

# Tidy Towns Competition 2008

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Drumsna** Ref: **428**  
County: **Leitrim** Mark: **240**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **24/06/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	37
The Built Environment	50	25
Landscaping	50	40
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	25
Waste Minimisation	20	9
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>240</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Drumsna is welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition in this its 50th anniversary year. Thank you for your submission. We note the absence of a planned work programme and urge you to submit one with each year's entry. Congratulations on your success in the Floral Pride and Pride of Place Competition these are fine achievements. Your work with all sectors of the community ie, the county council, Leitrim Partnership, and Task Force, local business, schools and the general community. This no doubt is responsible for the beautiful presentation of your village. The adjudicator will be surprised if the committee is disappointed with this year's marks.

### **The Built Environment:**

The Church and it's grounds were neatly presented and the Garden Centre looked well also as did Garveys and Duignans however the plastic fascia sign should be replaced on the former with a better quality one. Well done on the demolition of the derelict houses and their redevelopment. Congratulations also on repainting premises along Quay Street and Main Street.

### **Landscaping:**

Stands of mature trees in the village centre are stately in appearance and are complemented beautifully by well maintained greens. Colourful flower displays throughout the village were welcome feature and newly planted trees as the Leitrim Road were noted also; the Millennium Time Capsule is a nice touch. Well done on the bringing to fruition of the People's Orchard in Belmont we wish you every success in future projects particularly in relation to the Fair Green and the Bring Back Centre.

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

Both the 'Birds of Our Island panel and the Wildlife panel at the marina Are informative and attractive.. The river walk with its picnic area offers a fine recreational amenity for the community. We note from your submission the rota of daily 'caterers' for the resident swans and ducks and additional sign- age for the nature trail. Congratulations to the children of the National School who successfully completed the Riverside Habitat Survey, this is a fine achievement

### **Litter Control:**

Litter control was excellent throughout the village despite there being a litter bin almost full but not overflowing! Congratulations on your involvement in the 'Adopt a Road scheme and the refurbishment of floral planters at the Bring Bank. Well done on the continued segregation of community waste as well as your partnership with youth groups and business for litter patrols. The purchase of litter pickers and High Vis Vests is appropriate.

### **Waste Minimisation:**

The recycling point is neatly presented but do keep an eye on weed growth here. We note that segregation of waste takes place in the Resource Centre and the hosting of Waste Minimisation information evenings involving a variety of representative community groups. Your composting initiative is excellent and we look forward to this being brought to fruition. Has the committee considered organising a community Waste audit to establish the amount of waste produced and to devise strategies for minimising this?

### **Tidiness:**

Well done on your programme of weeding for curbs and the regular mowing of green areas. The painting of items such as the flagpoles and a gate at the bridge has been duly noted together with proposed cleaning of existing signs. At the time of adjudication the petrol pumps and adjacent post look a little shabby. Hopefully the derelict premises on which there is the 'Sale Agreed' will retain its traditional features upon redevelopment. The traffic islands at the roundabout at the Leitrim and of the village looked a little weedy.

### **Residential Areas:**

A number of premises were in need of upgrading to their side areas however it must be acknowledged that most residential properties are presented to a high standard and that new developments are fitting in nicely with existing properties. No doubt the work in progress to a new developments will bring these to a similar high standard. A freshly whitewashed two-storey house located at the bridge is most attractive.

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

The entrance to the village featured beautifully maintained grass verges backed by low shrubs and an attractive nameplate. Street furniture in general is nicely presented and it was a pleasure to note how little wirescape exists in the village; no doubt the service pole and overhead cables on the Fair Green will be removed in the not-too-distant future together with those at the Garveys and Duignans corners. Footpaths and roads surfaces are too a good standard throughout and the bridge looked well.

### **General Impression:**

The overall impression of Drumsna is one of a beautiful village where the level of commitment by the community to their home place is highly visible. There has been a handsome increase in marks this year which is thoroughly deserved.