

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TEMPLETUOHY**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	32
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	22	21
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	19
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	180	170

Templetuohy, Tipperary North

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is obvious from the documentation received from the Templetuohy Tidy Villages Committee that this is a hard working and energetic group. The well completed entry form, excellent map and concise 3 to 5 year Development Programme gave the Adjudicator a good concept of your progress to date and your plans for the future. The development plans seem practical and achievable and we look forward to seeing further progress in the years ahead.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Templetuohy has the advantage of having a wide thoroughfare, which provides a pleasant setting for the built environment. Business premises and private houses on the main street were mostly well maintained. Guilfoyles and Fitzpatricks were looking well but should resist using too much signage. The Church, the newly decorated Community Centre and the School were all well presented. Everard's Bar and Hardware/Foodmarket was also acceptable. On the Rathdowney Rd., the premises with the sign Larkin's Hardware needs attention. It was not clear to the adjudicator whether this store is open for business as the sign was quite dilapidated and the window displays very untidy – however, there appeared to be product inside the premises.

LANDSCAPING

The completion of your Millennium Park during the year was a big achievement and this space now provides a very pleasant green area in the heart of the village. The fact that you used low maintenance planting here is commendable. On the Thurles road the planting by the speed signs was admired. On this road, the grass in a playing field was very long and this facility would not appear to be in use. This would seem to be unfortunate as we saw quite a number of teenage youths in and around Templetuohy for whom sports facilities no doubt are required. The mature sycamore and lime trees, which must have been planted some time ago by other concerned residents of Templetuohy, were admired as was the planting and green areas on the Thurles road.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The planted areas and the trees mentioned at Orchard Crescent contribute in this category. However, you might build in a specific project (see Tidy Towns Handbook for ideas) in future plans.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little litter evident on the day of adjudication and litterbins were strategically placed so it would appear

that your litter management campaign is working.

TIDINESS

The village was mostly neat and tidy with kerbs in the centre weedfree. However, on the Rathdowny approach there were some kerbside weeds. Also, the areas opposite and beside the graveyard were rather rough and untidy looking.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There has been progress under this heading during the year; with the old school area now becoming a site for six community type houses. Also the derelict house on the main street being renovated. The houses in Orchard Crescent and the other estate further out the Johnstown road were looking well and the latter estate had a green play area adjacent. Other private houses in the centre of the village and on the approach roads are contributing to the tidy towns efforts. It should be remembered that the painting of gates and surrounds is as important as painting the house itself.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

It was noted that resurfacing had taken place in a number of instances. As mentioned, there is a wide village street in Templetuohy and the lighting provided is appropriate. Public signage is mostly good throughout but on the approach road from Loughmore the village name sign was buckled and broken, you should contact your local authority in this regard. On the approach roads hedges and banks were well trimmed back.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Templetuohy is obviously in good hands with an imaginative and hard working Committee. This Committee is also endeavouring to involve the entire community and this is essential in order to maximise the potential of the village. We wish you well in your future endeavours.