

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Templeorum** Ref: **225**
County: **Kilkenny** Mark: **208**
Category: **A** Date(s): **01/07/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	26
The Built Environment	50	29
Landscaping	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	15
Litter Control	50	35
Waste Minimisation	20	0
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	208

Overall Development Approach:

Templeorum is welcome to the 2006 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission which included a copy of your strategic plan, we wish you well in its implementation. Templeorum is an attractive village with scenic views of the surrounding countryside and particularly of hills and their interesting field patterns. We note your long history with settlement in the area dating back 6000 years and your awareness of this is a pleasure to note. A lot has been achieved by a small committee, no doubt you are successful at gaining support from the community together with your sponsorship. Your liaison with the school regarding a wildlife garden and litter awareness is noted; well done.

The Built Environment:

The school and its grounds were very well presented as was the stone building opposite the school. The church looked wonderful against the backdrop of the hill with its interesting field patterns. The belltower of the church is a wonderful feature and is perhaps the first glimpse the travelling public get of Templeorum from approach roads. A fine overall presentation.

Landscaping:

Landscaping in the church car park was especially admired together with the stands of mature trees in the church grounds (yew trees) we note from your submission the planting of virginia creeper on the new school wall and at a number of locations around the village. We wish you well with your maintenance of roadside ditches. Container plants were admired.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Good luck with your intended wildlife area and it is good to note the natural species already in existence,

these should be identified. Your wildlife panel on flora and fauna in general is a most attractive feature and is complemented by the information on the historical features of Templeorum and its environs. It would now be nice to complement this with a wildlife survey identifying species specific to Templeorum.

Litter Control:

A small amount of take-away litter was noted at the school; verges on the Mulinavat and Piltown roads were lightly littered also with plastic bottles, cans and wrappers. A building site on one approach road was a little untidy however we anticipate on completion of works this problem will have disappeared, in the mean time try to maintain kerbs to the building site weed free.

Waste Minimisation:

We note from your submission that you plan to encourage children to keep the school environment clean and tidy, this is an excellent initiative but to progress under this heading you need to engage in some other activities. A recycling point should be located at some point in the village for use by the community and in addition you should search for ways to reduce the amount of waste generated in Templeorum and environs with all sectors of the community. Your Race Against Waste handbook which you will have received by now is a useful reference.

Tidiness:

The vacant dwelling with in the village was being maintained in a tidy manner well done. Reference has already been made to the building site and weedy kerbs other than that the village had and overall appearance of tidiness.

Residential Areas:

A number of roadside boundary walls were poorly presented and could have looked much better. Most roadside areas to boundary walls were in need of improvement also. Gardens to dwellings looked well, we note one garden has not yet been landscaped no doubt this will happen in the not too distant future, hopefully its concrete block wall will be stone faced.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Roadside verges were nicely presented and verges leading up to the nameplates were left in their natural state; this is quite acceptable. The church car park is nicely surfaced and landscaped and reference has already been made to your wildlife and historical panel which is a nice feature. The northern entrance to the village was marked by an attractive stone wall and a new road surface was noted also.

General Impression:

Templeorum is a charming village and was a pleasure to adjudicate and we look forward to many repeat visits.