

# Tidy Towns Competition 2023

## Adjudication Report

Centre: <b>Dromiskin - Droimineasclainn</b>	Ref: <b>492</b>
County: <b>Louth</b>	Mark: <b>361</b>
Category: <b>C</b>	Date(s): <b>23/06/2023</b>

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2022	Mark Awarded 2023
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	54	55
Streetscape & Public Places	80	41	43
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	45	47
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	40	42
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	31	32
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	66	67
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	32	33
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	40	42
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>361</b>

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

Fáilte chuig Comórtas Na mBailte Slachtmhara SuperValu don bhliain 2023. Táimid buíoch daoibh as ucht na hiontrála a chur chugainn, agus guimíd gach rath ar bhúr gcuid oibre amach anseo. Adh Mór! Welcome to the 2023 SuperValu TidyTowns Competition.

Thanks for opportunity to visit this wonderful village. Well done for entering this competition and mobilising a wide diversity of residents and agencies to assist this work.

The design of your map was very impressive. In the next edition please highlight new projects by putting N beside the number. The addition of a scale bar would have made the map perfect.

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

It is obvious that the community has been very active in maintaining and enhancing heritage. We were delighted that all names are bilingual, that the green space in the village centre is well managed for biodiversity and the graveyard (with ancient yew) and round tower have been very well managed.

However your pavements could be improved. You should get in contact with the council about this issue.

We were very impressed with Heritage Park which has been developed to provide information about local cultural heritage and provide a restful location to linger.

### Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

It was noted that every public green space is well managed. These include the school and church grounds. Landscaping is particularly good at entrance to church school car park. You should consider using mulch (made from garden waste) instead of mypex at this location.

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

Features of biodiversity interest in this area include Ginnitty Pond behind the church and dry stone walls. Around Ginnetty Pond trees could be planted in the grassland adjacent to the wetland. This would reduce maintenance and would improve biodiversity interest.

Please correct spelling of trees in the Heritage Park tree book. *Alnus glutinosa* is the correct Latin name for Alder.

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

It was good to note that there were recycling facilities for clothes, shoes, bottles and cans and unusually for

batteries. The range of these facilities was particularly impressive.

**Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:**

The community's work on amenities is matched by work on tidiness and litter. On the day of adjudication little litter was seen in Dromiskin. Congrats to all involved.

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

Housing areas are well maintained and it is obvious that all residents take pride in their village. Encouragement should be given to landscape for biodiversity in their gardens.

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

Approach roads are particularly impressive. Dromiskin has a fabulous sign and excellent associated landscaping on the principal approach road. While grass on approach roads is trimmed beside the road it is allowed grow long beside hedgerows. Excellent for biodiversity.

**Concluding Remarks:**

Dromiskin is a village with keen pride in its heritage and interest in sharing this within the community. Good luck in this competition and continue to make progress.