

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-08-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	39
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	21
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	12	10
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	20
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	207	195

Terenure, County Dublin

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Terenure is welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition. We note and sympathize with your difficulties under this heading, particularly in relation to traffic congestion, the lack of carparking facilities and the decline of businesses in the area. Congratulations on your initiative to have a local area plan prepared for Terenure and we wish you well and every success in tackling this problem. Terenure is obviously a village with a long history and an important cultural heritage which is important to preserve and treasure. Thank you for your submission entitled 'A Programme of Environmental Improvements for Terenure, Dublin'.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Committee demonstrates a keen awareness of the changes that have occurred in the built environment in the last few decades as well as the importance of the heritage of the built environment. Your goal to learn and to assist owners of properties and others in understanding the guiding principles of conservation and a further appreciation and the value of the built heritage is admirable. Your initiative on hosting the lecture on Terenure's architectural history in one that could be repeated in many centres around the country with good results. There are some nicely presented Shopfronts and other business premises. The Black Tie premises looks particularly well. The Greenlea shopping development is rather bland in appearance and would benefit from some planting, perhaps on the roof or on its ledge. Public buildings are very well presented. Both Brady's pub and The Terenure Inn look well.

LANDSCAPING

Your ideas to have a Yew Walkway in Bushy Park in excellent as are your plans for the extension of the Dodder Walk to Pearse Bridge. We look forward to the planned provision of container planting to coincide with the Quality Bus Corridor together with enhancement walks and carpark upgrading. Your proposed Flower Festival sounds exciting. Stands of mature trees throughout the village were very much admired and are one of your strong points in the competition. Your landscaping plans could be extended to incorporate the area inside the boundary walls at the Tesco shopping complex. Take care to maintain grass at the base of trees neatly trimmed, there is no need to plant flowers at the base of trees. Some old pine trees behind the high wall on Fortfield Road might be replaced or underplanted. Your street trees in the centre of the village are establishing themselves well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The village of Terenure is unusually blessed with major natural amenities, given that it is a village in an urban setting. Both the River Dodder and Bushy Park, as well as the

grounds of Terenure College are fine amenities. Congratulations on your three year plan initiative to enhance the awareness of flora, fauna and wildlife in the area and congratulations on being grant - aided by The Heritage Council and the publication of 'Terenure Wildlife'. This is the type of initiative that we would wish for other towns and villages. We wish you well on improving the water quality and restoring the natural amenity presented at the Dodder Valley at Rathfarnham. Exciting developments under this heading!

LITTER CONTROL

The throughput of traffic through Terenure is appreciated, especially in relation to the problem that this causes for implementing litter controls. We agree that having the recycling facility relocated from the front of the carpark to a less obtrusive position is a good idea, as even when it is not the focus of dumping, it looks quite unattractive in its prominent position. Well done in your newsletters to residents and retail outlets concerning litter control and congratulations to the children of St. Joseph's National School for their yearly clean-up of a section of the River Dodder.

TIDINESS

Over sized advertisement hoardings throughout the village present a problem under this heading. Those of particular note in this regard is the one at the Maxol garage and the one on the wall of the Cripps shoestore. The latter is highly visible on travelling towards the village from Terenure Road West and detracts the eye from the otherwise adjoining Black Tie premises, which are beautifully presented. Some footpaths suffered badly from poor weed control, in particular footpaths along the left-hand side of the road to Fortfield Road facing the junction for Terenure College. An otherwise good overall presentation.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

This is one of your strong points in the competition. There is a pleasing range of architectural styles in the village and its outlying areas. The majority of properties are well presented. We note many replacement windows and the elimination of traditional architectural details, however your programme of education will make a contribution in this respect. Many roadside boundary walls to residential properties need to be cleaned or painted. Some outlying estates need to pay a little attention to their green areas. The arch-shaped hedgerow marking the entrance to Liscombe House in the Ashdale area was much admired.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Again we commiserate with you on the congestion of your outlying areas with commuter-related traffic and non-residential carparking. We hope that traffic-calming measures go some way towards solving the problem. Your awareness of the need to keep back lanes to a high standard is good and we admire your initiative to work with

Dublin City Council to upgrade the physical appearance of the carpark with suitable landscaping and a community noticeboard. We look forward to the provision of 'Welcome to Terenure' signs in order to establish Terenure as a community and village in its own right. Your plan to foster bilingual signs in the area should make a significant difference to the further development and use of the Irish language in Terenure. Telegraph poles in the Greenlea shopping development should be removed and cables ducted.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Terenure village continues to be presented to a high standard and your work over the years has been appreciated, well done! We wish you well in future developments and look forward to many repeat visits.

Second Adjudication (08/08/2002)

Congratulations on achieving a significant increase of marks. Terenure is well endowed with natural amenities; indeed it is rare to find such an amount of green area as well as a major river as part of an urban village. There was a light scattering of litter regrettably throughout much of the village including the mature residential areas. Terenure is also well endowed with many fine buildings around the crossroads. It is important that business people resist the temptation to apply superfluous advertising signage and stickers. Weedy kerbsides were a problem here and there on the Templeogue Road, also a short length of neglected grass verge on this road. Despite the probable wish for a natural appearance to the riverside along by the Dodder tall weeds associated with wasteland did not seem appropriate. On the other hand Bushy Park looked beautiful.