

Tidy Towns Competition 2023

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dromod - Dromad** Ref: **314**
County: **Leitrim** Mark: **355**
Category: **B** Date(s): **14/07/2023**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2022	Mark Awarded 2023
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	49	50
Streetscape & Public Places	80	49	50
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	47	48
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	34	35
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	24	25
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	67	68
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	36	37
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	41	42
TOTAL MARK	550	347	355

Community – Your Planning and Involvement / An Pobal - Pleanáil agus Rannpháirtíocht:

Failte chuig Comortas Na mBailte Slachtmhara Super Valu don bhliain 2023. Taimid buíoch daoibh as ucht na hiontrala a chur chugainn, agus guimid gach rath ar bhur gcuid oibre amach anseo. Adh Mor. Welcome to the 2023 Supervalu Tidy Towns competition. Many thanks for your entry, map and photographs. They were a great help on the day. The group has the support of over 27 volunteers and quite a few new residents including non-nationals attended your meetings and we hope they will continue to take part in activities. It is great to read you have organised English lessons to support varying nationalities. You are well supported by staff at Leitrim County Council, Waterways Ireland, I.C.A., two GAA clubs as well as a number of businesses in the locality. Dromod TT Facebook is a popular means of communication, Instagram, WhatsApp and an annual welcome note to each holiday home in the Waterfront development is a nice touch. You have been in the competition for 60 years and we are pleased the children play a pivotal role in the majority of activities. Since 2019, you have put a lot of effort into the harbour area and we are glad to report that it is now complete. The harbour is an important part of Dromod's identity and how you present it with nice roads, laneways and open spaces contributes to the local economy. It creates an extension to the village with street lined trees, good lighting, new viewing area overlooking the River Shannon and offers a range of opportunities for community interaction. Carpark, paths, toilet facilities, information panels, tennis courts and wildlife areas all look well. Congratulations to Waterways Ireland, Leitrim County Council and Dromod Development for delivering good quality public realm. Your landscape paintings crafted by the ICA ladies and fun filled Christmas nights for residents are also noted.

Streetscape & Public Places / Sráid-Dreach & Áiteanna Poiblí:

Thank you for all the initiatives you have listed here. Great paint makeovers were accomplished for a terrace of businesses and residential properties to the north of the town by TT volunteers. We acknowledge your work cleaning gutters, maintaining old buildings, tidying up front gardens and painting boundary walls. You continue to advise the new owners of the Garda Station (a protected structure) on sources of funding to assist them in their refurbishment. Nearby the old telephone box is kept in good order. The Gazebo looks nice and fresh. The water feature is very neat and nice & landscaping nearby. Places admired were Dromod lodge, Tigh Choiligh, Annaduff Credit Union, Coxs Steakhouse, Brandywell Restaurant, Harkins Café, Crowes Garage, Train Station and Cooper Still. The Sensory Garden makes good use of vivid colours but planting could do with a bit of attention. The low-level planting beds at the junction were presented beautifully and is very welcoming. The Old Coach walkway is well maintained and a nice getaway. Colourful murals add to the streetscape but butterfly wall art needs refreshing. Playground enjoys good maintenance. Some nice trees add to the streetscape. Well done everyone.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

You have many areas of landscaping which you attend to carefully and well done on choosing lovely flowering combinations. We felt the raised beds and roadside bed at the café could be improved with attention and the addition of more pollinator planting – maybe you did not have time so far, weather is not the best this summer! A great job was done on the butterfly, vegetable gardens and we loved the pond. Great use of features like bog oak, water pump and donkey and cart add memorable touches for the visitor. Again, well done on the work at the harbour. The viewing area is bound to be well used. GAA was a hub of activity and a great amenity. Throughout the village and approach lines of trees provide wildlife corridors and really add to the landscape. Grass areas are very neat and tidy.

Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality / An Dúlra agus an Bhithéagsúlacht i do cheantar:

Thank you for sharing all your knowledge about the diverse range of habitats Dromod has on its doorstep. We note data recorded for the National Biodiversity Centre. Local farmland is also managed for wildlife. Do tell us if any of your nest boxes are occupied. Great news you have recorded the presence of snipe as they are one of our most threatened birds. Keep up the surveys. Well done on all the work carried out to promote nature & biodiversity.

Sustainability – Doing more with less / Inmharthanacht - Mórán ar an mbeagán:

You have lots to report on in this category. The Green School program and the grow your own in the community allotments. You list composting, water harvesting, glass and bottle recycling, encouraging the use of travel mugs within local outlets, 2-sided printing, peat free, solar lighting and patchwork classes. All great resource saving activities. An E-charging facility would be a worthwhile project, so we wish you well in your request.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

New for this year was looking for new dog fouling bins. This we unfortunately saw as a bit of an issue. Plan an awareness campaign and footpath stencilling can serve as a reminder to dog owners. Your annual clean up is well organised and stretches to the L1060 and L 1061 – super work everyone. The adjudicator is delighted to report that power washing and the use of hoe/brush to remove weed growth deserves much praise. Your vigilance to remove posters is successful. We are grateful to the 3 CE workers who obviously work extremely hard. We commend the time and efforts of all volunteers. Just one or two pieces of litter was found but otherwise it was spotless.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:

It is good to read that estate associations are extremely strong and hardworking and engage with residents in their respective areas. Mac Oisín Place is now complete and will soon be offered for sale. We wish Ard na Cuain success in Love where you live. Great work has been undertaken by the residents of Bofin avenue with new trees on the Communal area. Lots of flower tubs and containers filled with colour were observed on many residential premises.

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:

Tree lined approaches and well-maintained grass verges are enjoyable. We are delighted to see your achievements on the tidy town's signage - medal honours. Well done all. Failte to Dromod are looking well and letters painted in white to coordinate with other signs. Some roads are in bad conditions with potholes and lines need painting but we understand you have approached the council regarding this issue. We appreciate your painting of the kerbstone at the junction and this is also a project for the council. The footpath is now complete from the roundabout to Clonturk RC church giving pedestrians safety from village to church.

Concluding Remarks:

What a lovely place to live. Thank you for a great selection of photographs. Thanks to all the dedicated volunteer for their time and expertise. We are most appreciative of this. Great turnout.