



## Dromiskin Tidy Towns

Welcome to issue **nine** of our Tidy Towns Newsletter  
– a lot has happened in the last four months!

2025 was, without doubt, the most successful year in the 34 year history of our Tidy Towns programme with results we never expected that we would see.

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## Louth in Bloom

First up was Louth County Council's Louth in Bloom Awards In Bellingham Castle where we won the Best Litter Management Category in the new Sli Glas an Lu competition. Huge thanks to our diligent litter patrollers without whose support we dread to think what the cleanliness rating of our community would be! Have you noticed the new signs highlighting our success in this category as well as the Sustainable Energy and Biodiversity categories?



## National Tidy Towns Competition

We were shocked and thrilled when the results were announced in Croke Park on 24th October! Gold Medal! First in Co Louth! Increase of 19 marks! Regional Winner of Young People in Tidy Towns! National Active Travel Award for Siul na Manach! What a year – it will certainly be very difficult to do as well this year.



# Louth Looking Good

28th October and the Awards kept coming our way! Winner of Youth Award! Winner of Climate Action Award! Runner Up in Biodiversity Award! Runner Up in Seasonal Display Category! Overall Winner for third year in a row!



# PPN Awards

We were delighted to be involved and to be invited to a lovely celebration of community engagement in Monasterboice in November.



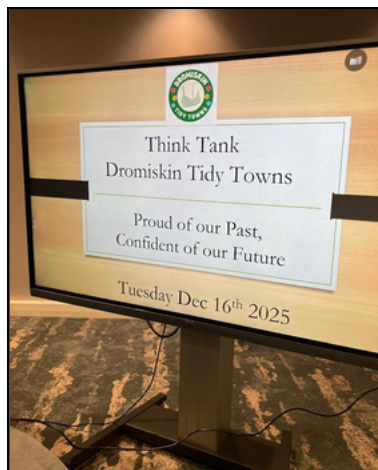
# Pride of Place

The results were announced in Limerick on 7th November and we were delighted when our community was named runner up in our population category in this All Ireland Competition! Huge thanks to the many individuals and organisations that collaborated to ensure this success and thank you to Louth County Council for nominating us and recognising our efforts in County Hall in December.



# Not Resting on our Laurels!

Following a great year in 2025 it was time to focus on plans for 2026 and our Think Tank on 16th December allowed us to celebrate our success while developing our work programme for the year ahead. Some great ideas that we hope to be able to implement to maintain our high standard and present our village to the highest possible standard.



# Climate Action Week

Climate Action Week in October presented us with the opportunity to undertake a number of interlinked projects. Thank you to the 36 families that sponsored trees to increase our dispersed orchard along Siul na Manach. Well done also to the pupils in St. Peter's N.S. who produced some fabulous artwork and thought provoking slogans for our Climate Action Poster Competition.



# Pop Up Shop

Huge thanks to Sinead Mulligan for making the space available for this initiative and for her tremendous support in ensuring that this event was a massive success. Not alone did it raise much needed funds for our committee but it resulted in over 200 preloved items finding a new home.



# Recycled Christmas Decoration Competition

Some fabulous upcycling was evident in the decorations produced by the pupils of St Peter's NS for this competition now in its third year and enjoying continued success while highlighting wonderful creativity.



# Community Green Flag

We were very happy to receive this prestigious award for our Heritage Park (5th Flag) and Ginnety's Pond Nature Park (2nd Flag) and delighted when the Chairman of Louth County Council, Cllr Sean Kelly, raised the Flags to highlight the sustainable management of these public spaces.



# Sustainable Urban Drainage Scheme

Completed at Centra with kind permission of James Hallinan and funded under Louth County Council's Community Climate Action Fund this project was officially unveiled by Cllr Sean Kelly, Chairman Louth County Council on 19th January.



# House & Garden Awards

Generously sponsored by Ardee Credit Union the results of the 2025 Competition were announced on 16th January. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to the many, many green fingered residents of our village who contribute individually and collectively to our overall success.



# Fundraising

Always a challenge and we are so grateful to all who support our many initiatives. Our calendar is proving to be very popular and sold out very quickly this year. Thanks to our twelve monthly sponsors and to everyone who purchased a calendar - your support is much appreciated. If you missed our Concert with Niamh Kavanagh you missed a great night!



Watch out for our Easter Raffle - We hope we can rely on your support to raise as much funds as possible. If any business or family would like to sponsor a hamper we would be very grateful - we already have a hugely generous prize from one of our most loyal sponsors - definitely worth winning so watch this space!

