

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Templeglantine** Ref: **470**
County: **Limerick** Mark: **252**
Category: **A** Date(s): **15/06/2006**

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2006 |
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| Overall Development Approach | 50 | 39 |
| The Built Environment | 50 | 33 |
| Landscaping | 50 | 36 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 50 | 23 |
| Litter Control | 50 | 36 |
| Waste Minimisation | 20 | 5 |
| Tidiness | 30 | 15 |
| Residential Areas | 40 | 26 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 50 | 32 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 400 | 252 |

Overall Development Approach:

Templeglantine is welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition 2006. Many thanks for the most complete entry form, detailed map with accompanying correspondence. Your steering committee of ten is commended for the way in which you get so many of the community to volunteer their services to help with your plans for the overall development of the village. We note that you receive support from the Limerick County Council and the Farmers' Rural and Social Scheme. We wish you continued success in the Competition.

The Built Environment:

This year many of the buildings presented very well throughout the village, including the Church, Presbytery and grounds; Hall Inse Bán with its attractive artwork; National School 1843 and Grotto; as did the Hotel and the Texaco Garage for forecourt. The park at the centre of the village, with its attractive landscaping, was being enjoyed by some visitors. The derelict site ready for reconstruction had been well screened with a wooden fence. We wish you success with your plans for the development of a, much needed, pedestrian crossing and also some traffic calming features at both entrances to the village.

Landscaping:

Landscape

The village also presented well in this category with all the hedges neatly trimmed; tree plantings maturing very well; very nice summer bedding planted around the Failte stones; the ½ barrels by Hall Inse Bán were in full bloom, and the meadow beside the school was a sea of yellow buttercups. And many of the gardens of the private dwellings looked very well. There was also a very smart triangle shaped bed in full bloom as one joins the main road from the southern trail on the Abbeyfeale approach. A number of items need attention in this

category: the ½ barrels in the church grounds, the replacement of some of the trees by the side of the hotel en route to the Ascal Inis Bán housing estate, and some of the saplings planted on the way to the woods need staking.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your walking trail, which is part of The Southern Trail - a unique 53 mile stretch of countryside in West Limerick/North Kerry, is a great amenity for the locals and visitors to the area. Thank you for including the correspondence from the Northumberland Railway Walks Society, and well done on looking after this group so well during their visit in 2005. The hedgerows on the way up to the trail was full of wild flowers – foxgloves, buttercups, ragged robin, clovers, oxeye daisies, grasses, ferns, to name but a few. Perhaps the school children could do a study of the wonderful flora in this area. And good luck with your future development plans on the old railway line.

Litter Control:

On the day of adjudication the standard was mainly good, except for around the Ascal Inis Bán housing estate, and inside the stone wall on the left side from the Abbeyfeale approach.

Waste Minimisation:

This is a new category for 2006, and your committee needs to study the Race Against Waste booklet which gives information on composting, recycling clothes and the participation of the School in the Green Schools initiative, etc. You already have a bring bank, so some waste is being recycled in the village. You may also get some useful information on this from the Environmental Section of Limerick County Council.

Tidiness:

The whole area around the farm dwellings opposite the garage needing attention including its rusting corrugated roofs. A general tidy up needs to take place inside the stone wall, mentioned above, as hedge clipping and other debris has gathered there. The Bring Bank area could be improved by having the containers placed on a concrete base, as broken glass is difficult to remove from a gravel base. Perhaps the County Council could assist with this project. The wire fence by the side of the hotel could benefit from some form of screening, perhaps a planting of ivy, and the fuel tanks in the hotel ground also need screening.

Residential Areas:

There are many very attractive private dwellings in the village and the housing development also looked well, and well done to all concerned. There is just one bungalow on the Newcastle West approach which needs attention.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The signage on all approaches to the village was well maintained, but young tree planted by the sign on the Newcastle West approach will, in time, obscure this sign. The road surfaces and pavements were good, but the surface on the road up to Tullig Wood could be improved, and a couple of passing-points helpful. A directional sign from the village to the walking trail would be helpful to visitors.

General Impression:

Templeglantine, in the heart of West Limerick, and situated on the very busy N21, is an attractive village with fine public buildings, neat landscaping, and natural amenities. Your committee of ten is congratulated on all your efforts in making Templeglantine such an appealing village.