

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TEMPLEDERRY**  
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-96

|                                | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50           | 28           |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30           | 17           |
| Landscaping                    | 40           | 28           |
| The Built Environment          | 40           | 28           |
| Litter Control                 | 40           | 27           |
| Tidiness                       | 20           | 13           |
| Residential Areas              | 30           | 20           |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 40           | 24           |
| General Impression             | 10           | 5            |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>300</b>   | <b>190</b>   |

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The Committee is to be commended on the continued improvement in this picturesque rural village, surrounded by wooded hills and countryside. Individual premises are by and large well presented and contribute considerably to the overall attractiveness of the village. The new adjudication criteria encourage Tidy Towns Committees to produce a simple plan or work programme to guide their activities over 3 - 5 years from 1997. Now would be an opportune time to start considering this future requirement. The plan could be circulated to the community to create greater awareness of the Committees activities and where the community as a whole can get involved - households, business premises, public buildings, the school, other groups in the community and the local farmers. With regard to the latter, it is encouraging that you are already involving the farming community in maintaining the hedge rows.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

As a Tidy Towns Committee, you can have a role to play in protecting and enhancing the wildlife value of your community and nature conservation should be included in your long term plans and development work. The built and landscaped environment, open spaces ( as you have around the Community Hall and the playing field), the graveyard, the landscaped areas at the cross roads, development and improvement of the area at the bridge/river and the wildlife habitat nearby as shown on your entry form map, with perhaps a wildlife garden in the school grounds - all of these areas represent an opportunity to approach your work from a new perspective. Where these can be developed, they should be signposted for the benefit of visitors to the village.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaping at the crossroads opposite the post office is most attractive and the water pump is a nice feature. The grounds of the Church and parochial house together with the school are attractive and obviously being well maintained. Other incidental planting and trees which were noted at different locations through the village are also to be commended. However, hedgerows opposite the graveyard and closer in to the village could be better maintained.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT.**

The built environment, apart from residential property, is also making a positive contribution - the Post Office, the two public house, Ryans mini-market, the Garda station, D Ryans Garage and car sales, the Community Hall and GAA property are included here. The parochial house, the parish church and the school next door are also well maintained

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control appears good all around the village and obviously your weekly clean up is getting results.

### **TIDINESS**

Tidiness generally throughout the village was good and the overall impression very positive. However, the open space directly opposite the entrance to the Community Hall is still very untidy and the area along the concrete fencing on the way out to the graveyard should be cleaned up and either grassed or planted. The weeds along the wall opposite the Church and along the high wall and footpath on the way down to the bridge should be sprayed ( also, the wall itself opposite the Church should be painted ). A clean up around the bridge and the path down to the river and the gateway opposite and indeed the approach from the end of the footpath to the bridge would greatly enhance this area and its general appearance.

## RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In this section, houses generally throughout the village have obviously made a special effort, with colourful planting of flower baskets and window boxes and nicely maintained gardens and lawns. For example, the few nice houses on the way in from the village sign beyond Matts Place pub, the group of houses further in on the right and the scheme just beyond these, the houses beside the Garda Station and the two opposite Ryans shop and also the few houses on the way down to the river all deserve a mention and are to be commended for their contribution.

## ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main approach roads are reasonably well maintained and the two minor approaches could be improved; the criticisms would include the area along the wall in front of the graveyard, the area along the concrete fencing further on, the weeds along the wall and path going towards the river, the area around the river bridge and the weeds along the wall opposite the Church.

## GENERAL IMPRESSION.

The overall impression in Templederry is good - the Committee does appear to have support of individual householders and others. As the Local Authority has usually appeared to support the Tidy Towns movement throughout the County, you should approach them again regarding some co-operation and support.