



Green Flag Community Award 2024-25

Name of Site: Ginnety`s and Hand`s Pond

Name of Community Group: Dromiskin Tidy Towns

Field Assessment Comments

Criteria	Strengths	Recommendations
A Welcoming Place		
Welcoming	A beautiful Pond that invites you to explore it or to sit and listen to a tranquillity of the beautiful area.	
Good and safe access	Can find no faults or criticism	
Signage	Signage is good as you would expect from this group	
Equal access for all	Access and egress are excellent and caters to all users.	The advent of the new pathway from the heritage park will be an added bonus with safer access from the carpark both ways
Healthy, Safe & Secure		
Appropriate level of facilities and activities	There is a soon to be added pathway linking Ginnety`s pond to the heritage park	

Safe equipment and facilities	There are ring buoy's around the pond and in full view.	
Personal security	The pond is adjacent to the local primary school and church	
Control of Dogs/Dog fouling	There was no evidence of dog fouling and being a duck pond dogs are kept under control.	Consider a sign to keep dogs on leads

Well maintained and Clean

Litter and waste management	There is a bin at the entrance to the pond	Consider putting a litter bin closer to the lake or to the rear of lake
Overall standard of maintenance	The standard is very high	
Graffiti and vandalism	There was no graffiti or tagging visible	

Environmental Management

Sustainable materials use	This is a forward-thinking group who keep a few steps ahead of the curve	
Waste recycling and minimisation	This is kept to a minimum	
Chemical Use	No use of chemicals	
Peat use	No use of peat	

Biodiversity Landscape & Heritage

Conservation of landscape & historic features	Again, this group have a good handle on all aspects of conservation and historic features as demonstrated in the Heritage Park	One consideration might be to bark mulch around the bases of the trees to help prevent damage to the base line by lawnmowers or strimmer's
Conservation of biodiversity	This is of prime importance to this community as they look to the future to enhance the area around the pond linking the Heritage Park with a pathway. The planting of native trees to increase biodiversity add to a rich tapestry.	

Community Involvement

Promotion of green space / project	There is well-run social media presence As can be seen from the photo there	
Links to the wider community	And again, the web presence give far off community or X patriates a window to their former community	
Involvement in decision making	This is carried out by a proactive Tidy Towns Committee and volunteers	
Involvement in operations	The park is managed & maintained by the Tidy Towns committee with the assistance of the local population	
Appropriate provision for the community		

Management / achievements

Innovation and creativity	The Committee understand and focus on what is best needed for their area and going about getting funding for various project	
Resources secured / used		

Additional Comments

Again, I can only reiterate my comment from the Heritage Park

It was a pleasure to judge this site, we were greeted on the day by four of the Tidy Town members you could see and feel the pride of their community spirit their enthusiasm gave myself and my fellow judge Micheal Staunton a lift. There is a true community, and they show what can be done with determination. They made my job of judging easy I can only echo the comment of previously