

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DROMAHAIR**  
County : **LEITRIM**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	32	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	34	33
Tidiness	20	12	14
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>216</b>

# **Dromahair, County Leitrim**

## **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Although a three to five year work programme was requested to be included with your application last year and the year before there is still no sign of it! Perhaps for next year's competition you could also include the historic trail and associated booklet on the village's history with your application. Many thanks for your extremely clear map which was most useful on the day. Due to the time constraints involved and the large number of villages and islands entering the competition you must realize that judging cannot take place any later in the year! Be assured that the date on which a village is judged is irrelevant as it should look at its best at all times of the year. The mere cosmetics of floral displays make no difference to the marking-the integral fabric of the town/village is what is important and what is judged.

## **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The village's buildings generally looked well cared for on the day with few not reaching the same standard as the rest. The Maxol Station on the Carrick-on-Shannon Road should be painted up before next year's competition and the signage to the Abbey Bar looks quite unfortunate. The Garda Station should be painted before next year's competition especially its boundary wall. On the other hand Spar, The Woodview Inn and the Post Office were all extremely fresh. Ann's Cutting Corner is quite charming but the Riverside Walk Hostel looked most unfortunate. Both of the churches looked well cared for with beautiful grounds on the day. The craft and sweater shop looked quite charming in its prominent location. The stone library building and the Depot both contribute well to the urban fabric of the village.

## **LANDSCAPING**

The attractive grass landscaped areas at crossroads on approach roads were all greatly admired. The modern monument on the square is simply presented. The grounds to the Parochial House were admired and the attractive pump with its associated landscaped area leading to the Line was greatly admired. The tubs to the stone wall outside the Church of Ireland should be magnificent when they come into full bloom – the attractive graveled area opposite was also admired.

## **WILDLIFE**

Your plans for developing wildlife nature walks including that on the Sligo Road should be of great benefit to the village. Perhaps another booklet and map could be put together to facilitate the walkers in their travels. These could identify areas of wildlife habitation.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good – the village was virtually litter free. A bottle at a gateway on the Line created a bad impression. More litter was evident to the side area of the Abbey Bar.

## **TIDINESS**

The most charming but shabby buildings at the end of the main street on the Carrick-on-Shannon approach create a bad impression for the visitor in their prominent location. A neglected tin shed is also visible when approaching the village from this direction. A derelict site beside the depot also looked unfortunate. Perhaps you could consider screening the recycling bins from public view to tidy up this area. An election poster was spotted, apparently having fallen into a back garden opposite the Church of Ireland. Gravel and other building materials had been dumped to the side of the hostel. It was rather overgrown at the Riverside Walk area.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most of the private houses were well cared for on the day. The Castle Court Development is coming along well hopefully it will be landscaped nicely. The Breffni Holiday Cottages were well maintained and their attractive gate was admired but appeared to be somewhat rusty and should be painted up before next year's competition. Fuchsia Cottage beside the Craft and Sweater shop looked quite charming and Larkfield Lawns on the Line was extremely well maintained. A charming house beside the Library was admired as was a most attractive garden behind a private garage near the corner house on the Line.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Approach roads were generally well maintained. On the Carrick-on-Shannon Road the permanent planting and grass verges were admired. However the welcome sign will need repainting before next year's competition. The Sligo Road beyond the Catholic Church is a most attractive approach to the village with its overhanging trees. In terms of street furniture some of the signage relating to the Village Trail was quite grubby.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Dromahair is a most attractive and charming village with much to offer the visitor. The derelict areas that you mention in your application form are a problem and do detract from the generally good impression created.