

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Templetuohy**

Ref: **358**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **188**

Category: **B**

Date: **03/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	188	185

Overall Developmental Approach:

Templetuohy Rural Development Group obviously show great interest in the village's future. Your three year plan made interesting reading. Is this it's first year? For next year's competition, please ensure you put the actual calendar year next to each progressive year so that the adjudicator can monitor your progress. The three volume parish history must certainly make interesting reading. The adjudicator was disappointed to note your problems in relation to uncooperative property owners. For the most part, the residents of the village seem to show a good level of interest in its presentation.

The Built Environment:

The Pugin Church was greatly admired. The school and grounds were well maintained, although the boundary wall was quite grubby. The ash trees behind the wall are coming along well. The community hall, in its prominent location, should be painted before next year's competition, as should the medical centre. Guilfoyle's looked well maintained. Do ensure that the plaster work to houses and buildings is not removed in order to reveal the stone beneath. Traditional / vernacular buildings in Irish villages were meant to be rendered, and the removal of this plasterwork results in problems of water penetration and is also incorrect from a conservation point of view.

Landscaping:

The adjudicator was disappointed to note your problem in relation to trees dying in the park. However, the park looked well and the replacement of these trees with roses and beech is to be commended. The limestone monolith was admired. Your work in relation to the hedge planting on the Thurles Road, to conceal a concrete fence, is to be commended. The attractive planted beds by the phone box were admired. Perhaps consideration could be given to a landscaping project at the entrance to the GAA pitch? The attractive mature trees on the Church Road give this area a very dignified air. The attractive open space with trees and ditch on the Thurles Road was admired.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The adjudicator noted your wildlife area in the centre of the village. Perhaps you could consider the planting of a wildflower meadow in this location? Do involve the local school children in drawing up a survey of wildlife habitats in their locality.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was reasonably good, although one or two papers were noted. Your weekly clean-ups and the banning of sweets and canned drinks in the school is obviously paying dividends.

Tidiness:

Weed control was a problem in the tarmacadamed areas of the wide footpath along the main street. Don't forget rear areas - Templetuohy has a number of laneways leading to outbuildings to the rear of the main street which are visible from the road and the majority of these could be maintained to a higher standard. An attractive laneway to the house beside Temple Fries was admired and is an example to others.

Residential Areas:

The standard in this category of the competition was somewhat inconsistent. Some houses were quite excellent. Orchard Crescent was admired and the rose garden to a cottage on the Rathdowney Road looked well. Ard Mhuire was well maintained. However, one or two neglected boundary walls and gables created a bad impression.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The signs at the junction near the park should be washed down. In terms of street furniture, the village pump by the park had been freshly painted. The footpath to the front of Everards is in extremely bad condition and should be repaired or replaced. In terms of approach roads, the Rathdowney Road was quite weedy at kerbsides. It also appeared quite overgrown, although one portion of it had been sprayed and the dead grass and weeds had not been removed. The Urlingford / Johnstown Road was extremely overgrown and signage in this area was virtually obscured by overgrowth. The Thurles Road was to a higher standard. The banks here had been cut back and the daisies on the top of the stone wall were admired.

General Impression:

Templetuohy is an attractive and busy centre which continues to perform well in the competition.