

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Templeorum** Ref: **225**
County: **Kilkenny** Mark: **214**
Category: **A** Date(s): **30/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	36
The Built Environment	50	32
Landscaping	50	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	15
Litter Control	50	33
Waste Minimisation	20	5
Tidiness	30	11
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	27
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	400	214

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for the completed entry form and the most useful map. Your Committee seems a little small and perhaps, others can be encouraged to join you in your important work. The School visits are most important and it was great to see that you enjoy the support of FAS. What about the support of the County Council and / or LEADER – are they able to assist you in any way? The Tidy Towns Plan for 2009 – 2010 was read with interest. It is suggested that you identify the projects that you wish to carry out in each year and the possible supporting partners. Templeorum is an attractive village set in a beautiful, lush country side looking out towards the hills. The future projects that you have in mind were noted with interest.

The Built Environment:

The car park development was your main project for this year and what an excellent development it is. However, do watch out for gravel that was spilling out on to the tarmac in a few places. Some weed growth here at the kerbing also needed attention. The landscaping here is well planned. The information panel is really interesting, especially the history of Templeorum. On the other side of the pane,l the wildlife information was most helpful. The turnstile restoration was examined and it is important that such projects, though small, are not forgotten. The stone Parish Hall, opposite the present School, was attractively present with the Clothing Bank nearby. There appeared to be great activity at the new School on adjudication day; are they involved in the Green Flag process? If not then, perhaps your committee can help them on this. The Belfry is indeed an interesting structure and the adjudicator wondered why the original bell tower at the Church building itself had to be abandoned? One of the plant containers at the Belfry was rotting and needed to be replaced, and the other one needed to be treated.

Landscaping:

The Yew trees in the Graveyard were admired as well as the overall quality of the presentation here.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The wildlife area above the Church ,near the School, is a good start ,but how are the children involved in this; is it used as a learning resource? Have you considered a very basic simple wildlife survey of the Templeorum area involving the School?

Litter Control:

No new projects were indicated under this adjudication category. A little litter was noted here and there around the village. On the Piltown approach, some litter was evident on the road boundary wall at the School. Along the road, above the School, some littering was also present.

Waste Minimisation:

No new projects were detailed here. This section is basically about waste reduction in Templeorum. What waste is generated that could possibly be reduced with individual or community reduction? Recycling is related to this objective and you might look at that also for next year.

Tidiness:

You have carried out weed spraying work and this is commended. Damaged timber fencing at the Mullinavat junction needed to be replaced. At the School, the painting of the litter bin and the flower contained might be considered.

Residential Areas:

Again, no new projects were mentioned under this heading. The houses along the Piltown approach, up the hill, were admired and some road boundary walls appeared to have been freshly painted. Near the Mullinavat junction, attractive wild Roses were admired at one house. Private houses generally were attractively presented.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

On the Piltown approach, the verge on the left hand side of the road, going up the hill as far as the end of the timber fencing, looked quite untidy. A little work along this road could really transform this approach. The landscaped village signs were admired, though on the Kilkenny approach, the flower container at the village sign needed to be treated. The side road, past Hunters Lodge, appealed to the adjudicator. This tree lined leafy area is most attractive.

General Impression:

It was a pleasure to visit Templeorum for the first time and the adjudicator wishes you well with your work for next year, when we look forward to returning.