

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Terenure**

Ref: **306**

County: **Dublin**

Mark: **217**

Category: **E**

Date: **24/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	41
The Built Environment	40	30	28
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	26	25
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	11	12
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	22
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	217	212

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your detailed entry form and the map of the area the boundary line marking on the map certainly helped on the day of adjudication. The Terenure 2000- Tir an iuir 2000 entry was very comprehensive and outlined the various steps taken by the committee throughout the year in preparation for the tidy towns competition. The ongoing problems of passing commuter traffic and litter have been noted. Your application to Dublin City Council towards a local area development plan is to be commended you have identified problems in the area and are working towards eliminating them. The committee has some good ideas which support the development of a more defined urban village.

The Built Environment:

The 18th and 19th century architecture in Terenure is really very well maintained with mature trees and gardens which are obviously well cared for. The use of red brick in Tower Villas houses blends quite well with the older houses across the street. Quinlan's Public House on Terenure Road North was particularly well presented on the day of adjudication. Diva and Topaz also looked well. Sayeres Restaurant, Lisa's Trattoria and the Terenure Takeaway have made an obvious effort in the appearance of their business facades; local business people should be congratulated. The adjudicator notes the committee's concerns regarding the derelict and gap sites in the village. Recommendations/plans for the redevelopment of the village should be submitted with next year's entry.

Landscaping:

The environmental improvements which have been undertaken by the Terenure Tidy Towns Committee should be highly commended - it is obviously a high priority. Bushy Park is well maintained and clearly a well used leisure amenity for all the residents in the area. On entry to the park from Rathdown Avenue there was some litter on sight. The grass bank on Terenure road north needs some attention. Terenure church has some wonderful landscaping and planters. Eaton Park looked very well. Terenure Road East approach road had some nice mature trees. The cross at Fortfield Road and Templeogue nice green areas. The potential for further landscaping in the area could encourage community involvement, offering children from local schools a chance to get involved in their environment.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Terenure is an urban environment, however it also has some beautiful natural amenities. The committee's work to enhance the local knowledge of flora, fauna and wildlife is commendable. The update on how the plan is working to enhance wildlife in the publicly and privately owned areas should be included in next year's entry to support the work already achieved by the committee. Steps to encourage the awareness, protection and appreciation of wildlife in the area could be displayed on nature boards or by getting local school children involved in hanging bird boxes to encourage nesting places in Eaton or Bushy Park. The green belt along the river Dodder is a wonderful environmental asset to the area.

Litter Control:

Litter by passing traffic has been identified as one of the major problems in the area and your ideas to combat this problem area are to be commended. Suggestions involve the whole community making them more aware of problem creates a sense of responsibility to keep the area as litter free as possible. The bring centre recycling facility at the car park could be relocated to the back or side of the car park. On the day of adjudication there was litter around the car park and clothes scattered beside the recycling unit. The local schools anti-litter initiatives are to be congratulated and the committee should encourage and assist them to participate in the Green Schools initiative.

Tidiness:

There was minor evidence of graffiti on Ashdale Road and under the billboard on Terenure Road North. Some weeds were also obvious at the base of the commercial properties on the main streets. Businesses should be encouraged to keep an eye on the re-growth of these weeds. The Foot Ball Prohibited sign on Springfield Avenue needs replacing; otherwise the green area was very well maintained. Efforts to remove fly posting from the area have certainly improved.

Residential Areas:

Wainfort Park is a nicely maintained mature residential area; the properties are nicely cared for and there is good colour coordination in the landscaping. Landscaping of the communal green area to include amenities for children would enhance this estate. Eaton Road, St Enda's and Alexandra Terrace were also well presented on the day. The stone house on Terenure Road North across from Quinns is particularly attractive. The committee's efforts to educate owners on the architectural value of their properties is coming along with many residents choosing to restore rather than replace. The three year plan to introduce sympathetic street furnishings is highly commendable and an update on this should be included in next year's entry.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Terenure Road East / West are nicely maintained with mature housing. There was a nice flower bed

feature on the corner of Fortfield road. The grass verges were well maintained along that road and the Templeogue Road and there was some nice landscaping along the route, although some kerb weeds were visible. Springfield Avenue approach had a nicely maintained green area, although there was some evidence of weeds at the base of the trees. Grass is being replanted at the cross for the Rathfarnham road. Tower Avenue is a well presented back area with lovely mixture of red brick houses. "Welcome to Terenure" signs would definitely enhance the area. Encouraging the use of bilingual signage is also commendable.

General Impression:

In the face of ongoing problems in the area the committee has identified these issues and have come up with some really good ideas and strategies to eradicate them. The committees entry has also outlined a three year development plan to aesthetically enhance the area by encouraging a sense of pride in residential, commercial and communal areas bringing a good sense of community spirit to this urban village. Keep up the good work!