

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Temple Bar**

Ref: **190**

County: **Dublin**

Mark: **212**

Category: **D**

Date: **21/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	43	42
The Built Environment	40	32	29
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	15
Litter Control	40	29	27
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	19
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	212	206

Overall Developmental Approach:

The Committee is thanked for their entry into this year's Tidy Towns Competition. Your detailed entry form and map was very helpful on the day of adjudication. It is great to see the ongoing work and co-operation of residences, local businesses, Dublin City Council and the efforts of Temple Bar Properties and Tascq to enhance the environment in Dublin's Cultural Quarter. The Adjudicator would suggest the inclusion of a 3 year development programme for part of next year's submission as this would give the community goals to work towards.

The Built Environment:

There is a wonderful mix of old and new architecture in Temple Bar and all were very well presented on the day of adjudication, especially the newly opened 'Temple Bar information Centre' on East Essex Street. The seating area's/ planters on Cow's Lane and throughout the Temple Bar area are both functional and aesthetically pleasing. The provision of access for persons with disabilities in Cow's Lane was noted. There is an obvious effort on the upkeep and maintenance of the buildings in this area. The committee is to be commended on the new wall maps of the quarter.

Landscaping:

The landscaping in Temple bar is contemporary and appropriate for the area. The planters, hanging

baskets and window boxes especially in the Elephant & Castle, the Dubliner and the Palace Bar looked extremely well.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The introduction of the bird boxes is a wonderful initiative and many of the boxes were spotted by the adjudicator. As part of the 3 year development programme the location of the boxes must be reviewed as some were quite exposed and may do better if they were located closer to the foliage of the window boxes. It would also benefit the area to erect bird watch information panels with the type of species visiting the area or produce a leaflet. The committee could consult Bird watch Ireland for more advice.

Litter Control:

The street cleaning service, recycling 'Bring Centre', waste management strategy and Temple Bar Green and Clean Competition has had an obvious effect on controlling the litter in Temple Bar as most of the main streets appeared litter free on the day of adjudication. However Temple Bar Square showed some signs of litter outside the pubs. Continue on with your efforts to keep residents, business and local community involved in the up keep of the area.

Tidiness:

The overall tidiness of Temple Bar on the day of adjudication was good; there were a number of areas like Cow's Lane that were well maintained. Some graffiti was noted in Coppers Alley and other back areas. Out-door ashtrays were evident outside most establishments to counteract the untidiness caused by cigarette butts on the street, however the adjudicator noted the lack of similar provisions outside Dolphin House.

Residential Areas:

The combination of commercial and residential properties in the vicinity of Cow's Lane is to be highly commended for the maintenance and pleasant appearance of balconies especially in the Pudding Row Apartment block.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Most of the roads, streets and back areas were well presented on the day of adjudication. Clean ups and lighting on some of the back areas in Temple Bar will definitely improve the safety issues and the committee is commended for identifying this problem. Perhaps this issue should also be covered in the development programme. Approach streets into Temple Bar area were well sign posted with the new maps a great addition to the area.

General Impression:

Despite ongoing problems associated with an urban area, the commitment by all involved to enhance the cultural aspects of the area, community spirit and the creation of a clean and green work environment is evident.