

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TEMPLEGLANTINE**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20
Landscaping	40	32
The Built Environment	40	29
Litter Control	40	30
Tidiness	20	15
Residential Areas	30	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	300	221

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The adjudicator read with interest and approval your proposals for the village of Templeglantine. The plans in relation to the short, medium and long term would appear to be both interesting and practical. The ideas of developing the hinterland areas of the riverside and Tullig Wood are appealing ones from the point of view of both visitor and local alike.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your consultant's idea for the development of the local woodland area will, when realised, be a definite asset to the village. Possibly the best solution to this topic of wildlife/natural amenities would be to communicate with your local environmental groups and experts who could advise you and supply you with the data you need to tackle this broad-ranging issue. With this information, you can then identify the wildlife habitats of your locality and see what diversity of wildlife (animals, birds, fish and plantlife) these attract. Involve the local schoolchildren in this undertaking - they will hopefully bring a fresh enthusiasm for the wealth of wildlife in their locality.

LANDSCAPING

The standard in this category was, as this adjudicator expected, extremely high. The landscaped area opposite the hotel with its shingle-roofed bandstand looked magnificent. There was an abundance of both colourful and permanent planting throughout the village, to common spaces, public and private grounds. The stone surrounded flowerbeds to the roadsides, stone walls and long planted stone bed to the roadside were all beautifully maintained. (Some weeds were noted to the latter but, judging from the frenzy of activity throughout the town on the day, these will not survive for very long!). The grotto looked truly magnificent with a variety of permanent planting, as well as colourful lupins and pansies. The stands with the hanging flower pots of pansies and wallflowers looked very well. The new statue in the church grounds is a most attractive modern interpretation of the Virgin Mary.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Both public and commercial premises of the village were well maintained and fresh on the day - especially those with gardens. The National School is an attractive stone building, with truly magnificent grounds filled with wallflowers and roses. The gate and gable wall had yet to be painted. Halla Inse Bhan was very fresh and had some beautiful planting and a lovely floral display-stand with an abundance of overflowing pots suspended from it. The Devon Inn could be freshened up before next year, although the exquisite geraniums in the window boxes were admired. The new trees to the car park are coming along nicely. The Devon Hotel was very fresh indeed. The entrance to the football club looked well with the new trees being particularly admired. The church and graveyard behind were also faultlessly maintained.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control, as you indicated in your questionnaire, is excellent. The only litter noted was a single crisp bag outside the school and some compost bags to the banks of stream in a private garden. All plastic litter bins should be replaced with a timber ones, as they tend to stain very badly.

TIDINESS

Much activity in this regard was noted on adjudication day. Some dead weeds to the base of stone walling had yet to be cleared, and a boundary wall was in the process of being painted. Hopefully all barbed wire fencing will be removed in the not-too-distant future as it does create a rather bad impression. It is important not to neglect gable walls, when preparing your presentation, as due to the

linear nature of the town and its circulation pattern, these are very obvious. Some weeding is necessary to the laneway adjacent to the presbytery.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard in this category was also very high, with great pride being shown in the presentation of both houses and gardens. Of particular note was the attractive house with the horse-shoe surround to the front door. It displayed a truly magnificent garden, and an abundance of overflowing hanging baskets. A couple of derelict cottages create a bad impression - hopefully this problem area will be resolved in the not-too-distant future. It is also to be hoped that the new houses will be finished to the high standard set by the existing housing of the village. Green Acres with its beautifully manicured lawn and colourful lupins and pansies was also greatly admired.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads and main street of the village of Templeglantine, were presented to a high standard on adjudication day. The Failte sign with its magnificent planting on the Abbeyfeale road was admired, although some weeding was necessary to the bases of boundary walls along this stretch of road.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Templeglantine is an immaculately maintained village on an extremely busy stretch of road between Limerick and Killarney. The adjudicator on this first visit to the village was suitably impressed and felt that Templeglantine was worthy of its high position in the competition.

SECOND ADJUDICATION

Templeglantine was looking as spruce on the second adjudication day as it was on the first. There is little to add to the remarks of the first adjudicator. There was some kerbside weed at only one premises and very little disposable litter was noticed - and what there was was probably unusual. The comments of the Consultants make very interesting reading and are sensitive to the particular issues. Adoption of the imaginative plans will be looked forward to over the years. (The adjudicator was interested to visit the site of the old Devon Road Railway Station - which is probably 'industrial archaeology' in today's terms. It may be too far from the village to merit inclusion in walks or rides).