

# Tidy Towns Competition 2008

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Dromahair** Ref: **673**  
County: **Leitrim** Mark: **256**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **01/07/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	37
The Built Environment	50	33
Landscaping	50	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	19
Litter Control	50	36
Waste Minimisation	20	12
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	31
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>256</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Dromahair is welcome to the National TidyTowns Competition in its 50th anniversary year ; thank you for your submission this facilitated adjudication. It is good to note that the committee liaise with all sectors of the community including schools and it is also note worthy that you have been successful in encouraging them to participate in the Florale Pride Competition. Dromahair is an attractive village with much to offer both residents and visitors and with potential to do well in the TidyTowns Competition. Are you working to a planned work programme? Your plan was not submitted this year try to include one with next year's entry. Log [www.tidytowns.ie](http://www.tidytowns.ie) for tips and useful information

### **The Built Environment:**

The majority of buildings in Dromahair are well presented and the Abbey Manor Hotel, McGoldrick's the Church of Ireland and its grounds, and the Catholic Church our all nicely presented. The boundary wall of the Garda station needs to be cleaned. Hopefully your submission of a list of derelict buildings to the council will bring about the desired result. Well done on the refurbishment of stone walls and we wish you well in your plan for bilingual signs for the village.

### **Landscaping:**

Stands of mature trees throughout Dromahair are quite magnificent and hopefully more recently planted trees will reach this level of maturity. The eastern entrance to the village was attractively presented with its well-maintained grass verges, young trees and colourful flower displays. The stand of silver birch and rowan trees in the curtilage of Stanford's look appealing. Landscaping at the entrance from the Sligo Road is colourful also and you are complimented on your container plants throughout. There is potential for further

landscaping at the Wood View Inn premises.

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

From your submission there appears to be many walks and nature trails within the environs of Dromahair. Has a wildlife survey been undertaken and if so has an awareness campaign been launched for the community. Your plan to work with the national school next year providing nesting boxes is acknowledged and we look forward to good results here. Ensure that future planting includes a good stock of native species as this is supportive of wildlife.

#### **Litter Control:**

It is good to note the segregation of litter and that you work with the county council in the management of litter control. Hopefully your poster competition which is planned for next year will bear fruit. It is also good to note that problem areas have been identified and that you're working with the litter warden to ameliorate the worst effects. The overall standard of litter control in Dromahair is excellent.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

The high mark achieved under this heading is a reflection of your daily checks on the recycling facility to ensure that no dumping is carried out here. Congratulations on the approval of funding for the composting site, this is an exciting development and more so as you plan to provide tunnels for growing your own flowers for the village. At some stage in the future a waste audit might be undertaken by all sectors of the community with a view to reducing the amount of waste produced and to be recycled.

#### **Tidiness:**

The regular tidying around the village and the cleaning of signs is again reflected in the high marks achieved under this heading. Well done also regarding the maintenance of the gardens of unoccupied dwellings. There is very little overhead wirescape in the village which generates a pleasing appearance, only one old service pole was not noted, no doubt this will be removed in due course.

#### **Residential Areas:**

The entrance to the Rock Valley residential development is beautifully landscaped while The Acres is still a work and progress. Your work with residents and the council to explain plans for Dromahair is an excellent initiative the Drumlease estate is being nicely maintained. Well done to residents of Abbey Vale and Rock Valley for their participation in the National Spring Clean. Older dwellings around the town particularly on-street dwellings are nicely presented.

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

Most stretches of road and footpath are well surfaced and we note plans for further work under this heading particularly in relation to footpaths. Street furniture is well presented also and the new sign for the river Bonet is acknowledged. Hopefully measures such as road-widening and the revised traffic plan will bring about the desired goal. Approach roads and entrances to Dromahair are an excellent introduction to the village

#### **General Impression:**

Dromahair is an attractive village and benefits from the commitment of the community to their home place. It is good to note that an alternative site for the fountain and amenity area has been found and will be developed in the wake of the new traffic plan.