

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 21-07-98

|                                | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1998 | Mark Awarded 1997 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50           | 32                | 31                |
| The Built Environment          | 40           | 26                | 25                |
| Landscaping                    | 40           | 25                | 25                |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30           | 16                | 16                |
| Litter Control                 | 40           | 30                | 29                |
| Tidiness                       | 20           | 12                | 13                |
| Residential Areas              | 30           | 21                | 20                |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 40           | 26                | 26                |
| General Impression             | 10           | 6                 | 6                 |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>300</b>   | <b>194</b>        | <b>191</b>        |

## **Dromahair, Co. Leitrim**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Dromahair is making sure progress year by year. Although services beside the Catholic Church have been put underground and new pavements built the remainder of the village still has to be done. The Committee has been very active over the past year. However, whilst some perennial problems have been overcome a lot still remains to be done. Congratulations to McGoldrick's on their new facade which is lovely and if co-operation like this continues the future of Dromahair in the National Tidy Towns Competition looks bright. Thanks are due to the Committee for returning the questionnaire and the excellent map.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Church of Ireland with its nice stone walls, grounds and floral displays is really eye-catching. The McKenna Monument, its floral displays and new seating is a credit to all concerned. The Catholic Church is extremely well presented and the parochial house opposite is extremely attractive with its bright display of flowers. As last year, the Abbey is a fine stone building, the sign still needs to be replaced. The River Walk Hostel, as last year, needs repainting. This year the building has apparently been vandalised as many of the windows were broken. Stanford's still has its own unique and striking appearance. The Breffni Centre was brightly painted and a colourful display of flowers, hanging baskets and flower tubs. The Woodview Inn with its ivy clad walls and tarmacadam forecourt looks well, however, the number of old derelict cars which can be seen from the Main Street really detracts from its overall appearance. The houses on the hill opposite Breffni Holiday Cottages have been reasonably well painted. The Maxol Garage still looks the same. The new Post Office looks terrific. McGoldrick's has improved immeasurably. The Craft and Sweater Shop are still keeping up their high standard and the Depot building will be a great asset to the village when work surrounding the vicinity is completed. Hopefully the Council Offices and yard will eventually be screened. The Garda Station was nicely painted. The presentation of the terraced houses both beside and opposite the Garda Station is a credit to both communities. Hopefully the remaining plastic signs in the village will shortly be replaced by a more traditional one.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The adjudicator last year paid tribute to the landscaping on the Drumkeerin approach. Whilst Peter's Sweep was well presented and the well kept garden with its nice lawn and tree-planting opposite the garage were well presented, the green area with its chain link fence this year looked a bit tarnished and took away from the overall presentation of the area. All areas of landscaping must be well maintained at all times. The water pump on the lane looked lovely this year, well maintained and no litter or dumping.

The display of hanging baskets, flower tubs and flower boxes throughout the village is a credit to all concerned, as last year well done! The green area on the Sligo junction still needs more attention.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There are numerous wildlife habitats surrounding Dromahair notably the Bonnet River with its fishing and its magnificent trees. As last year, it is recommended that the Committee consult with local environmental experts and seek their advice as to what could be done. This is the second time that this has been suggested and it is hoped that it will be done for next year.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

There was some residual litter to be seen in the vicinity of the Abbey and the River Walk Hostel. Apart from this the village was free of litter. The large wooden bins are prominently displayed throughout the village. (well done!)

## **TIDINESS**

The corrugated rusty shed near the bridge on the Drumkeerin approach is most unsightly. Whilst the road surfacing on the Drumlease estate is excellent it is not helped by the abandoned tractor in plain view in the middle of the estate. The Dispensary building here is well presented it is marred to a great extent by the corrugated sheds in the vicinity. The dumping of building materials beside Breffni Holiday Cottages (pipes) is not an asset where tidiness is concerned. The map here also needs replacing, it is very unsightly. Apart from the above the village was reasonably tidy.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The houses in Woodlands Avenue are very well presented, nice gardens and boundary walls, some excellent cut stone houses. Many of the houses on the Main Street are worthy of comment, the two terraces as already mentioned, the presbytery and the house painted green and white with its lovely stone wall and magnificent gardens. Many of the private houses on the approach roads are extremely well presented. The houses on the Drumlease Estate have a mixed presentation - good and poor.

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

Most of the approach roads were reasonably well presented, however, in most cases the verges needed trimming. The back line has tidied up a lot with some new housing developments and some good stonework. Woodlands Avenue has a nice road surface and an abandoned tractor is clearly visible at the rear of the Abbey. Some dumping visible at side of the hostel.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

To reach its full potential in this competition the wholehearted support of the residents of Dromahair is needed. Hopefully it will be within the next few years. Well done and keep up the good work.