

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Terryglass**

Ref: **234**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **262**

Category: **A**

Date: **08/08/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	41
The Built Environment	40	36	35
Landscaping	40	37	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	24
Litter Control	40	33	34
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	28	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	37	37
General Impression	10	9	8
TOTAL MARK	300	262	259

Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator was disappointed to note that, although your five year plan was to follow your application form, none had been received. However, your list of improvements since winning the competition was certainly most helpful. Terryglass has a large committee which obviously does an extremely good job of maintaining the village to the highest possible standard.

The Built Environment:

The new ornate signs to the holy wells were admired. The stone church looked extremely well, although the railings were in need of attention and seemed somewhat rusty. The school was very well presented, as was the community centre in grey with its creeper clad gable wall. The magnificent craft shop set in the old church and magnificent cottage style garden was greatly admired. The adjudicator noted that Oldcourt Castle on the lakeshore drive was for sale and hopefully this will be bought and put to good use. The Derg Inn looked well with a fresh mural to its gable wall. Paddy's Bar also looked well, although the tin roof had not yet been painted.

Landscaping:

The new whitethorn hedge and trees on Shannon Lane / the quayside was admired although some of the former is failing and should be replaced, otherwise this planting is coming along well. The

copper beech surrounded by stone wall and cape daisies was greatly admired outside the school. The main green space with its heron and stone monoliths, with lime trees marching along the roadside was greatly admired. The old graveyard was extremely well maintained. Perhaps further thought could be given to the landscaping at St. Colum's and St. Augh's holy wells as they appeared rather overgrown on the day. At the quayside, the maps indicating areas of interest in the locality were fine although one sported some broken glass.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The adjudicator was pleased to note the introduction of new ducks to the locality. Perhaps you should get the local school children involved in this aspect of the competition and draw up a project indicating the areas of wildlife interest in the locality and incorporating these with a map or walk.

Litter Control:

Your work in this area - assigning members of the committee to each road is to be commended. The central area of the village has a very high degree of litter control given its busy nature, especially the visitors from the boats on Lough Derg, etc. On approach roads, a single paper carton in a gateway was noted. However, a number of papers were noted on the road to St. Colum's well, which was also somewhat overgrown. Some litter was also noted at the quayside.

Tidiness:

Your work regarding protecting the wildlife by not cutting hedgerows until the nesting season is over in August is to be commended. The high maintenance of verges was noted and quite obvious. Good luck with your negotiations with the owner of the derelict house on the Ballinderry Road, also your local authority may be of assistance in this regard with the powers invested in them under the Derelict Site Act. A barrel vault roof to an outbuilding on this road appeared quite rusty on the day and should be repainted. Some of the rear areas as one approaches the village from the quayside seemed somewhat neglected and should be cleared up or at least screened from public view.

Residential Areas:

The stone walls on the Ballinderry Road were admired. The galvanised roof to Paddy's Bar had yet to be painted. Riverrun cottages were extremely well maintained as was the rent-an-Irish-cottage scheme with its central green space and roses around the front doors to individual cottages. A new house on the road beyond Riverrun cottages was admired for its modern vernacular design. This is most suitable for an Irish village. Woodview B&B had a display of magnificent roses in its garden. The charming gate lodge at the crossroads was admired. There are a large number of new houses on the Ballinderry Road. Do ensure that these are in keeping with the nature and character of an Irish village.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The new ornate cast iron gates at the top of Shannon Lane were admired as were the signs to the holy wells. The new stone walls on the Ballinderry Road were admired. The lampstandards to the main streets are very simple and appropriate to their setting. Along the Lakeshore Road the grass had been well cut and the hedgerows appeared natural but neat. This is an approach which obviously looks well. Signage was generally in good condition. On the Carrigahorig Road the stone walls were admired. This is a well maintained long entrance into the village. On the Ballinderry Road the relatively new trees were coming along well although it was a little bit overgrown further out. The new footpath to the quay was admired. An incidental space to the front wall of a cottage on the road beyond Riverrun cottages was greatly admired.

General Impression:

Terryglass looked well again on this 2003 adjudication day. A high standard has been maintained and the village continues to set an excellent example to other villages in the competition.

Second Round Adjudication:

Stone walls, field boundaries and grass verges marking the entrance from the Ballinderry Road are excellent in presentation. One curtilage area on this road needs upgrading. The graveyard looks very well. Buildings in general enjoy excellent maintenance as does the Holiday Village. The low grey building located across from the sculpture amenity might be cleaned in the interest of visual amenity. The pedestrian friendly focus of the road to the quay is a welcome development. Both litter control and tidiness was very good. The themed "Well" developments are innovative and welcome. The harbour and its environs continues to offer visual and recreational amenity opportunities. Well done on a fine presentation.