

# **Dromiskin Tidy Towns House & Garden Awards 2025**



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## Judges Comments

The continually rising standard of presentation made adjudication of the Dromiskin House and Garden Awards particularly challenging this year, with many outstanding gardens and floral displays narrowly missing out on prizes. Every one of these properties makes a vital contribution to the ongoing success of the Dromiskin Tidy Towns programme, and all deserve sincere thanks and congratulations for their dedication to presenting their homes to the highest possible standard. We were especially pleased to observe the excellent balance between permanent and seasonal planting, with householders increasingly embracing biodiversity and pollinator-friendly design, thoughtfully enhanced by vibrant and dramatic summer colour schemes.

Warm congratulations are extended to the Dromiskin community on its continued success at national level in the 2025 Tidy Towns Competition, as well as its achievements in the 2025 Louth Looking Awards. These accomplishments are a source of great pride for the community and reflect enormous credit on the committee, volunteers, residents, and local businesses, whose collective effort ensures that the village continues to thrive and shine.

### BEST ESTATE GARDEN

1st Place 28 Church View



A real eyecatcher in the estate with stunning border planting being a visual treat as a result of a variety of brightly coloured dahlias and twinkling petunia in a pink and purple colour palette. A well cared for garden seat is appropriately highlighted by container planting with window boxes on the house adding further to the overall delightful visual allure.

### 2nd Place—26 Church View



A real Dahlia Delight but this garden is about more than delightful dahlias! Border planting, in a beautifully enclosed sleeper boundary, also includes radiant hydrangea, captivating cosmos and the drooping blooms of a nectar rich buddleia and this, combined with a grass area in superb condition, ensures that this estate garden looks its very best.

### 3rd Place (joint) 27 Church View



This low maintenance gravelled garden delivers strong visual impact from an array of striking container planting with dazzling begonia being a particular showstopper.

### 3rd Place (joint) 29 Commons Grove



The vibrant green needles of the central fir tree set the tone for the presentation of this beautifully understated garden where a box hedging border adds to the natural charm that is immediately evident. Colour is not ignored, however, with pockets of cheerful colour complementing the green foliage and the house adorned with vibrant hanging baskets.

## BEST ESTATE FLORAL DISPLAY

### First Place—15 Church View



Hanging basket and window box displays, at both levels, produced a sensational show of colour at this end of terrace property which simply lit up its location in the estate. With begonia and petunia being the predominant plant in the seasonal displays there was no doubt about the strong visual impact produced which was impossible not to be impressed with.

### Second Place—43 Commons Grove



The blue and white colour palette of the plants used in the large window box display on the bay window really complements the red brick facade of the house. Definitely catches the eye for all the right reasons!

### 3rd Place—4 Rath na Gloine



Absolutely outstanding hanging baskets of gorgeously abundant colour couldn't fail to impress and, when combined with two half barrels of colourful blooms framing the door, ensures that this residence makes a very positive statement in its estate.

## BEST ROADSIDE GARDEN—LARGE

First Place—Sinead Torley, Chapel Rd.,



A magnificent weeping willow tree immediately draws attention to this leafy garden where the lawn is in impeccable condition. A decorative lighting standard was highlighted by a container of seasonal planting for further visual interest and we were very impressed with the log pile and bird feeder which demonstrates a commitment to biodiversity. Plum coloured chairs, under the shade of a mature tree and highlighted by container planting, is another much admired feature of this mature and beautifully maintained garden.

Second Place—Loretta Lynch, Chapel Rd



Cooper beech trees provide a stunning introduction to this charming garden where a beautifully planted and well maintained shrubbery is a feature of the landscaping of the lawn. Container planting along the front of the house adds further visual interest and contributes to the positive impact this garden makes in its village centre location.

Third Place—Kevin Mackin, Drumleck Rd.,



Shrub beds featuring pink carpet roses provided lovely pops of warm colour in this garden where the leafy foliage of trees and shrubs are a key feature. Richly coloured hydrangea add depth and vibrancy to the garden where grecian urns of vivid begonia couldn't fail to catch the eye. This mature garden, with its lovely low, stone boundary wall makes a very positive statement in the village

## BEST ROADSIDE GARDEN—SMALL

First Place—Philip & Teresa Meegan, Commons Rd.,



A Red Robin plant peeped over the beautifully painted boundary wall from the most delightful border planting in the garden. Multi coloured hydrangea add colourful appeal with a central maple tree underplanted with seasonal planting adding further positive visual appeal. This garden has matured beautifully in a relatively short period of time and its maintenance reflects great credit on the residents who look after it so well.

Second Place—Paddy & Michelle Rodgers, Commons Rd.,



Floral displays bursting with colour and charm are the first indication of the care and attention that is lavished on this delightful garden that always impresses. Shrub planting is quite lovely with hypericum, in particular, producing glowing colour to appeal aesthetically as well as supporting pollinators. No attention to detail is spared in choosing the colour palette for the window boxes and ornamental features which are in the same rose pink tones as the front door.

Third Place—Downey Family, Commons Rd.,



Pollinator support meets colourful glamour in this garden where the fiery colours of marigold plants in border planting and the statuesque blooms of smiling sunflowers produce dramatic impact. Seasonal displays on the boundary wall add further tantalising colour and when combined with the beautifully manicured lawn really produce showstopping impact. Hanging basket displays on the house, and even on the garage, produced a sensational show of colour during the summer season.

## SUSTAINED COMMITMENT TO GARDENING

First Place—Peter Mc Cartney



Commitment to gardening for many years is very evident in this garden which boasts mature well tended shrubs and a perfectly manicured lawn. Colour is provided by a combination of pollinator friendly perennials which the Elite fencing providing a most attractive boundary at the lower end of the garden. Maintenance as always is to an extremely high standard

Second Place - Mary & Martin Byrne



The lush foliage of trees and shrubs is complimented by colourful seasonable displays on the house making sure that is catches the eye for all the right reasons. Regularly among the prize winners there is no doubt that this property demonstrates an on-going commitment to gardening at its very best.

## BEST ROADSIDE FLORAL DISPLAY

First Place—Liam & Alison Mc Gailey



A simply sublime presentation, once again, from this postcard pretty residence. Extravagant colour tumbled from a superb array of hanging baskets, window boxes and ground level containers that lit up its location and contributed enormously to the presentation of the overall village.

Second Place (joint) St. John of God Community House



Fence planters immediately draw the eye with container planting also producing strong visual allure. We love the bespoke, colourfully painted containers that give this presentation a unique selling point and when combined with the series of captivated hanging baskets and floral displays ensures the property makes a very positive contribution to the environmental presentation of the village.

Second Place—(joint) 3 Inis Linn



Three fabulous hanging baskets in hues of pink and white combined with a bespoke window box on the bay window to deliver charming visual impact. Ground level containers add further vibrancy and help to produce an eye-catching spectacle.

### Third Place - Martina & Brian Morrow



Tasteful window box displays on the traditional building and adjoining modern residence proved to be most eye-catching with multi-coloured petunia proving to be the perfect complement to the charming grey facade, accented in blue, of the traditional roadside residence.

### Highly Commended St .Teresa's Docking Street



Window boxes and hanging baskets of radiant petunia in a purple and white colour palette certainly draw the eye to this well-maintained property. Containers of multi-coloured begonia add further seasonal glamour while the peach-coloured rose, framing the door, adds further to the visual allure of this traditional residence.



## **2026 Competition**

Get ready for the 2026 Dromiskin Tidy  
Towns House & Garden Competition

Judges will be visiting gardens in late July /  
early August  
with the Awards Ceremony taking place in  
late autumn

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