

# Tidy Towns Competition 2009

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Dromahane** Ref: **1203**  
County: **Cork(North)** Mark: **194**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **11/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	25
The Built Environment	50	25
Landscaping	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20
Litter Control	50	25
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>194</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Thank you for the filled up entry form. I note you have 20 members in the committee, and you hold monthly meetings. It is good to find that you are getting support from Blackwater Resource Development Ltd. It is worthwhile, as you do, to have talks with the school, and you could encourage the school to try and get the green flag status as this gets the children off to a good start on environmental issues. It is great to see that it is positive to take part in the tidy towns competition and you find it to be a great motivating factor for the community to clean up the village. You are getting the message across well by word of mouth and the newsletters. Thank you for the map which was very useful on adjudication. All of this means you have a good approach to the competition.

### **The Built Environment:**

The Catholic Church is wonderful building and maintained in great condition – well done to all concerned. The school had a crisp and fresh appearance to it and was neat and tidy. The business houses in the town are fresh and clean. The small community centre is tidy and fresh.

### **Landscaping:**

There were some impressive displays of landscaping with neat cut grass areas. There is a great spread of trees around Dromahane making it a picturesque location. The landscaping of the private houses bolsters your efforts. The tennis court is a fine amenity. I admired the Thomas Russell monument

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

There is an abundance of wildlife in all those fine mature trees, shrubs stone walls and fields around your area. You could maybe get some local people that are interested in outdoor pursuits to assist you with wildlife

issues.

### **Litter Control:**

The town has benefited from the national spring clean up as there was little litter to be seen. It is good to have the children involved as they are generally very good at picking up the litter and it makes them more conscious of litter maintenance in the future.

### **Waste Minimisation:**

I inspected the recycling bins and they were well serviced. In many other areas the tidy towns committees encourage the residents to compost as much as possible in their own homes, and perhaps you could do this. As stated above the green flag in the schools is well worthwhile going for.

### **Tidiness:**

The town had a tidy appearance for the most part, especially in the grassed areas. The run down house up above the community centre is an eyesore, but here is little you can do about private property, but you could bring this matter to the attention of the County Council executive officers. The signpost on the road into the town from Mallow was broken and hanging to one side. The signpost in the middle of the village at the cross roads was bent over after obviously having been crashed into by some passing transport. These are matters for the County Council roads engineers and you could inform them about the situation.

### **Residential Areas:**

A huge amount of new houses are recently constructed in Dromahane and you could encourage the residents of these houses to set up their residents associations. The work done is most impressive with some very attractive new grassed areas and shrubberies. There are some wonderful private houses spread about the area with great displays of shrubs, trees, hedging, lawns and flowers and this with your own landscaping make for a clean bright town.

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

All the roads around the town are in good condition with good fencing and some fine traditional stone walls. The signposts mentioned earlier are in need of attention, but the remainder of the signage is perfect.

### **General Impression:**

You are making a good effort to improve your town. It is advisable that you set out some plans for future improvements, and these plans do not have to be elaborate. You will get advice from the local community and the tidy town's adjudicator could also put you on the right direction. Well done.