

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TEMPLEGLANTINE**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	31	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	7	8
TOTAL MARK	300	221	221

Templeglantine, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

You are obviously working to an agreed plan and you have made great strides in recent years. You also have to contend with continuous traffic and your tolerance in this respect is commendable.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

You have scored well again in this section and the many commercial buildings in particular are excellently presented. The hotel gets well deserved praise for its high standard of environs - extending to across the road. The school and church are well presented and "Halla Inse Ban" is a model for others to emulate. It has great colour and the attractive signage and murals animate this important area. The Texaco station is attractively presented and the adjoining car park is first class and well disciplined in layout. All of the buildings have given cognisance to landscaping which is praiseworthy.

LANDSCAPING

Despite the lack of a village green or obvious village centre, landscaping throughout is excellent. You have, over the years, created some nice environmental features without being gaudy and your endeavours to retain the neat simplicity is acknowledged. The Failte signs - carved in stone, project a warm welcome and set the scene for further attractive displays. Your challenge now is to maintain a high standard. The additional flower bed on the Limerick approach is further enhancing. You might consider installing some appropriate street furniture. You have a lot of stone walls and these have been further enhanced with some effective tree planting. There are two post and wire fences on each approach road that should, ideally, be replaced with a stock proof hedge. Barbed wire is unacceptable so near a village and would be much improved by replacement with a hedge.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Is there any progress on your proposal to develop the riverside and Tuligwood? When planting shrubs and hedges give consideration to species that will yield fruit for feeding wildlife in the autumn/winter.

LITTER CONTROL

You have done well again in this section and your ability to control the litter is commendable. Litter bins seem adequate in numbers and are well placed around the village.

TIDINESS

You have already outlined your problems in respect of dereliction and this will take time to rectify. There is an encouraging air of tidiness throughout the whole village and for the most part farm buildings are well presented. Some farm gates could be painted a

strong colour. The farmyard opposite the hotel is a problem requiring improvement. Weed control is good throughout and the car parking areas are way above the average standard. The treatment of the base of the trees is also acknowledged.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Maple Grove is well presented. There are some trailers and unused trucks being parked here and this should be discontinued. Individual houses are very well presented and many have excellent gardens with great colour. Developers should be encouraged to finish well and remove unwanted rubble from the site. The problem of dereliction is long term and will need patience and good will.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surface is good - however, there is a small area outside the school that would benefit from an improved surface. Side and rear entrances are now an integral part of the competition and will need attention. Signage is particularly good and seems to have been freshly painted.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It was a delight to visit Templeglantine, despite torrential rain the village reflected a concerned hard working community. Your challenge now is to pursue your plan and pay attention to detail.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (12/8/97)

This is a very well presented village coping admirably with extremely heavy traffic. The standards of house maintenance and gardens are very high. The area leading to Maple Grove deserves more attention. While the landscaping at the Devon Inn is very good overall the narrow border to the front at the Newcastle West end is a little sad. The garden across the road from the hotel is a lovely asset and well cared for. The school grounds are being well looked after through the summer months