

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Templetouhy**

Ref: **131**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **191**

Category: **B**

Date: **30/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	191	188

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the completed entry form, basic work plan for the upcoming years and sketch map of the village.

The Village looked well on adjudication day which was quite sunny and most places like Templetouhy look well on such days.

Your plan is simple and good because it centres on the basics and concentrates in getting these right.

The Village has benefitted from practical support given by the local community as a whole.

Links with the County Council and agencies like FAS need to be cemented as these will bring benefit in the years ahead.

The Built Environment:

The Village main street is wide and easily visible from one end to the other.

The standard of presentation of premises was quite good and, whilst there are a few obvious blackspots, overall business and homeowners can take pride in their respective places.

Templetouhy is growing and the building sites referred to in your entry form were noted, when complete these houses will be a bonus to the village.

Public buildings such as the Church and school were well presented with tidy adjoining grounds.

The Community Centre in a focal point in the centre of the village and The Cemetery at the junction of Johnstown and Rathdowney roads were both presented to a very good standard.

Credit is due to the community people entrusted with the upkeep of these public buildings. The GAA Grounds is well appointed, within the puck of a ball of the village centre, and was in an acceptable condition but could be a little tidier around the perimeters and near the parking area. The following business premises were noted for their general appeal and indeed basic adherence to tidiness. Guilfoyle's Shop, Campions and Everard's Pub at the Kilkenny end of the Village.

Landscaping:

The new saplings planted on the lane/road down to the GAA will progress in time and provide a shelter that is badly needed, let's hope that these saplings are treated with more respect than in some other villages and towns.

Work was in progress in the excellent Millennium Park on adjudication day as shrub beds were being cleaned and tidied.

The planting of trees in the school yard is to be welcomed as it is little bit devoid of shelter at the moment.

There were some nice gardens to be seen as one traversed the village and credit is due to the owners for making the effort. As a gardener I can vouch for the fact that this is a time consuming occupation.

Keep up the good work

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The initiative to provide a central area in the village to become a wildlife haven is praiseworthy and a positive step in putting in place a worthwhile wildlife project. Well done and good luck with your endeavours.

Litter Control:

The standard in this category was reasonably good, whilst aware of the efforts of the committee to promote good litter control amongst the community there were a few areas that had too much litter. Remember even one plastic bottle is one too much.

There was far too much litter at the base of fencing at GAA Grounds also in a few other areas of the village.

Be vigilant and keep up giving the message to the community.

Tidiness:

Some weed growth on the Lisduff Rd side of the Village, but in an overall context the standard was good.

Judging by your comments on the form Larkins is an ongoing problem and maybe one you may have to live with unless the owner gets a change of heart.

Unfortunately not every citizen is into the Tidy Towns ethos.

Residential Areas:

As seems to be the case last year the standard was slightly inconsistent this year also.

As stated in the last section not everyone is on board when it comes to Tidy Towns and the Committee will have to keep offering encouraging support.

Orchard Crescent was very well presented with one house being refurbished when visited by the adjudicator.

The Terrace of Houses in the main street were in a very good state of repair some having visually pleasing gardens.

Terrace of Houses on the Lisduff Road exit were also well maintained although the box hedging can become a little dusty and untidy if not cut back.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The entrance from Johnstown was reasonable and could be improved if the wire fencing opposite Orchard Crescent could be replaced and the verges cut back at the base.

The Rathdowney /Lisduff entrance could be improved somewhat also as the kerbside was rather weedy and name sign was not very visible.

Both the entrance from Thurles and Templemore were in far better condition than the aforementioned (Is there a bias to the Tipp side of the Village?).

It is important to get uniformity of standard for all entrances so maybe the committee might act on the observations referred to in this section.

General Impression:

Templemore is a part of Tipperary that this adjudicator was not very familiar with but it will be revisited as it is a very nice village.

The committee has been working hard over the years to improve performance in the competition and this is paying off.

Keep up the good work.