

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 19-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	41
The Built Environment	40	35	35
Landscaping	40	37	36
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	24
Litter Control	40	34	33
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	27	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	37	36
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	259	256

Terryglass, Tipperary (NR)

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The new developments throughout the village, including the St. Columba sculpture and the pathway to the quays, confirm that the Tidy Towns Committee in Terryglass continue to develop and enhance the village in co-operation with FAS and the North Tipperary County Council. However, no three year plan was included with your 2002 submission and obviously, this would be very helpful to the adjudicator as it would show what has been achieved to date and what you plan to do in the future. The well drawn and informative map did show the areas where activity had taken place during the year, but a plan should also be included, as it is now a requirement of the Competition.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

All the buildings in Terryglass are maintained to a high standard such as the Church, the Hall, the School, the Craft shop, the two Pubs, Riverrun House and the new Garda Barracks.

LANDSCAPING

The weather was very poor coming up to adjudication and because of this, the fact that grass was not cut in some areas was not taken into consideration. However, the large green area by the quayside was being mown on the day of adjudication. In this area, near the stone footbridge, there were three heaps of rubble and an amount of water on the ground that seemed to suggest a leakage of some description. In the village, the fine piece of bog oak sculpture put in place to commemorate the foundation of a Monastery by St Columba in Terryglass in 549 AD is a very worthwhile project. The new yew trees planted at the Church were noted and also the fact that the flags at the other piece of sculpture in the village were in good condition and fresh looking. Other landscaped areas on the approach roads and throughout the village were well maintained.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

At the quay side, the meadowlike grassed area over the footbridge, left uncut except for walkways, is very pleasant and the white daisies, buttercups, clover and flag irises were admired. We note that other initiatives in this category included stocking the stream with more ducks and also deciding not to cut hedges until the end of July in order to facilitate nesting.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was virtually litter free. It was noted that one litter bin in the centre of the village was crammed with crisp packets etc and this would suggest that there is a patrol that ensures that litter is picked up as it is thrown. Well done! There was also no litter at the quay side area and a number of litter bins were in evidence. However, six of these were lined up right in front of the display maps for the use by visitors and perhaps a more conducive spot could be found.

TIDINESS

The village was neat and tidy throughout with no evidence of kerbside weeds.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The private houses and holiday accommodation outlets continue to contribute in a positive manner to the Tidy Towns effort in Terryglass.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The major development in 2002 is the ongoing provision of a pathway from the village to the quay side area. This is a very welcome development and when the work on the pathway and its surrounds, together with the new lighting, is completed, this will enhance the facilities in the village and also provide a safer environment for visitors and residents alike. The new wooden fencing in this area is also attractive. As usual, all approach roads into Terryglass were well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Terryglass continues to impress and set an example for others. We look forward to seeing the finalisation of the work at present in progress and wish you continuing success in the years ahead.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (05/08/02)

Terryglass looked as well cared for as ever on Second Adjudication day. The church and grounds were simply presented, although some weeding was necessary to kerbsides to the front. The tin roof to the Derg Inn should be repainted before next year's competition. The surface of a yard area on the road leading to the quayside appeared quite weedy. Litter control was good on the day although one or two papers were spotted on the road leading down to the quayside. This was extremely good considering that it was a bank holiday weekend! The new green spaces / verges between the road and path in this location have yet to be finished and kerbing will be required. The new bog oak monument to St. Columba was greatly admired as was the stone monument with heron surrounded by a bed of lavender. The grass was being cut on the green in this location on the day.