

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Terenure**

Ref: **77**

County: **Dublin**

Mark: **217**

Category: **E**

Date: **18/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	43	42
The Built Environment	40	29	30
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	27	26
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	10	11
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	21
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	217	217

Overall Developmental Approach:

Welcome back to the competition for 2005 and thank you for your detailed entry and local area plan. The map provided was very useful and easy to follow on the day of adjudication. Perhaps next year it would also be an addition to have locations and landmarks mentioned in the entry also marked and map referenced for ease of location. This can be drawn in by hand. Terenure 2000 – Tir an Luir 2000 are a serious committee who have stepped back and taken a critical look at the area and issues associated with the area. The committee should be commended for their good sense of hiring in the professionals to assist with a plan and that it was submitted to Dublin City Council and the Terenure Chamber of Commerce for consideration. It is also commendable that the local community was involved in the launch of the plans giving them a sense of ownership of the development in the area in which they live. Keep up the good work of liaison with Dublin City Council perseverance will ensure that Terenure becomes more cohesive urban village.

The Built Environment:

The committee has submitted an excellent framework for the rejuvenation of the built environment in the village there are some great development opportunities. Tesco's on Springfield Avenue perhaps some planters or landscaping may aesthetically improve it's facade. Quiglan's Pub Christmas decorations lights could be removed as they can be an eye sore during the summer months but obvious care taken to landscaping in the car park. The billboards are also quite an

eyesore around the pub and also on the Terenure Road North. Brian Lynch Office supplies some care and attention needed. Christy's Victualler is a prime example of local heritage being preserved. The houses along Ashdale have original facades however windows are mostly pvc. Bellagio Restaurant good effort. Sayers Restaurant, Lisa's Trattoria and Terenure Take away, Gerry Caffery Motors effort noted. Unfortunately old Christmas lighting was also evident on Terenure Road North not adding to the streetscape in a good way. Businesses should be encouraged to remove them at the end of the season. Cronin and Company efforts noted.

Landscaping:

The village has a good splash of colour with many businesses making a good effort. The committee should detail a more structured, long term approach to planting in their entry to achieve a perennial effect. Sensible planting with species of trees and plants from the surrounding area will enhance the urban village while at the same time attracting some wild life in.

Gardens and railings on the houses on Ashdale Road are well cared for. Planting around the base of the trees in the Car Park of Eaton Road well maintained. The management of the open spaces which include Bushy Park an excellent local amenity and Eaton Square, the Sports grounds and grass verges were found to be in good condition on the day of adjudication. Mature trees on the approach roads are very important to the cohesiveness of the town should be protected in future landscaping plans.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

In an urban environment it is increasingly important to protect and enhance the local knowledge of wildlife in the area. These areas of habitation have been identified by the committee and a management plan commissioned. Thank you for the update on how the plan has been working so far. It is important to submit this with next years entry. Bushy Park excellent community amenity. Well preserved notice board and signs for dog fouling evident. Bird feeders would be a great addition at Eaton Park. Any material relating to a nature trail or mentioned in the application should be included. Also maps of the park or photographs of the nature boards would have been useful information leaflets on the Dodder walk should be included here.

Litter Control:

For a very busy village, litter control was evident on the day of adjudication, with the exception of a few black spots on the Rathfarnham road and Springfield Junction, Terenure Road West before Hannaville Park road there was a broken bottle. Some care and attention needed at the gates of Charles Nolan & Co and the Car Park on Terenure Road North had some litter around the bring centre but generally not bad. The committee has shown in their entry that they are committed to not only rectifying the problem but keeping it as an essential focus in regular news letters to the community. While there does not appear to be many bins in the residential areas there was very little litter around. The involvement of St. Joseph's Boys National School in anti litter campaign is obviously also having a good effect on the village, keep up the good work boys!

Tidiness:

Terenure was tidy on the day of adjudication there were some minor incident of weed control. All the estates and individual residences throughout the village visited by the adjudicator were very highly presented. The main source of untidiness or blemish was the graffiti which was evident on many streets either on bins, walls and back areas within the boundaries. Perhaps an anti graffiti plan could be intergrated into the overall strategy. Evidence of graffiti around Bushy Park, on the Templeogue road side, Greenmount Road on bin, signs at the sports ground, back area on Mount

Tallant Avenue are some of the examples. Good trees planting with flowers at base on Greenmount Road. Eaton Park excellent local amenity, park furniture could do with some attention. Community notice board could be erected in here as many lectures and talks have taken place here perhaps the committee could encourage summer entertainment or markets to the square. The sign for the bye laws of the park needs to be replaced.

Residential Areas:

Residential areas in Terenure are exceptional. A willingness to improve the total residential environment, by residents themselves, should be encouraged by the Tidy Towns. Perhaps a garden competition for new and existing residences would encourage a greater interest in environmental issues. Conservation efforts by the committee have been noted and will definitely enhance the overall heritage feel of the area. Meadowbank estate, nice grounds well maintained some graffiti on back wall area near the entrance grass well cared for. Riverdale Avenue ivy covering sign some kerb weeds. St. Enda's road is a nice mature residential road. Ashdale Park nice mature residence road well maintained excellent restoration work carried out on the red brick houses. Back lane off Ashdale Road in need of some attention. Yewlands Terrace excellent effort with floral display be careful of kerb weeds.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads to Terenure are very attractive with the mature trees indicating the outskirts of a village. The Rathfarnham Road, some kerb weeds residence should be encouraged to be more aware of this problem. Nice Welcome Stone and floral display for Rathfarnham perhaps Terenure could invest in something similar. Bushy Park Road some weeds around the base of trees kerb weeds otherwise nice cared for residential road nice stone wall unfortunately the sign for Bushy Park road had some paint on it. Springfield Road some weed growth along railings also some signs of graffiti which is such a pity as the road backs onto the Dodder River walk. Ashdale Road signs of kerb weeds and graffiti. Eaton Road and Terenure Park well maintained streets. Terenure Road East some kerb weeds.

General Impression:

Terenure is an active village, busy with daily commuters and housing a huge residential area. Terenure 2000- Tir An Iuir 2000 is committed to the sustainable development of the area in all aspects. There is evidence that they work closely with the local authorities, while also well informing the local residences with concerns and strategic plans to combat problem areas. The village will benefit from the erection of the 'Welcome to Terenure signs' and I hope that these will proceed with much haste.