

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TEMPLEMORE**  
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-1999

|                                | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1999 | Mark Awarded 1998 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50           | 38                | 38                |
| The Built Environment          | 40           | 29                | 29                |
| Landscaping                    | 40           | 28                | 27                |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30           | 17                | 17                |
| Litter Control                 | 40           | 17                | 20                |
| Tidiness                       | 20           | 11                | 11                |
| Residential Areas              | 30           | 22                | 21                |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 40           | 26                | 26                |
| General Impression             | 10           | 6                 | 6                 |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>300</b>   | <b>194</b>        | <b>195</b>        |

## **Templemore, Tipperary N.R.**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for comprehensively completed application form, map and other documentation. Templemore is in a state of transition at present, with much building and other works being undertaken. With a population of 2,200, this is a large area to cover and the Committee of six is to be commended for their achievements to date. However, we would suggest that you should endeavour to increase your numbers in the future in order to better achieve your future objectives. We note that you have a good working relationship with the local UDC and FAS and perhaps this partnership approach could be extended. We would suggest that you endeavour to enlist the support of the Garda Training College also. In many towns and villages the Adjudicator has visited, the Gardai have put great effort into their Tidy Towns contribution and many Garda Stations are a credit to the Force. The principals at the Training College may see the involvement of the trainee Guards in the Templemore Tidy Towns Committee as a good exercise in practical civics.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Many buildings in the town and surrounds are well presented such as the Bank of Ireland, the various Schools, the Fire Brigade Station, the Templemore Arms Hotel, Polly's Pub, Taylor Made Glass Systems and the Town Hall to mention but a few. The main street/square with its wide concourse and paved and planted areas in the centre has much potential. Most business premises here are well kept and colourful. However, there are a number of vacant and derelict premises for which a long term solution is needed. At present, work is being undertaken at Kinnanes and Malone's at the top of the Square. Work is also in progress on the Church on the road leading down to the playing fields.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The various landscaped areas (some including features such as the preservation of old pumps and the provision of seating) were noted throughout the town and on approach roads and these are commendable. A round flower bed in the Square was being tended by a Committee member on the day of adjudication. However, some of the beds needed weeding and were litter strewn. The Park is a magnificent asset with its good tree planting, lake and walkways. The wooden fencing is appropriate here. Some business premises are also contributing in this area such as the Templemore Arms Hotel and Taylor Made Glass Systems.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The Park is a natural wildlife area and we note that you are encouraging swans, ducks etc to make their habitat here. We also noted that you assisted the Fishing club to clean up the lake.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

This is Templemore's major problem area and as you will see you have lost marks in this section. On the day of adjudication there was a considerable amount of litter throughout the entire town and at a number of areas such as in the Park and on the road by Taylor Made Glass Systems it was present in horrendous proportions. Litter bins were conspicuous by their absence and we only saw one, which was full of litter, (although there may have been more) in the entire town. This approach may be an experiment to see will people bring their litter home (as they should), but if so, it does not seem to be working. A litter management programme, in conjunction with the UDC and all other bodies/residents in Templemore is needed, commencing with a clean up day in all areas.

## **TIDINESS**

The litter problem effects this section as well and there was also quite an amount of kerbside weed throughout the town. Some back yards and other areas such as the laneway into the Snooker Hall were untidy also. Travellers are in residence in the Car Park near the Church, making this area rather untidy.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

In view of the problems mentioned above, it was heartening to see that most of the private residences in Templemore, including the houses in various estates, were well maintained with good gardens and surrounds. Obviously, these residents have a pride in their place which perhaps this could be harnessed towards the overall good of the town.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

As previously mentioned, Templemore is a town in a transitory state at present and this is evident in this category with ongoing work taking place on pathways in a number of areas and rough verges on some approach roads were work has previously taken place and remains to be finalised. Signage is in need of attention also in many places in the area of cleaning, straightening and provision of information (blank sign at entrance to Park). However,

the "Welcome" signs on a number of approaches are a nice feature.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Templemore has much going for it and we would see the town progressing further in the Competition in the years ahead. However, you must attempt to bring the entire community with you in your endeavours. We look forward to seeing future achievements.