

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DROMOD**
County : **LEITRIM**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-08-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	38
The Built Environment	40	35	34
Landscaping	40	35	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	21
Litter Control	40	35	35
Tidiness	20	18	18
Residential Areas	30	27	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	35	34
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	254	248

Dromod, Co. Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Dromod looked extremely well on adjudication day. The Committee are still working very hard to maintain the high standards achieved over the years. As last year the relationship between Dromod and the various state agencies is still good. The renewal of ESB and telephone wires underground has considerably improved the appearance of the village. The Celtic Tiger has made an appearance in Dromod and the new houses, which have been built auger well for the prosperity of the village in the future. The traffic calming should also be of help in enabling traffic to admire the view of the Main Street with its lovely flower displays and its new stone welcoming signs in the nice flowerbeds. The harbour area has certainly changed its appearance from last year and time will tell how successful this development will be. Further developments are also planned for this area and, hopefully, all developments will assist the Tidy Towns Committee in ensuring that Dromod maintains its high ranking in the competition. Progress is a two-edged sword and must be planned carefully. Thanks are due to the Committee for returning the completed questionnaire and the map.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The business sector was extremely well presented as usual. Still there was as usual the dilapidated plastic sign at the food market. Other premises to really catch the eye were O'Connor's, Annasduff Credit Union, Jimmy's and the Copper Still. Congratulations to all concerned for their magnificent flower displays, which really brighten up the Main Street. The Brandy Well is also worthy of comment. Crow's Garage as last year has a significantly well looked after forecourt {well done}. As mentioned in your report the stonewalls throughout the village are lovely. The derelict house on the left hand side of the Rooskey approach looks extremely well, nice flower boxes and new wooden fencing. The remarks regarding the Antique Shop still apply, however there is further work to be done. The house beside, which appears to be empty, has a neglected garden with an abandoned car between the two buildings. The other derelict house on the main street is well presented. The Railway Station has some lovely hanging baskets, was well painted and looked extremely attractive. The stone cottages beside it are extremely well presented, nice flower boxes. However the utility shed beside them spoils the view.

LANDSCAPING

The tree planting on the approach road is outstanding [well done]. Congratulations to the residents of Dromod who have planted magnificent floral displays in their gardens.

The new house on the right of the harbour road has a magnificent garden. The floral display at the new houses on the left up to Carrick-on-Shannon approach is also worthy of comment. The beautiful display of flowers, shrubbery and the fountain at the Mohill Road is superb. The floral display on the Harbour Road is a credit to all concerned. Shrubby and tree planting at the Harbour is excellent. Long may it last. The tree planting beside the Post Office is lovely.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The importance of the wild life area between the harbour and the lakeshore at Lough Bofin as mentioned on your report is very significant. Great care must be taken to ensure that the ongoing development at the harbour does not interfere with the environment in this area. Over to you Dromod

LITTER CONTROL

This is a high priority for this lovely Shannon village. Most of the main street and the harbour area were free of litter on adjudication day. One black spot however. The entrance to the factory on the left of the Carrick-on-Shannon approach had one full litter bin with a full black plastic bag of litter sitting on top of it. This should not happen in a village like Dromod There is a field with a nice new stonewall opposite O'Connor's and beside the two new houses for sale which had a lot of litter behind the new stone wall.

TIDINESS

The main approaches to Dromod from the North and South are lovely. A blaze of colour, beautiful flowers, excellent boundary walls, beautiful floral displays and tree planting. A credit to the residents of Dromod The same cannot be said of the other approach. The Mohill approach has a builders yard, which should be concealed at all times, but is not. The forecourt of the G.A.A. leaves a lot to be desired, the floral display here is beginning to wilt, and there is a farmer's field opposite the railway station with abandoned farm machinery in it. Whilst Dromod station is well presented the surrounding area is as last year, disappointing. The exception being the presentation of the Cavan/Leitrim Railway Station and its surrounds, which was lovely. The new estate on the right as you approach Dromod looked well. Tree planting on the right here as last year is lovely. The yellow and green seats need some attention and in time the corrugated buildings will need replacing. The harbour area was well-presented, lovely tree planting, information map {also in village} seating and picnic tables, nice toilets and as last year excellent refuse facilities. Housing developments still going on here [25 houses to be built]. The house at the harbour with the nice garden has removed the wooden shed. [Well-done]. The wire fence at the tennis court is badly in need of attention. The entrance to Aughey House and its hedgerows are still excellent.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are many new houses being built in Dromod at the moment. The areas on the Main Street and on the Mohill road blend in with the village and many of them should be a great help in promoting Dromod Tidy Towns ambitions. It will be interesting to see how the new houses at the harbour blend in with their surroundings. To the older residents of Dromod my compliments, the presentation of your houses, gardens, lawns and boundary walls is excellent.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads in general are very good. From Carrick and Rooskey the approaches are splendid, well kept verges, lovely floral displays and the signposting telling you that Dromod is a bronze Medal winner in the National Tidy Towns competition can be appreciated. Mohill is a bit untidy and the approach road to Cloonagh could not be traversed on adjudication day. Duignan's house on the Mohill Road is still well maintained. It will be interesting to see how the various developments taking place in Dromod work out, particularly in the Harbour area and its approaches.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

As stated last year Dromod's most appealing feature is its lovely Shannon surroundings. Well done to the residents of Dromod and their great effort. We look forward to next year.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (01/08/01)

It is rare for such a substantial increase to be given at the highest level in the Competition, but in this case the additional marks are fully justified. Dromod has emerged from the lengthy depredations of the pipe and cable layers, and clearly the remaining and fairly unobtrusive scars will shortly vanish; the positive elements will survive. Some debris noticed by the first adjudicator in a field opposite O'Connor's was still there at second adjudication. The inner reaches of the Railway Station are untidy; it is fully understood how much voluntary effort goes into this very interesting and worthwhile enterprise, but some solution – preferably in financial contributions – needs to be found, and no doubt the Committee is tirelessly trying to do find it. New housing above the delightful Marina is promising – of modern design, yet respecting the traditional vertical windows and pitched roofs, they should blend into the scene before long. Next year, please name and mark on your map sites or developments which should not be missed. Until next year, congratulations and best wishes.