

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	34
The Built Environment	40	26	24
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>180</b>

## **Templetouhy, County Tipperary**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for the completed entry form, sketch map and work plan progress report. I have to admit that this was this adjudicators first visit to Templetouhy even thou I have always associated it as a hurling stronghold. The Village looked very well on a day, which was typical of this year's summer unpredictable and showery. The Committee of 10 seems to very active in mobilising the rest of the community in becoming involved in the Tidy Towns effort and indeed it is paying off. The planned approach to work is always the best as it allows you to measure against various targets and times.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Village Street is pleasantly wide and easily traversed and in the main the standard of presentations of premises both commercial and private was very good. The entry form stated that a derelict site had now being replaced by 6 houses; the adjudicator noted how these houses would blend in with the village streetscape. It's a pity that all derelict sites around the country could not be converted with such a positive result. The following deserve mention for maintaining premises to a high and acceptable standard Everards Pub (a Tipp Name if ever there was one), Guilfoyles Shop and Flynns.

The Templetouhy Medical Centre, Church and Grounds and School cum yard and Community Centre were very well presented and credit is due to the community people who have responsibility for their upkeep. Both the Millennium Park and Graveyard were also well maintained, as was the relatively new facility at the GAA Grounds.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The planting at the Millennium Park seems to be maturing although it was noted that young trees were wilting. This is something that needs to be addressed rather hastily as the condition of the remaining ones could deteriorate quickly.

The Village had nice shrub/flower beds both in stone and wrought iron but it is important that these are maintained properly and are not allowed to overgrow or become untidy. On walking around the village and the side areas one was struck by the number of private residences that had excellent gardens some with very attractive and healthy rose beds.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The designation of a natural wildlife site in the village is welcomed and hopefully that prior to next year's competition

that this will be a dedicated wildlife project. The Committee has taken the right decision by seeking expert advice on the matter.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was a little litter evident in some of the flowerbeds in the village. I appreciate that the committee has taken some initiatives to deter littering especially by young people.

### **TIDINESS**

There was some weed growth on kerbsides and some overgrown areas especially at side and back of the Community Centre. This coupled with the fact that quite a lot of farm activity residue was strewn around a few parts of the village suggests a need to have more clean ups.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The addition of the six community houses will contribute in a positive sense to the standard of presentation in this sector. Orchard Crescent was well kept but the part of the boundary wall on one side of the estate needs to be repainted. The Terrace of older houses in the Village was very well presented with some very nicely kept gardens and some healthy plants and flowers. The standard of presentation in Ard Mhuire is slightly mixed and there is a need for some residents to improve the frontage of houses.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Both the Templemore and Thurles entrances were well presented with mature trees giving an added backdrop. The Johnstown Road was acceptable except for the unsightly wire fencing that is opposite Orchard Crescent.

The Rathdowney entrance which is little narrower than the others needs to have the verges cut back a little more, also there are a few back areas that have rusty galvanised sheets, a simple coat of Hammerite or its equivalent would suffice and then at least they would not look so messy.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Templetouhy is a very pleasant village with a wide street and attractive streetscape. It was this adjudicator's first visit and I look forward to future visits. Good progress is being made and this is down to the efforts of an energetic committee that seem to have the support of the local community. Keep up the good work!