

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Templeglantine** Ref: **470**
County: **Limerick** Mark: **268**
Category: **A** Date(s): **29/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	38
The Built Environment	50	36
Landscaping	50	39
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	40
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	32
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	268

Overall Development Approach:

Welcome Templeglantine to the 2009 National TidyTowns Competition, it's good that you have continued your excellent efforts from last year by entering once again. Thank you for the completed Entry Form for your village of less than 200 people. Templeglantine's entry is under the auspices of Muintir na Tire.

Well done to your committee of ten people for your actions to prepare the village for TidyTowns Competition and as mentioned by you that it is a massive community effort.

Your linkage with West Limerick Resources is very positive and also positive that there is benefit from the Rural Social Scheme for general maintenance

Your communication strategy by the use of public meetings and announcements at Mass are indeed worthwhile, and the focus on the energies of the youth will prove of long term benefit for all residents of the village.

Your involvement in the various festivals, e.g. Feile Inse Bán and the July and August Seisiun at the Devon Inn will help focus much positive attention on the village.

It is suggested that your Committee would prepare a Three Year TidyTowns Action Plan for 2010-2012. This would enable you to establish some overall Aims and Objectives and set down specific Targets for each of the three years. This would assist in discussions and meetings with potential partner organisations for support, both financial and other. Consultation with the broad Community and with the Local Authority during the plan preparation is recommended also.

The Built Environment:

The village generally includes; the Church, Halla Inse Ban, the School, the Devon Inn, the Food store, and nice individual /estate houses. The Devon Inn Hotel, is nicely landscaped and a centre of activity for the village. Nice rose beds are seen at the front for the hotel, along with some fine trees. The window mural on the Devon Inn Lounge Bar is a nice attractive feature. The gazebo complex is a nice landmark. The absence of overhead cables is a nice tidy feature. Sheehan's Foodstore and the Post Office are neat and tidy. The Church grounds surrounded by a nice stone wall look very well, with lovely hanging baskets displayed on standard poles. Three floral baskets and one potted container are seen on each pole, and look very attractive. The bell tower is a sticking feature. The carved figure of the Maid of Inse Bán is a lovely feature in the church grounds. Opposite this was Halla Inse Bán Community Centre, established in 1976. Two nice murals are seen in the exterior wall depicting Irish dancers and musicians, and our Gaelic Games.

The Scoil Naisiunta from 1843 is a fine structured building and looks very well. The nice landscaping around the Grotto area is an attractive feature also. The little green pump in front of the Grotto is a nice feature also, but some weeds around the base of it could be removed.

Ashford Guest Accommodation is an impressive detached two storey home.

The footpaths in the village are quite tidy and no weeds are seen at the kerbside

Landscaping:

Opposite the Devon Inn is the lovely landscaped area with the gazebo and some nice mature trees, including copper beech, chestnut and ash. The gazebo itself is a nicely maintained timber structure. Some nice flower beds and 5 half barrels, with dwarf evergreen trees planted in each, are seen. It is suggested that something more attractive could be used for these barrels.

The grassed area at the National School is in need of cutting.

On the road side, close by the entrance to the Glantine FC Soccer Pitch, is a nice grassed area, with some lovely silver birch trees and empty circular stone flower

On the approach road to the Ascal Inse Bán estate, the landscaped area is quite nice.

Your plans to establish a plantation of trees at the school field adjacent to Halla Inse Bán is a very worthy project, take expert advice on the type and species, and this project will benefit many future generations.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your efforts to get expert advice on wildlife and birdlife of the area are indeed worthwhile, a starting point might be the establishment of a Wildlife Habitat Survey. Tulig Wood seems an appropriate place to be included in such a survey. Access to the Great Southern Trail is a very positive attraction of the locality.

The shaded rest area under the trees, adjacent to the recycling area opposite the community centre, is a nice amenity.

At the front of the Community Centre, there is a small but nicely presented green area. Seats here could do with painting, however.

Glantine FC established 1982 has a nice stone entrance.

The river looked nice and clean.

The GAA pitch was nicely kept, with a well painted gate in green and gold, and white crossed hurleys.

Litter Control:

The litter bin in front of the church is noted and seems clean. Overall, the village was generally litter free on the day of our visit.

Waste Minimisation:

The recycling depot consisting of 5 bottle banks and 1 clothing bank are in clean and tidy condition. There are a number of potential projects that could involve the school, including the Green Flag initiative. Also potential

here for local businesses to look at options for litter control and waste segregation.

Tidiness:

The main streets in the village were clean and tidy on the day of adjudication.

Some weeding was needed in the car park next to the Devon Inn. As the village is located on the main Limerick/Kerry road, the N21, traffic volumes are high on a daily basis and traffic management, and safety are a concern for residents. Parking seems to be adequate at the main centres of activity in the village, except at the church where an appropriate Pedestrian Crossing could be investigated.

Residential Areas:

Nice individual houses are seen throughout the village, a nice blend of the old and the new.

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Ascal Inse Bán is a nice housing estate, with some newer homes and the "Wild Salmon" monument to the rear. The grassed areas could do with cutting, it is felt. Other landscaping features would further improve this small estate.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The two main approach roads to the village of Templeglantine are on the N21 main Limerick-Kerry Route. In general, the hedges on these routes were well trimmed and looked tidy, while the road itself was in good condition. One impressive entrance to the main road from a side road with a well landscaped shrubbery was from the housing estate near the Devon Inn.

General Impression:

Thank you for the opportunity to visit and spend time in your lovely village of Templeglantine. The village left a favourable impression on this adjudicator with some lovely landscaping at some individual houses and at the church grounds. A Three Year Plan for 2010-2012 would benefit the submission for next year. I wish you all the best for your ongoing projects and thank you for all the hard work to date. Keep up the effort. My compliments on the beautiful handwriting of the author of the submission.