

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Templeorum**

Ref: **161**

County: **Kilkenny**

Mark: **187**

Category: **A**

Date: **16/01/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	26	20
Landscaping	40	25	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	14
Litter Control	40	34	32
Tidiness	20	10	9
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>168</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator was disappointed to note that you still hadn't provided a development plan outlining your objectives for the village's future with this year's application. It is essential at this stage in the competition that you put together such a document. Templeorum Tidy Towns Committee show a keen interest in the history and future development of the village. Do make certain that you take an interest in any future housing that is constructed within the village in order to ensure that it is in keeping with Templeorum's unique character and charm.

### The Built Environment:

The church is a most unusual building - its gable to the roadside is quite ornate and its entrance gate to the other side is elaborate with its integrated bell tower. It looks quite magnificent, set as it is on a grassy bank with a well maintained graveyard surrounding it, including a colourful rhododendron bush. The Post Office was simply presented and the school looked well - although some consideration could be given here to the replacement of its boundary wall as it looks quite dated and a little bit shabby.

### Landscaping:

It was noted that hedging had been planted near to the school on the top road, and also on the Weir

Road, presumably to reinforce the hedgerow in this locality. The church car park looked well and the use of the silver birch trees in this location, is most effective. Perhaps you could give consideration to a line of trees to the roadside edge in order to reinforce it?

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The wildlife and historical panel at the church car park is certainly a most interesting one. Perhaps, as last year's adjudicator mentioned, you could give consideration to involving the local school children in drawing up a project relating to the wildlife visible in their locality? Possibly this could be integrated with a map. as there must be many very interesting walks around the hillsides surrounding the village.

### **Litter Control:**

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good. Perhaps you should give consideration to supplying a number of bins around the roadsides in the village?

### **Tidiness:**

Some pipes appeared to have been left by the roadside. Do ensure that any building materials are removed once work is complete - or perhaps this work is planned for a date in the near future? Before next year's competition the rear wall of the church should be re-whitewashed and some weeding was necessary in this location.

### **Residential Areas:**

There are a large number of new houses along approach roads and in the village centre - as previously mentioned, do ensure that they are in keeping with the character of the village. Most mature houses looked well and a charming cottage with magnificent front garden contributed well to this category of the competition.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The ongoing construction sites for houses make the approach roads rather untidy. This is temporary and was taken into account when marking this category of the competition. Directional signage to the village from the Piltown Road appeared quite poor and perhaps some consideration might be given to ensuring that directional signs point in the correct direction! This road was fine and the Kilkenny Road at the junction between the High Road and the Low Road the signage appeared to be quite battered.

### **General Impression:**

The village of Templeorum is a most unusual and charming one and was a pleasure to visit on a sunny June adjudication day. Congratulations on the significant increase in marks. It is a most attractive and interesting place to visit!