

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 15-06-99

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	39
The Built Environment	40	34	34
Landscaping	40	34	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	24
Litter Control	40	32	34
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	27	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	36	35
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>250</b>

## **Terryglass, Tipperary N.R.**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The documentation accompanying your application form, the production of which had obviously been undertaken with much thought and hard work, was very helpful to the Adjudicator on the day. The fact that you have a good working relationship with all statutory bodies as stated, is evident. With regard to your Three Year Development Plan and Work Programme we noted that many of the objectives you have set for yourselves in year one (1999) have been achieved and presumably you will be endeavouring to undertake the remaining work in the second half of the year. When submitting your plan/work programme again next year it would be helpful to show the three years from 1999 and identify the items which have been completed and those yet to be undertaken together with the time scale envisaged for each project. The present work on an Historic Project by the Third level students involved in Terryglass should prove valuable.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The underground cabling for ESB and telephone cables is a great success and the new lights are very attractive. The School, Community Hall, Craft Shop/ garden and RIC Cottages are all very well presented. Paddy's Bar is also nicely presented (perhaps the galvanised roof section of this premises could be painted the same dark green as the eaves). The Derg Inn design for the front of the Pub, Shop and Post Office is good and brings a great splash of colour to the village. However, flashing fairy lights around the eaves would not seem entirely appropriate to the character of the village, especially in the daytime. The new Castle Court development of houses was noted and no doubt they will be encouraged to join the community in their Tidy Towns efforts upon their completion. In view of the building work we noted that access to Old Court Castle is not available at present. Work was also in progress at the River Run B&B. The Roman Catholic Church, with its newly painted railings is looking well. At the lakeside the toilets have improved somewhat. However, the toilet bowls were still rather dirty and there were tiles missing in places from the walls. The Telecom Eireann booth at the lakeside did not contain a phone. Work on paving and stone walls was noted throughout the village.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The approach roads, grassed areas, water feature and the lakeside amenity were looking very well. Good maintenance of what is in place is every bit as important as

developing new sites.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

We noted your plans for this year which include stocking the river pond with duck, control of hedge cutting, sewage scheme using a reed bed system and sensitive work on riverbanks.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

In your application form you mention that you feel you have a problem with litter control and indeed on the day of adjudication there was some litter to be seen in the heart of the village and the litter bins were full. In a busy area such as Terryglass it is difficult to police litter. However, constant vigilance would seem to be the only answer as if litter is cleared immediately (like graffiti) it seems to deter the perpetrators. The litter and refuse bins at the Lakeside amenity area were well managed.

## **TIDINESS**

The village and lakeshore area were mostly tidy and weed control is obviously undertaken on a regular basis.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Private houses are well presented throughout the village and surrounds.

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

Here again we would mention the new lighting system and paving throughout Terryglass adding a new dimension to this already well developed village. Signage was generally good throughout but a new map and information board would be needed at the Lakeside Amenity and here also it would be good to see the signboard already in place acknowledging your second National win in 1997 in the Tidy Towns Competition!

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

It is evident that the enthusiasm and commitment of the people of Terryglass is still as strong as ever. With many projects such as a possible heritage centre at Old Court Castle in the pipeline we look forward to further achievements and success by Terryglass in the future.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (06/08/99)**

The adjudicator enjoyed a first visit to the magnificent former winning village of Terryglass. The overhanging

beech trees and neat hedgerows on approach roads looked magnificent. The attractive trees overhanging the modern stone monument were admired. Riverrun House looked quite quaint in pink with its creeper clad walls. The house containing the plaque for the sub-post office award looked quite magnificent with its flower filled garden extending to the roadside. Indeed even an attractive little cottage opposite was freshly whitewashed and well maintained. The old castle ruins, graveyard and Church of Ireland are attractive assets to the village. Despite its numerous visitors, litter control was reasonably good on adjudication day apart from a light scattering to the road leading down to the Quay side. The school was very fresh in yellow and the rent an Irish cottage scheme had a magnificently landscaped entrance area. As mentioned by the first adjudicator the phone box at the quay side is missing its telephone! The sign at the Quay side itself indicating areas of interest was fine. Some outbuildings leading up from the Quay in their prominent location should be freshened up before next year. The magnificent garden to the Old Church Gallery looked spectacular. It is evident that everybody in the village works together to maintain it to the highest standards.