



## Dromiskin Tidy Towns House & Garden Competition 2023



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## 2024 Competition

Get ready for the 2024 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.

**Thank you for the contribution you continue to make to  
the visual presentation of our village.**

**BEST OF LUCK TO ALL  
FROM  
DROMISKIN TIDY TOWNS**



## Judges impression of Dromiskin



The judges were, as always, impressed with the standard of garden presentation in Dromiskin. The number of green fingered residents showcasing their gardens to an extremely high standard increases annually and while many of the usual prize-winners find themselves, once again, in the winning arena it is great to see some first time winners impressing greatly. The balance that was achieved between permanent and seasonal planting was admired as were the mature trees that featured in so many gardens. Also impressive was the array of stunning hanging baskets and other seasonal displays that brought joyful colour to the village during the Tidy Towns season. As residential presentation is a category in both the National Tidy Towns Competition and Louth Looking Good it is undoubtedly very rewarding for the Tidy Towns Committee to see the ever improving standard in the House and Garden Awards - an initiative that is going from strength to strength! The superb work carried out in Ginney's Pond, wonderful container bee gardens and additions to the Heritage Park were, no doubt, contributory factors in Dromiskin being awarded a Silver Medal in this year's National Tidy Towns Competition which was well earned recognition for the tremendous work being carried out. Could we encourage Residents Associations to focus on pollinator friendly planting and eliminate the use of weed killer in maintenance programmes — support and advice can be provided if you contact the Tidy Towns committee. It takes the support of the entire community to deliver the Tidy Towns programme and all residents are invited to volunteer a few hours of their time annually to help with summer work session or litter patrols. Email [tidytownsdroiskin@gmail.com](mailto:tidytownsdroiskin@gmail.com) to pledge your support!





## OTHERS THAT IMPRESSED GREATLY!!



## BEST ROADSIDE GARDEN (LARGE)

1st Place - Sinead Torley, Chapel Rd.,



Fabulous mature trees are dominant features in this garden with a most attractive upcycled planter located under the shade of one of the trees. Pink hydrangea provides a pop of strong colour with further colour added by the floral displays on lighting standards. The grass was in superb condition with planting arrangements extending to colourful containers framing the door. This garden exudes understated elegance and charm to take the top spot in its category.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Peter & Briega Mulligan, Main Street



Last year's category winner continues to impress greatly with glowing colour from the hypericum peeping over the wall being the first indication of the high standard of presentation of this mature garden. The combination of foxgloves, nasturtiums, ground cover geranium, verbena, potentilla and achillea proved to be ideal to create great impact in the border planting while a magnificent copper beech tree and a fabulous spruce tree provided height and texture. The public seat and the pond area, just visible from the road, adds to the charm of a truly beautiful garden.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Kevin Mackin, Drumleck Rd.,



Well sculpted trees stand out in this beautifully tended garden where grecian urn planters provide bursts of joyful summer colour. The blooms of deeply coloured hydrangea add further striking colour to the overall presentation as do the statuesque gladioli. Shrub beds of New Zealand Flax and ground cover roses contribute to the overall attractiveness of this delightful garden.

## Joint 3rd Place - 39 Church View



This container garden features stunning colourful planting with richly coloured petunia bursting from a variety of innovative planters. The novel pump feature hosted a bucket planter with a mini windmill set in the gravelled base. A lovely patio area is incorporated into the garden design which maximises available space to its full potential.

## Joint 3rd Place - 23 The Hamlet



Mature garden planting of hydrangea, hosta and sedum is a lovely contrast to the seasonal blooms in the hanging baskets which provide glamorous colour. A cup and saucer planter added a touch of quirkiness to this quite charming residential presentation.



## BEST ESTATE GARDEN

1<sup>st</sup> Place - 26 Church View, Commons Rd.,



Superb border planting of dahlias, monbretia, fuschia, salvia and luscious lillies immediately draw the eye to this charming garden where buddleia provides further colour and pollinator support. Container planting of busy lizzie and begonia adds further colourful glamour and with the lawn in terrific condition and a delightful seated area for relaxation this residence put in an award winning performance.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 50 Commons Grove



Great use of space and a wonderful eye for colour is immediately evident in the presentation of this residence. Marigolds feature strongly in the garden and along the boundary while a barrel planter of joyful petunia was a wonderful complement to the delightful pink door as is the lavender planting along the front of the house. Wall planters of petunia and geranium, fence art features flanked by floral displays, conical hanging baskets and an array of insect hotels complete the sublime presentation.

## BEST ROADSIDE GARDEN (SMALL)

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Rodgers Family, Commons Rd.,



The lush planting in this garden includes shasta daisies, lavender and buddleia which produces a harmonious colour palette that is most pleasing to the eye. The lovely seated area to the front of the house beautifully complements the tones of pink used on the front door and in the sublime window box displays. Container planting at the door was quite lovely and pollinators were well supported with a No Mow Zone that blended seamlessly with the more formal garden planting.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 14 Commons Grove, Commons Rd.,



The lush lawn was a wonderful feature to showcase a statement bird palace and a lovely seat painted in a delightful dusky pink colour. The informal planting in the garden produced a lovely medley of colour that was the perfect contrast to the mature trees that provided structure and texture. A garden that certainly delivered great visual appeal in its roadside location.

### 3rd Place –Byrne Family, Chapel Cross



A versatile selection of shrubs combine with mature trees to deliver a lush, leafy landscaping style that produces understated but quite charming impact. Vibrant colour exuded from a fabulous range of window boxes and hanging baskets on the house and proved to be a stunning contrast to the garden planting.

### **GETTING DROMISKIN BUZZING AWARD**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Peter Mc Cartney, Dromeenagh Rd.,



A wonderful mishmash of informal planting certainly provides sustenance and shelter for pollinators as indeed do the mature shrubs which provide a wonderful contrast to the more colourful planting. This garden demonstrates real flair and a lifetime commitment to gardening.

### Joint 3rd Place - 14 Rath Na Gloine



Two vibrant hanging baskets of richly coloured begonia beautifully highlighted the red door of this house. The colourful impression continued with a window box of petunia and lobelia with an unusual centrepiece of gladioli which really worked well. The container planting of a statuesque sunflower added to the strong visual impact.

### Joint 3rd Place - 16 St Ronan's Villas



Wonderful railing planters immediately demanded attention and ensured this residence delivered strong visual impact. Hanging baskets added to the colourful impression with nice informal planting in front of the house completing what was a very pretty presentation



**BEST FLORAL DISPLAY HOUSING ESTATE**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place - 29 Church View, Commons Rd.,**



A begonia bonanza lights up this property where the rich blooms of begonia spill from gleaming planters of various shapes and sizes and upcycling of items as plant containers also featuring strongly in the overall presentation. Hanging baskets adorning lighting standards add height and structure with the combination of a strong colour palette and meticulous maintenance ensuring that this house and garden stands out from the crowd.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 15 Church View, Commons Rd.,**



Fabulous window boxes of multi coloured petunia, at both levels, combine with hanging baskets of trailing blooms to ensure that this end of terrace property stands out from the crowd. Always one to impress and this year is no exception.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - St. John of God Community House.,**



Containers along the roadside fence are planted for the dual purpose of visual impact and pollinator support. Bespoke wooden planters, in a blue and mustard colour palette, are home to planting in bee friendly colours of purple and pink. Hanging baskets and window boxes also ensure that this property makes a positive impact in its roadside location.

**BEST ROADSIDE FLORAL DISPLAY**

**1st Prize—Downey Family, Commons Rd.,**



Four simply magnificent hanging baskets of purple and yellow petunia immediately demand attention and draw the eye to the container planting of luscious marigold. A lovely green seat was flanked by container planting to add to the overall vibrancy of the property while a raised planter of verbena and geranium added further visual allure.

## Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mc Gailey’s Chapel Cross



This picture postcard pretty house had its pink facade embellished with luscious window boxes of geranium and trailing begonia in a delightful pink and cream colour palette. Two containers of richly coloured begonia framed the door to complete the alluring visual impact at this prominent location in the village.

## Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - St. Teresa’s Docking St.,



A showy display of gladioli drew attention to the lovely container planting of chrysanthemum that framed the entrance which was a dramatic contrast to the more delicate planting in the window boxes. Climbing roses were working their way up the arch to frame the door and will produce further glamorous colour when fully developed. This house makes a charming statement in the streetscape.

## Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Ernesto & Una Silclir



Luscious hanging baskets of busy lizzies in hues of pink, coral and white are a captivating adornment on this house where container planting framing the door and along the front of the building add to the colourful spectacle that is presented. A

## Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Catherine Bannon/Martina Morrow Chapel Cross



This recently refurbished property looked terrific this year with three beautiful window boxes of lobelia, busy lizzie and white petunia adorning the freshly painted facade of the house. The rich colour palette of the chosen plants proved to be an ideal complement to the softer grey colour scheme of the house.