

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TERENURE**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **E**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	--
The Built Environment	40	25	--
Landscaping	40	25	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	--
Litter Control	40	24	--
Tidiness	20	10	--
Residential Areas	30	21	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	--
General Impression	10	7	--
TOTAL MARK	300	191	--

Terenure - Tiraniuir, County Dublin

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Many thanks for a most comprehensive submission by Terenure 2000. It is particularly impressive given that this is the village's first year of entry! The concept of an overall group incorporating the various commercial and private associations within the area is an excellent one. Your entry shows a clear concept and aspiration for the village's future development. Congratulations to all involved for a thorough and comprehensive submission.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The War Memorial Hall is a fine building of its type and has always been greatly admired by this adjudicator. Window Fashions and Interiors looked very bright and fresh. The AIB is a fine modern building with brise soleil and sand blasted glass – it looked well as did the Bank of Ireland premises opposite. Catalonia looked fresh on the corner. Brady's Pub was in good condition and the attractive shop front to Oasis Florist was admired. Do try to discourage the proliferation of projecting plastic signs as very many were evident along Main Street as one headed out Terenure Road North. These should be replaced with more traditional timber signs. Curved plastic canopies should also be discouraged and replaced with more traditional fabric awnings.

LANDSCAPING

Bushy Park is a fine amenity and obviously well used to judge by the hive of activity that it was on adjudication day. Many people were playing football and enjoying its attractions. These include its fine water features including waterfall and lake with stone steps leading down amongst the overhanging trees to the duck filled lake. Your project relating to the Yew Walkway is an attractive idea referring as it does back to the village's name? Some forecourt areas to houses and commercial premises looked quite bare and would benefit from landscaping projects. The attractive window boxes to the Terenure Inn were admired. The metal containers and recycling bins to the car park on Terenure Road North looked most unfortunate and will be an ideal project in terms of future landscaping. It was noted that you are in discussion with the local authority in this regard?

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your concept of wildlife in an "urban setting" is a good initiative. The talks for local residents regarding the encouragement of wildlife – referring to the project in personal and direct terms – at the local recent festival was a good idea. The promotion of birds and other wildlife by planting berry

bearing plants and native trees shows a practical approach as indeed do your ideas for wildlife meadows. You have successfully identified local natural amenities such as the lakes and the River Dodder.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control on the day was good given the busy nature of the village. However, rubbish was evident along the Templeogue Road opposite the park and some papers were noted by the litter bin at the entrance to Bushy Park from Rathdown Crescent / Avenue. A plastic bag was also noted to the footpath immediately adjacent to the bottle bank at the car park.

TIDINESS

Do try to discourage hoardings as they detract from the overall appearance of the village. In particular that on top of the grassy bank and beside Quinlan's on Terenure Road North – the latter of which was damaged and torn looked most unfortunate.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are a wealth of attractive houses throughout the village. Cormac Terrace with its quaint brick cottages was particularly admired. An attractive landscaped entrance area to the Orchard looked well. Lakeland's Park has some most attractive gable fronted houses. The grassy green space of Eaton Square was admired. Houses and gardens were generally well maintained but do bear in mind boundary walls when considering overall presentation.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Roadworks were in progress along the Rathfarnham Road to curbs and footpaths. This entrance to the village sports some attractive mature trees overhanging the road. Weeds were noted to the front of a broken down entrance area to a house opposite the Garda Station on Terenure Road North and weeds were also apparent to the bases of stone walls further along this road. Weed control was also a problem along Fortfield Road to the curb and bases of trees. Some boundary walls in this location needed attention, in particular the long stretch leading up to the junction with the Templeogue Road. Your plans for upgrading the car park were also noted and are indeed commendable, as this area looks quite unfortunate at the moment. Your proposals in relation to street furniture were also noted and are admirable - do try to avoid pastiche – simple but modern items of furniture in traditional materials would be ideal.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Terenure 2000 has shown a fine example to other urban villages and hopefully will encourage their entry into the competition. A very good submission for your first year of entry – now its time to continue the good work. Good luck for next year!