

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-08-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	41
The Built Environment	40	35	34
Landscaping	40	36	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	24
Litter Control	40	33	33
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	27	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	36	36
General Impression	10	8	9
TOTAL MARK	300	256	255

Terryglass, North Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The information supplied regarding work undertaken and what is proposed in the future was very concise and helpful. Also the large sketch map brought these projects into context in relation to their situation in the village and surrounds. We note that partners in your endeavours are FAS, Tipperary NR County Council and Shannon Development. The very active committee continue to have vision and foresight in relation to the development of Terryglass and the awards won, including a Silver Medal in 2000, are well deserved.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The refurbishment of the School and surrounds undertaken during the year is a great improvement to the general infrastructure in the village. Your plans were noted in regard to making the building beside the Parochial House into a Heritage Centre. In view of the number of visitors to Terryglass, information on the history and heritage of the area would be helpful and provide another attraction in the area. The painting of Paddy's Bar was noted and the fact that the creepers and planting at the Community Centre are maturing and softening this building. In the same way, the roses overflowing over the wall of the entrance to the Craft Centre were extremely attractive. The Rent an Irish Cottages were immaculate on the day, again with roses around the door enhancing their appearance. The decision to paint the doors in this complex different colours provides a sense of individuality. The Derg Inn was looking well but the seated area at the side here was rather spoiled by the storage of seven gas cylinders in the background - no doubt these could be screened off. The Church and grounds were immaculate. A new development of visitor accommodation was noted, the Old Court Castle Complex. This, no doubt, will join the stock of Bord Failte approved accommodation in the village of which the RIC cottages and well presented Riverrun House are examples. It is unfortunate that the public toilet area near the lakeside continues to pose a problem – obviously, this is an important element of the visitor experience (unfortunately, one on which visitors to Ireland frequently comment) and must be addressed.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaped areas around the village and at the lakeside continue to mature and improve. The planting at the National School and outside the RIC complex was admired, as was the pink flowering escalonias hedge up to the Church. The pocket park area of seating and chestnut tree further out the School road is a pleasant area for walkers to

enjoy. Your plans to plant crab-apple trees near the Parochial House and other species outside the new housing on the Ballinderry Road should further enhance these areas.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Near the lakeside, an area containing poppies, vetch, white daisies etc was very attractive and perhaps this type of development could be extended. On the Ballingarry road, the hedges had been left in a more natural state and here honeysuckle and wild roses intertwined into the foliage with a very pleasant effect. We look forward to hearing of progress in regard to the reed-bed sewerage system in the future.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter bins were full on the day of adjudication and no litter was to be seen on the ground. Your campaign is obviously effective and congratulations must be extended to the pupils of the National School who assist with your work in this area.

TIDINESS

The village was neat and tidy throughout with no weeds to be seen at kerbsides.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses in and around Terryglass obviously join with you in your endeavours. However, as mentioned, the derelict house needs short term painting and some thought regarding a long term solution. On the Borrisokane approach, the residents are exceptional in their planting, providing colour inside their gardens, outside the front walls and also on the banks across the road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The refurbished signage looks good throughout the village and street furniture in general was well maintained. It was mentioned in the development plan that you propose to install "ornate" lighting on the road to the harbour. We would suggest that this should not be too "ornate". If this were the case it would be out of sympathy with the character with the village and also with the lighting already in place, which, whilst attractive, is quite simple. The signs and commemorative stone advising visitors that Terryglass won the national award outright on two occasions are to be welcomed and also the sign advising that the village won a prestigious Silver Medal last year.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Terryglass continues to impress and provide an example to others of what can be done. We look forward to seeing further achievements in the years ahead.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (12/08/01)

Congratulations on another fine presentation this year and on achievements to date. We wish you well in the development of the new sewerage system and hope it will have the desired effect on wildlife in Terryglass. Your sketch map on the village highlighting existing and proposed developments is well thought out and proved useful to the adjudicators. The flags at the sculpture amenity area on the main road are tatty in appearance and should be replaced soon. The wire and post fencing to the shrubbery at the top of the Quay Road should be removed or reinstated properly. Landscaping at the new 'Oldcourt Castle' development was admired and it will make a significant contribution as it matures. Street furniture, especially the lampstandards, were admired.