

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Terryglass**

Ref: **403**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **264**

Category: **A**

Date: **31/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	41
The Built Environment	40	36	36
Landscaping	40	37	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	24
Litter Control	40	33	33
Tidiness	20	17	17
Residential Areas	30	28	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	38	37
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	264	262

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the completed entry form, excellent 5 year plan, map of the village proper and sketch of proposed river walk project from Terryglass.

The Committee is very large but I presume that it has sub sectional responsibilities other wise the Village would not have attained such a high standing in the competition.

The objectives and goals outlined in the plan are achievable in practical terms which is important. Local community involvement and the excellent partnership arrangements are hereby noted and it is obvious that these have paid off.

The adjudicator has taken on board what is contained in the plan and in accordance with the adjudication criteria has commented under each of the headings.

The Built Environment:

The standard in this section was very high and it was noteworthy that both homeowners and business people have reacted in a positive manner to any suggestions.

Both the Derg Inn, Shop and Paddys Bar were very well presented.

Paddys Bar corrugated roof was indeed painted but the owners might consider housing barrels and boxes within the adjacent store if possible in order to show off the nearby landscaping better.

The School, both Graveyards, O'Connor Community Hall and the unique Garda Station were in resplendent condition.

The RC Church and grounds were maintained very well but the railing is rusting and needs to be

treated accordingly. The Cross Docum De agus Onora na hEireann looked as if it needed to be treated with wood preservative.

It was noted that St Columbas Church formerly a craft shop was for sale so hopefully the new owners will maintain its uniqueness.

The planning permission for developments in the Harbour area was noticed and the Council will be aware of the Committees input here.

The public toilets are getting dated and were by previous high standards a little untidy, so it's opportune that new ones are to be built.

Landscaping:

When one enters Terryglass it's noticeable the attention that is given to appropriate and sensitive forms of planting and landscaping.

The plans outlined for this section are in keeping with what is already in place

The trees at the Cox Sculpture have been maintained in an exemplary manner with bases cleaned and fresh peat moss in place.

The saplings at the north end of the School seemed to be getting a little choked due to overgrowth other wise all other trees both mature and young were well maintained.

The box hedging at the RC Church has been over the years maintained very well so credit is due to those responsible.

The Rent an Irish Housing area had a very attractive shrub bed with an excellent mix of shrubs and perennials. This type of outlay was replicated in other parts of the village and that's what makes Terryglass so attractive.

The hedging planted on the new walking route is now taking shape and the planting of dogwood at St Aughs Well was noted. Again make sure that these saplings do not become choked with overgrowth.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

A number of simple but effective measures to encourage wildlife preservation were noted.

The meadow in the Rent an Irish Cottage area was noteworthy in that it had a little access path cut through it.

The area around the St Aughs Eyewell is an ideal natural habitat that can become a little haven for various forms of insects. The Concrete pipe, unless it has some use, should be removed.

Both the Harbour and Bridge in the core of the village are also natural habitats and indeed Terryglass would be the envy of most other villages in this respect.

Litter Control:

The standard here was very good but not without some blemish.

A few bits of litter were noted on path up to the RC Church and also there were a few plastic bottles in the river on at the Bridge.

I am sure if the culprits were caught they would have been admonished accordingly.

The ongoing encouragement of the Committee to the local residents and schoolchildren to become involved in cleaning up individual areas of the village has proven to be successful.

Keep up the good work.

Tidiness:

As in the previous section the efforts of the community as a whole has been successful as the standard was very high.

The smoking ban may have had some adverse effect as butts of cigarettes were noted at kerbsides near Scoil Colmain. Minute by comparison to other similar villages might I add.

There are one or two notable untidy areas like the site near St Columbas Well sign on the way up to

the Marina,

While these might not be significant in other places they stand out in a quality place like Terryglass.

Residential Areas:

The village has a number of holiday cottage development and these are maintained to a very high standard and blend in with existing village architecture.

Suffice to say that the local residents have presented properties very well and are to be complemented for same.

It would be unfair to single out individual owners but there is a definite commitment to ensure that the Village maintains its excellent reputation.

There are a number of new houses under construction and when finished will enhance the village.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Entrances in to the village have set a very high standards in terms of presentation.

To maintain this type of standard on an ongoing basis all year round is a major achievement. This adjudicator has visited Terryglass in winter and in relative terms the condition of entrances has always been very good.

Constant partnership involvement with the local county council has paid off, as things such as condition and visibility of both directional and speed limit signs have been consistently good.

Verges have been well cut in accordance with recommended criteria and individual home owners have taken ownership of making sure that frontages and side areas are clean and tidy. Nothing pretentious just basic simple maintenance.

Keep up this effort as this is what creates the first impression

General Impression:

Terryglass as always a strong performer in the competition and this year the Village and its immediate surrounds were resplendent helped by the fact that day was quite pleasant and showed off the village to good effect.

Second Round Adjudication:

As usual Terryglass maintains a very high standard of presentation throughout the village. The harbour and surrounds were being well utilised by both campers and those using the lake for boating. The green areas by the harbour looked well – perhaps the wheelie bins could be concealed some way. The beginnings of the Willow feature look very promising. The road to the harbour is well cared for and the separate pedestrian way is a great idea. The signs to the Wells are very good. The old cemetery is beautifully cared for and the adjoining Craft shop catches the eye with admiration. The Garda station is well presented but the rails to road frontage require a little attention. The ICA tree is nicely surrounded by the well cared for grass and stone kerb – attention to detail such as this is what makes Terryglass so special. The Gerard Cox sculpture is beautifully set and the line of Lime trees (which obscure two lamps) completes a lovely picture. The Catholic Church looks very well and the large beech tree and cared for grass mounds and graveyard paints a lovely picture. The roadside verges, tree planting, hedging and walls all contribute to show off Terryglass to best advantage. The lighting of the features – bridge and sculpture adds a nice touch.