

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Terenure** Ref: **175**
County: **Dublin(South)** Mark: **265**
Category: **E** Date(s): **19/07/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	45
The Built Environment	50	32
Landscaping	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	30
Litter Control	50	30
Waste Minimisation	20	11
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	29
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	265

Overall Development Approach:

Terenure is welcome to the 2009 TidyTowns Competition.

Thank you for the copy of the Urban Design Framework for Terenure , we wish you every success in it's implementation. You will also need a good TidyTowns plan detailing the work which needs to be accomplished set to a time frame of three or five years; some of the suggestions in this short report might be included. A map of the village showing the various residential areas and other places of interest such as the Park could be provided in the village centre; likewise a wildlife interpretive panel could also be displayed in a central location.

The Built Environment:

Most business premises in Terenure are presented to high standard and many have attractive traditional features. Keep up the pressure to have unsightly signs eliminated from the facia of premises such as the Italia Uno premises. Roller shutters especially those which feature graffiti look unsightly; the 'Dogsbody' premises let down the village centre in this respect. The 'Brian Lynch Office Supply' building is badly in need of refurbishment to its roadside façade. Good design can be compromised by the indiscriminate positioning of window and door posters, this is the case with the Ciaran Nevin premises. The Tesco building is long, low and uninspiring and would benefit from a redesign to its roadside façade.

Landscaping:

Colourful container flower displays and handsome stands of mature trees together are characteristic features of Terenure. The boles of the mature trees in the car park should be cleared of excessive growth to highlight their profile. The neatly maintained mature hedgerow which forms the enclosure to the tennis courts in

Brighton Square is a credit to those responsible. What appears to be sprayed weeds along the perimeter of the green area in Eaton Square detract from an otherwise excellent presentation here. The village lacks a hard surfaced landscaped area with public seating and other amenity features, a proposal in the Urban Design Framework for Terenure for a public civic space at St Josephs Church is noted and welcomed together with the proposed courtyard development for a derelict site; we wish you well in bringing these to fruition. Landscaping at the roadside to the site which features large scale advertisement hoardings is successful in ameliorating their visual impact.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

As suggested above an interpretive panel on the wildlife of Bushy Park might be installed in the village centre together with fingerposts. Perhaps wildlife could be featured in residential areas also by the installation of bird boxes. A wildlife survey or indeed a bird survey could be undertaken to establish existing wildlife and threats; this might be accomplished with the participation of the schools. The installation of tree markers throughout Bushy Park is a fine initiative. The plan for Bushy Park will enhance its attractiveness for recreational amenity and wildlife interest.

Litter Control:

Litter control was very good in Terenure on the day of adjudication; a little was noted in the car park but was not a serious problem; the remains of a makeshift bed was noted here, however, it is assumed that this is not a permanent arrangement. The litter bin located beside the car park entrance on Eaton Road was full to overflowing, is the frequency of bin collection adequate? Well done on the involvement of the schools and the promotion of anti litter awareness. No doubt collected litter is segregated for recycling.

Waste Minimisation:

It is good to note from your submission that you liaise with the business community regarding waste minimisation; has consideration been given to conducting a waste survey? In this way it will be possible to monitor progress. Well done on the new brown bin collection. A little more detail of your activities under this heading could earn more marks for Terenure

Tidiness:

It was a pity to note the graffiti on the recycling receptacles in the car park especially given their prominent location however the absence of dumping this year is commendable. The badly graffitied walls and premises at the entrance to Brighton Square is an eyesore, hopefully the proposed redevelopment here will see an end to the problem. Weed growth along the low roadside perimeter wall to the park suggests neglect, the access point to the park at least should be maintained weed free.

Residential Areas:

Terenure can boast a variety of house styles and period dwellings and the vast majority are neatly presented; many beautiful gardens caught the eye during adjudication. The Laurels apartment development is attractive and well maintained. The main problem in presentation under this heading is the condition of roadside boundary walls many of which are in need of cleaning, painting or repairs.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road and footpath surfaces are good throughout the village and a very few untidy back and side areas were noted. The potholed surface of the carpark in the town centre looks bad however. Some street furniture needs refurbishment, examples are seating on the green in Eaton Square and a pedestrian barrier on the Templeogue road together with a number of litter bins. Name plates/stones at the entrances to the village would serve to delineate its boundaries more clearly for the travelling public.

General Impression:

Terenure is a handsome village with a strong identity, heritage and character, it is a pity to allow it to be diminished by inappropriate signage and graffitied roller shutters. The overall appearance of the village is admirable and we wish you every success with the implementation of your Urban Design Plan.

