

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Temple Bar** Ref: **179**
County: **Dublin (City)** Mark: **247**
Category: **D** Date(s): **26/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	44
The Built Environment	50	32
Landscaping	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20
Litter Control	50	32
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	26
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	247

Overall Development Approach:

Temple Bar is welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Competition; thank you for your comprehensive submission. The village has been considered for a number of awards by the adjudicator. Temple Bar is well positioned between the river Liffey and City Hall and is located close to many of the cities heritage features. It is an attractive place to visit on any occasion and must be an exciting place to live! It is good to note the links with a wide variety of agencies and that business interests play such an important role in the Tidy Towns initiative. We wish you every success in your future plans.

The Built Environment:

Most premises are well presented and some beautifully so, Farringtons is an example of the latter and has been nominated for a Shopfront Award by the adjudicator, the Quays Bar was also admired. At this stage you are aware of premises in need of attention and are actively engaged in changing the situation, concentrate on those which are located on corners as these are important focal points in the streetscape. The security shutters on Chiefs Coffee House are ugly and spoil the streetscape, there are alternatives. Premises beside 'The Joy Of Cha' have an appearance of neglect. The sign on the Temple Bar Gallery and Studio should be repaired and the small bit of graffiti removed

Landscaping:

Flower displays on lamp standards and premises along Fleet Street were admired for their colour and profuseness especially those on The Palace Bar, The Temple Bar Hotel and the Auld Dubliner. The "Summer In Dublin" banners are a nice touch. Stands of pendulous silver birch trees in the Temple Bar Square bestow a gracious elegance to this area. Meeting House Square was beautifully presented in a simple way.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The River Liffey is a wonderful natural amenity to have on your doorstep and the flags along the riverside are visually pleasing. Have you considered an interpretive panel for the fauna/bird life of your stretch of river? The "Ark" initiative which combines art and nature interests for children is imaginative and socially valuable. The "Cultivate Sustainable Living" programme together with rooftop gardens and gardening classes for children has been nominated by the adjudicator for the Sustainable Development Award.

Litter Control:

There was a light scattering of litter throughout the area on the day of adjudication which consisted mostly of sweet wrappers, lunch litter (in Temple Bar Square) and cigarette ends. Sycamore street was particularly affected by cigarette litter. Having noted lapses in litter control your overall performance was very good and your "Green, Clean and Safe Awards" together with your "Play Nice Campaign" are acknowledged. Congratulations on your success in the An Taisce litter monitoring programme.

Waste Minimisation:

It is good to note how the problem of waste and waste minimisation is being addressed by the committee; the judgement criteria in the Clean, Green 'N' Safe Awards which include a variety of measures undertaken by businesses in waste management is comprehensive. Have you considered a Community Waste Audit?

Tidiness:

The Regular Cleaning Team and their daily activities are acknowledged together with specialist equipment and chemicals; the cigarette end vacuum cleaner is new to this adjudicator hopefully it will have the desired effect as cigarette ends between old cobblestones are unsightly. The wire mesh grids to the side of the Olympia are ugly, surely an alternative can be found? The derelict site on the same street compounds the problem for Sycamore Street.

Residential Areas:

Well done on the gardening initiative / roof top gardens and gardening in small spaces / container planting programme all of which bring the joy of nature to an urban village. Your residential areas are discreet and in many instances, gracious. There is obviously strong community spirit in Temple Bar, it is good to note the strong relationship between residents and the business community.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

There is a variety of road and footpath surfaces within Temple Bar most of which are in relatively good condition. Street furniture looks well also with the exception of the posts of some road traffic signs which were in need of refurbishment. The Victorian lamp standards along Eustace Street were admired

General Impression:

The overall impression of Temple Bar is favourable however problem areas exist which must be improved upon if the village is to make greater progress in the competition; Crane Lane is lined by drab buildings and there appears to be no effort made in respect of its presentation; the same can be said for Sycamore Street. These stand in sharp contrast to Cow Lane.