

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TEMPLEMORE**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	40
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	15	14
Tidiness	20	9	10
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	25
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	198	193

Templemore, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

More definite strategies aimed at eliminating your problems were recommended in last year's report and it is good to note that this advice is being followed. The co-operation and liaison you now have with the Urban District Council seems to have put in train an improvement in the situation. It is evident that the employment of a person on a part time basis to maintain the landscaped areas is proving beneficial. There is still some way to go, especially in eliminating the litter problem in the town and in the Park, but it would seem that the first important step has been taken.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Market Square in the centre of the town was looking much improved with premises such as the Hotel, Maloney & Co.Ltd., Kinnane's, Clarke's Lounge Bar, Templemore Jewellery and the Market House being well presented. Just off the Square, Templemore Medical Hall and the AIB Bank were also looking well.

With the improvements in the Square, the derelict building of John Maher, Grocer & Spirit Merchant in the Square now stands out more and perhaps the Committee could undertake a project to see if it would be possible to do something about this building. The two Churches and the School were well maintained (with work taking place at the latter). Fences were also being painted at the Templemore Enterprise Centre. The entrance to the Garda College was admired as were the buildings and grounds of the Garda Sports Club. Construction was taking place at the entrance to the Town Park, which hopefully will enhance this area upon completion. On the Templetuohy road the Legion of Mary building needed repainting. The Railway Station building is attractive and some hanging baskets here would provide a friendly and welcoming aspect – there were many cars parked in the Car Park (which is quite a distance from the town) so it would appear that the Station is well used.

LANDSCAPING

The year to date was very poor weatherwise and this fact was taken into account during judging. Your lovely park with the lake and sports facilities is a very fine amenity and it is a pity that it is hidden away somewhat. On the day of adjudication there were a number of anglers fishing the lake, the grass was being mown and a number of teenage boys were playing pitch and putt so it is obviously well utilised. However, there was a good sprinkling of litter throughout. We noted that there are no litter bins – perhaps this is a strategy but a notice asking people to bring home litter and perhaps one bin by the gate may improve the situation. Other landscaping on the approach

roads was mostly looking well, except for an area on the Nenagh approach, opposite an upholstery business, which was rather overgrown. The mature trees on the avenue up to the front door of the Catholic Church and on the road to the Railway Station are very impressive.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The lake “islands” in the Park provide a natural wildlife area.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is improving throughout the town except in the Park and on the road to the Railway Station where a good sprinkling of litter was to be seen. We note the initiatives undertaken in these areas – it would seem that constant vigilance and perseverance is necessary.

TIDINESS

The kerbs around the town were mostly weed free and most areas tidy except on the Nenagh approach. In the Square, where road works were taking place, there was an amazingly untidy triangular area with a heap of bushes/brambles and old road signs abandoned in this space which seemed to have been there for some time. This area was also very weedy. Road works have to take place but there would seem to be no need for such a visible area to be so untidy. The large area at the Railway Station, adjacent to the car park, also presented a rather untidy appearance. On the Nenagh approach there was an untidy area where itinerants had set up camp.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses around the town were well presented and the painting scheme for council houses mentioned in your submission is obviously paying dividends. However, it must be remembered that set back areas and boundary walls and fences all form part of a property.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

We would again refer to the triangular area in the Square under this heading. The Welcome to Templemore signs on the approach roads are a nice idea. However, Speed and Yield signs throughout were rather poor, as indeed were some road surfaces. The junction into the Railway Station needed attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Templemore is looking better thanks to your endeavours - keep the pressure up. We look forward to further improvements in the future.