

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 27-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	28	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	32	31
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	27
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>203</b>

## **Dromahair, County Leitrim**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Dromahair Tidy Towns Committee made a great effort this year. The village was most impressive on adjudication day with its wide Main Street, beautiful houses and tree lined avenues. Dromahair has made some great strides and the Plan submitted by the Tidy Towns Committee who are working hand in hand with Leitrim County Council are carrying out and intend to carry out more developments which will further enhance the appearance of the village. Thanks are due to the Committee for the long report, completed questionnaire and map which proved to be most helpful.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Both the Catholic Church and Church of Ireland are extremely well presented buildings. The surrounds of the Church of Ireland including the graveyard are well presented and well maintained. Other buildings of note are the Sweater Shop, Breffni Holiday Cottages, new French Restaurant, Garda Station, Stanford's Village Inn, Breffni Centre and McGoldrick's Shop. The Depot Building is magnificent and a job well done! There are a number of areas which should be commented on in particular the derelict site on the Drumlease approach to the village. Your remarks regarding this are noted in the report. The abandoned cars at rear of Woodview Inn can still be seen from the Main Street. Rusty corrugated sheds catch the eye immediately on entering Dromahair from Drumkeerin. The sign on the Blue Devon is broken, a traditional shopfront sign is recommended as a replacement! Last but not least the River Walk Hostel is a complete eyesore in spite of the nice stone wall to the front of the building.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Firstly the villagers are to be congratulated on the magnificent floral displays throughout the village. Hanging baskets, flower boxes are the order of the day. Congratulations to all concerned. The green area on the Ballintogher approach looked bright and colourful and the area surrounding the waterpump on the back line is worthy of comment. The small green area on the Sligo approach is also well presented.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There is no mention of wildlife. I would agree with last year adjudicator's remarks that Dromahair and its environs is ideally situated for nature walks and the development of a wildlife habitat. Your remarks are noted regarding the walk

to Creevaley Abbey. However, it is suggested that you consult with the Local Authority on the matter of wildlife and nature amenities.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There is an adequate supply of bins and in effect litter was a scarce commodity on adjudication day. Well done.

### **TIDINESS**

The village had a charming ambience on a balmy summer's evening with its river, lovely stone buildings and magnificent trees. What could be more pleasant? No wonder Yeats was enthralled. Unfortunately it is marred by the environs of the River Walk Hostel. The tree planting on the Drumlease Estate beside the football pitch is a credit to the residents. Fowley's Garage has improved considerably over the years and a little further effort could alter its appearance for the better and help the Tidy Towns efforts. The sculpture in the centre of the village is most attractive.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The Drumlease Estate looked very well this year – grass cut and some effort had been made to maintain the public green areas. Unfortunately not all of the householders have maintained their properties to the same standard. This is a pity and hopefully will improve. The remainder of the housing in Dromahair is superb, in particular Woodlands with the 'Old Parochial House' introducing the estate! There are some lovely houses on the Main Street and are still being well presented as they have done over the years. The small terrace of houses on the Main Street with their floral displays is most attractive. There is also a new stone house at the end of the Main Street worthy of comment. Hopefully the small cottages beside the Depot will be preserved.

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

There are some road works taking place on the back line and when completed hopefully the road surface will be improved. Otherwise most of the paving and road surfaces were of a reasonable standard. The stone walls throughout the village are worthy of comment and the appearance of the backs of houses on the line has improved considerably. Well done!

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Dromahair has improved its ranking over the years. If the entire community were to back the Tidy Towns Committee in their efforts a major prize cannot be too far away. Well done again!

