

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Terryglass**

Ref: **638**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **265**

Category: **A**

Date: **11/08/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	42
The Built Environment	40	36	36
Landscaping	40	38	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	38
General Impression	10	9	9
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>264</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Terryglass Tidy Towns Committee is certainly a large one given the village's size. Presumably, as suggested by last year's adjudicator, you work in the form of a number of sub committees which then meet together to work out their overall strategy and report back to the committee? You would appear to have a high level of support from local publicans in relation to your work, which is as it should be! You also appear to have a good working relationship with local businesses, in order that both parties can benefit from the relationship. Your continuation of your Rowan tree planting at the jetty is to be applauded. Your Five Year Plan commenced last year and is, therefore, in its infancy in relation to the overall scheme of things. Perhaps for next year's competition you can update it by means of handwritten notes highlighting what is merely aspirational work and what has been achieved to date?

### The Built Environment:

Both public and commercial premises were well presented on the day. The Derg Inn looked very fresh in pink and sported an attractive and colourful mural to its gable. Paddy's Bar also looked extremely fresh. The National School was well presented as was the simply presented Garda Station - although some damage appeared to have taken place to the stone boundary wall of the former which should be repaired. The Catholic Church looked well, with its imposing yew trees planted to the gravelled grounds. The Old Church in the centre of the village is being well maintained and appears to have gone into private ownership and no longer a Craft Shop, as in previous years.

## **Landscaping:**

The graveyard looked very well. Landscaped areas throughout were well maintained - such as the monuments on their grassy verges, including that at the crossroads with its heron sculpture. Flags were proudly flying in this location and mature overhanging trees along the roadside create a marvellous sense of presence. Incidental landscaped spaces throughout looked well, such as the copper beech tree with stone base and cape daisies outside the Old Church. The Quayside area looked well and beautifully maintained with its creeper - clad lavatory block and "welcome" signage. The colourful hanging baskets below the bridge in the centre of the village were noted and admired.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Many thanks for your enclosed photograph of the local duck life! For next year's competition, you should try to involve the local school children in a number of wildlife projects. Perhaps one of the committee members could work with the local school teachers in order to formulate some potential projects in this regard? Ones that have been successful in other centres include the building of bird tables and bird nesting boxes, the building of bat boxes or the creation of wildflowers areas within the school grounds. Your promotion of the wildflowers in the hedgerows and avoidance of bird nesting times when trimming hedgerows is all laudable. The provision of appropriate planting at St. Augh's Well is also highly praiseworthy.

## **Litter Control:**

The standard of litter control - as ever - on the day, was extremely good - the only litter evident was a single paper opposite the Community Centre and another on the Carrigahorig entrance to the village.

## **Tidiness:**

The standard in this category of the competition was generally as high as ever. One or two yard areas should be screened from public view, such as that near the junction with the Quay Road. Ensure that outbuildings and sheds are not neglected when considering overall presentation. The roofs of the outbuildings behind Garda Station should be painted up in their traditional colours before next year's competition. Another on the Ballinderry Road was also in need of repainting. A minor issue in this category of the competition would be the staining underneath the plaque on the Community Hall gable wall. Dead weeds to a yard area on the Quay Road created a bad impression.

## **Residential Areas:**

The standard in this category of the competition was quite good. The houses on the Ballinderry road were generally well maintained with pretty gardens. A new house on this road was noted but its boundary was not yet completed. Hopefully it will be in keeping with the unique style and character of the village. The Rent an Irish Cottage scheme and the various holiday homes - both individual and complexes were generally well maintained - the Riverrun Cottages sported a particularly pretty garden area. The B and Bs on the road beyond the school contribute strongly to this aspect of the competition with some magnificent gardens - one in particular with purple Michaelmas Daisies. New houses were under construction at Oldcourt Castle. Again it is essential to ensure that any new housing schemes are suitably finished in terms of materials and landscaping in order to maintain Terryglass's unique character and charm.

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

Along the Ballinderry Road, the grass verges were well maintained and the relatively new trees were coming along well. Honeysuckle was noted in the hedgerows. This road is fortunate to have some

delightful hedging and stone walling and narrow grass verges. On the Carrigahorig road the hedges were well maintained. The well cut grass verges and nice hedges on the road beyond school looked well. On the road to leading to the Quay, the display of roses to the roadside was admired. The hedge to the footpath area is maturing well.

### **General Impression:**

The magnificent village of Terryglass was a pleasure for this adjudicator to visit after a number years. It continues to perform well in the competition and congratulations is due to all concerned with the village's consistently high standard!

### **Second Round Adjudication:**

The 2nd round adjudicator was delighted to visit Terryglass on a fine August morning. On the Ballingarry approach road the fine hedging in the area of St. Mary's Church caught the eye and it creates a very dignified entrance to Terryglass from that side. However at the Graveyard the sloping sides of some of the grassy banks are looking worn and bare in places. Generally on approach roads the cutting of verges was a little overdue and generally they lacked a crispness of presentation. Some verges were looking rather worn or tired especially on the approach to the Quay. The Quay area looked very well and was very busy on the day of 2nd round adjudication. The Bring Centre here was litter free. Unfortunately some litter was noted on the grass area at the 1983 National Tidy Towns Award Sculpture and at the back / side of a commercial premises. Screening here would help to keep such material from public view pending removal. Terryglass has a great feeling of a community working together to make their place a better place. Congratulations to the Committee and their dedicated supporters.