

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-99

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	35
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	31	31
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	30
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	229	224

Templeglantine, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for submitting the completed entry form and excellent street map. You have done well in recent years and your ability to attract such good support from the business sector is commendable. You are now in a high league of entries and the standard expected will increase further. Much of the previous work is now bearing fruit and the tree planting in particular is enhancing the village. You have a problem, like so many other centres, in coping with continuous traffic, but the village is keeping its identity and character.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The premises mentioned last year are very well presented again this year. The hotel is excellently presented and the surrounds, despite the wear and tear are well maintained. The School, Church and Halla Inse Ban are all well presented again. However, there is some dumping and unintended use being made of the area at the rear of Halla Inse Ban. The red corrugated roof opposite the foodstore is in need of painting and this should be pursued. The village is now at a stage where regular painting is necessary to keep the standard from slipping.

LANDSCAPING

This is one of your strong points and the lengthy run in each direction of the village has some fine tree planting, shubbery and flower displays. Your challenge now is to maintain the grass growth and weed control. You need to freshly paint the Fáilte sign on the rock face - also Maple Grove at the small housing estate.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Have you made progress with your plans for Tullig Wood. This will present an opportunity for the highlighting of Wildlife.

LITTER CONTROL

Seldom has this adjudicator witnessed such an absence of litter in Templeglantine. The long stretch from the Limerick and Abbeyfeale approaches was virtually litter free - well done.

TIDINESS

While the village looked quite tidy you have some pockets

of dereliction that need attention. The small unoccupied house is now an eyesore and should be tackled. Some farm yards could be further improved with a clean up. Even farm gates now have an attraction and when well kept, add to the appearance of the village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The road surface at Maple Grove is below standard and should be improved. You need to link this little housing estate more closely with the village core. There is also some overgrowth on the approach to the estate that needs cutting. Could the residents be persuaded to improve this area?

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

In general this section is very good. Remember side and rear entrances are now part of core tidy towns and need to be presented to a high standard. The maintenance of the hedges is exceptionally good, so don't be tempted to build too many stone walls. Grass cutting is good and litter free.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village has scored well again this year and your ability to bring the community with you is praiseworthy. The private sector are also deserving of praise. Good luck for the future.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (09/08/99)

The adjudicator enjoyed a return visit to this attractive village after an absence of several years. The Failte signs appeared to have been freshly painted since first adjudication day and indeed are very welcoming. The stone school with its beautifully maintained grounds were admired – however its gable wall will need some attention before next year's competition. Weeds were apparent to the base of the boundary wall of a bungalow on the Abbeyfeale side of the village. The very attractive church was well presented as ever and its grounds looked quite immaculate. Some magnificent daisies overhanging a stone boundary wall created a cheerful and charming touch. The magnificent stone entrance to the GAA grounds was admired. As mentioned by the first adjudicator, the road surface leading to Maple Grove is in bad condition. This area appears to be quite neglected – its sign had yet to be painted and quite a lot of litter was evident at the junction. The dumping mentioned behind Halla Inse Bán was still evident. The very quaint and attractive outbuilding opposite the Devon Inn looked quite grubby. As mentioned in last year's report the speed of traffic travelling through the village is a real problem and traffic calming measures should be considered. The village creates a good

impression for the visitor.