance/management of estate entrances and verges appear to be successful as no problem was noted in this respect. The overall appearance of Dromod is one of tidiness

Residential Areas:

New residential developments are presented to an excellent standard and work-in-progress was noted at the time of adjudication on a new estate on the Cloonagh Road. Well done on the repainting of a corrugated house on the main street and the proposed removal of signage at the former ecclesiastical building together with the upgrade of signage on the Cloonage Road. An important task for the future will be to welcome at your new neighbours and integrate them into the life of the community and particularly into the Tidy Towns movement.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Neatly maintained roadside verges backed by hedgerow and trees are a feature of entrances to the village. Name stones were admired also. Street furniture including road signage looks well and stone walls are being nicely maintained, your plan to raise the height of a stone wall are noted. Road surfaces and footpaths are in a good condition generally.

General Impression:

Dromod is always a pleasure to adjudicate as it has the appearance of a village which is well cared-for by its community.