



Green Flag Community Award 2022

Name of Site: Dromiskin Heritage Park

Name of Community Group: Dromiskin Tidy Towns

Field Assessment Comments

| Criteria | Strengths | Recommendations |
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| A Welcoming Place | | |
| Welcoming | The location & layout of this park within the village makes it an inviting green space for residents & visitors. A warm welcome was extended by the enthusiastic volunteers whose care & commitment is clearly evident. A new feature at the entrance is the Green Flag & pole which displays its status as a Welcoming Place. | |
| Good and safe access | Safe access is provided by separating pedestrian and maintenance traffic. High quality materials including timber gates, name stone & path surfacing are particularly noted. | |
| Signage | The park name stone, banner signs and the new Green Flag & pole all mark the entrance and complement each other. | |
| Equal access for all | The use of hard surfacing (no steps) at the pedestrian entrance and internal footpaths ensures equal access for all. | |
| Healthy, Safe & Secure | | |
| Appropriate level of facilities and activities | Additional bespoke heritage seating & interpretation panels have been installed since last year's judging, which has | |

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| | enhanced facilities and provides additional visitor engagement. | |
| Safe equipment and facilities | Current Safety Statement with First Aid box available at nearby Pharmacy. No safety risks identified during the judging visit. | |
| Personal security | The park is overlooked by residential properties and passing pedestrians along the public road, after dark public lighting along the road also provides a sense of security. | |
| Control of Dogs/Dog fouling | Dog signage informs visitors to keep the park clean. No evidence of dog fouling. | |
| Well maintained and Clean | | |
| Litter and waste management | Regular litter patrols are performed to maintain a high standard of landscape maintenance. | |
| Overall standard of maintenance | The overall standard of landscape maintenance is very high with neat lawns, hedges and shrub & flowering rose beds. | |
| Graffiti and vandalism | No evidence of graffiti or vandalism nor any reported. | |
| Environmental Management | | |
| Sustainable materials use | The park includes examples of 'closed loop' sustainable practices – tree prunings chipped for use as mulch and 'up-cycling' eg new bespoke seating made with components from vintage agricultural machinery. | |
| Waste recycling and minimisation | Many examples of waste minimisation & recycling in this park includes the use of mulching mowers and the reuse of scrap metals in the outdoor artwork. | |
| Chemical Use | | |

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| | The park is managed chemical free. One example of avoiding chemicals incl. the selection of disease resistant rose varieties and mulching beds to avoid herbicide use. | |
| Peat use | As the park contains very little ornamental planting the use of peat in the park is almost nil. | |

Biodiversity Landscape & Heritage

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| Conservation of landscape & historic features | The park has been designed to incorporate existing landscape features such as old boundary stone walls. The backdrop of mature trees also provides a sense of maturity to this new park. The addition of heritage displays & information panels enhances the visitor's understanding of local heritage. | |
| Conservation of biodiversity | Many biodiversity practises are demonstrated including bird boxes, insect hotels and native species plantings. The park is also used as an 'outdoor classroom' with interactive features on native trees and biodiversity. | Continue to develop biodiversity practices including grass mowing regimes to allow clover, self heal and other plant species to grow. Consider selecting a suitable area to trial 'no-mow' or meadow type grassland. |

Community Involvement

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| Promotion of green space / project | Very active social media and liaison with local schools have been successful methods in attracting school groups, local funding and more visitors. The park has a good online presence including directions and description of activities. | Continue to develop activities for groups such school children, families or other interest groups. Consider co-ordinating a calendar of activities with more national events or charity fundraising eg Heritage Week, Daffodil Day or similar. |
| Links to the wider community | The park is managed and maintained by a volunteer committee formed by the community. | |
| Involvement in decision making | The committee comprises of community volunteers who plan & implement all activities. | |
| Involvement in operations | The park is managed & maintained by the committee with the assistance of CE Scheme employees. | |

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| Appropriate provision for the community | The Dromiskin Heritage Park is a very important open space within the village providing facilities for all ages and abilities. The park engages the visitor in many ways – attractive landscaping, passive recreation activities and local history information. | |
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Management / achievements

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| Innovation and creativity | The committee are leaders in innovation and creativity, in particular for community-based park development, visitor engagement and heritage interpretation. | |
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| Resources secured / used | The committee has demonstrated expertise in sourcing a range of funding and developing partnerships with local stakeholders to provide skills and resources for the park’s development and maintenance. | |
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Additional Comments

It was a pleasure to visit Dromiskin Heritage Park again and to meet more volunteers involved in creating and maintaining this excellent community park. Dromiskin has greatly benefitted by having this heritage park especially as a place for residents (both long term & new) to meet, for school children to experience nature and for all visitors to learn about the local heritage. The implementation of previous Green Flag judging recommendations is clearly demonstrated with highly enthusiastic committee members committed to developing & maintaining the park to a very high standard.