

Tidy Towns Competition 2022

Adjudication Report

Centre: Templeogue - Teach Mealóg	Ref: 785
County: Dublin	Mark: 257
Category: B	Date(s): 15/07/2022

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2021	Mark Awarded 2022
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	36	36
Streetscape & Public Places	80	33	36
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	34	35
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	24	25
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	13	14
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	51	52
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	29	30
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	28	29
TOTAL MARK	550	248	257

Community – Your Planning and Involvement / An Pobal - Pleanáil agus Rannpháirtíocht:

Fáilte chuig Comórtas Na mBailte Slachtmhara Super Valu don bhliain 2022. Táimid buíoch daoibh as ucht na hiontrála a chur chugainn, agus guimíd gach rath ar bhúr gcuid oibre amach anseo.

Thank you for your entry into this year's competition and the lovely photographs supplied. It shows that your volunteers are busy throughout the year, even welcoming VIPs such as Santa. Thanks to all the traders in Templeogue, and the Tennis Club and the Fire Brigade who all helped to make sure he and his elves arrived safely.

TY students from different schools have helped you in your activities and the local Men's Shed have made bird and bat boxes for you. Going forward, you hope to focus your efforts to involving the younger members of your community in your activities. It would be great to get them involved with art or PR projects. They are great at social media!

Communication is mostly online or by word of mouth. It's important to keep this up, especially to encourage new volunteers to get involved with your activities. Over the last 12 months, with major changes to the streets of Templeogue, communication between groups, residents, traders, has been a vital aspect of the development of Templeogue.

So well done on all efforts in this regard, your plans, and your work relating to all 8 adjudication categories of this national competition.

Streetscape & Public Places / Sráid-Dreach & Áiteanna Poiblí:

The biggest project in Templeogue over the past 12-months was your Village Enhancement Scheme. You put a lot of effort into communicating between all the bodies involved to ensure everybody's point of view was heard and make sure everybody was involved with the project.

Well done in advising local traders about the shop front scheme despite the economic difficulties of the pandemic. It appeared that all premises were occupied or had reopened which is a great sign and a benefit for the community. The upgrade of the Main Street seems to have attracted more business to the area, and this also brings more economic and social benefits to the Village. There is still parking access in front of some premises, such as The Chemist, for the customers who may not be able to access here as easily. It seems that this is a good compromise.

As many younger people gather around the garage you hope to have pride colours painted at the pedestrian

crossing. This is to show your support for all member of the community. We have not seen this before but what a nice concept.

On a warm Friday afternoon a lot of people were enjoying the new open spaces in the centre of your village. The plantings around the Parklet provided a nice balance and softness which was much needed, especially since you don't have any street trees in the area.

Boundary walls of places such as The Tennis Club were clean and bright, and everything looked very fresh, just lovely to see. Well done for your patience and for the great work.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

Substantial work has been done in the centre of the village with new Street furniture, energy efficient lighting, parklet, and new landscaping. Many planters were filled – and you still have time to be creative as a few planters were yet to be completed. Maybe ask the community for their suggestions - what pollinator friendly flowers might they like here? Or maybe this is an opportunity to invite volunteers to adopt a planter.

The new brackets for hanging baskets by the pedestrian crossing looked well. It was noticed that the baskets in place were quite small and due to the height, the impact they could make is somewhat lost. Maybe next year try larger baskets?

We liked the tennis ball sculpture – funny we never noticed this before in Templeog – is it new or is the new setting allowing for us to appreciate it better?

Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality / An Dúlra agus an Bhithéagsúlacht i do cheantar:

Well done in promoting the need for having a pollinator corridor in the village especially due to so many development upgrades and changes. You have worked closely with South Dublin County Council's Heritage and Conservation Officer to get appropriate advice.

Whilst exploring the Riverside Cottages area your adjudicator was amazed to see a heron in the middle of the grass and we got very close. They are obviously use to humans. What's this aThe new pedestrian bridge would be an ideal place for some wildlife information or to have a clue as part of an interactive trail whilst exploring the paths along the edge of The Dodder River.

Sustainability – Doing more with less / Inmharthanacht - Mórán ar an mbeagán:

One of the actions that you carried out was to give children who volunteered with you copies of the lovely gardening for biodiversity booklets. These are available to download for free from the fantastic website www.pollinators.ie.

With fuel costs rising, it is important to consider other transport options. Bus stops were clean and busy. It was good to see bike parking in the centre of The Village and at the Maxol Garage. With the cycle shop in Templeogue, biking facilities, and the new Canal Path perhaps it is worth installing some permanent bicycle pumps and tools to encourage cyclists into the village?

At the canal-walk access point, could some information be provided on distances and destinations?

It was good to see a number of shops such as Down Syndrome Ireland to encourage recycling in the community. Would there be somewhere to locate a mini library to encourage book sharing?

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Well done in doing an audit all your old signs and posts. You identified many signs that were no longer relevant, and old posts without any signs on them, and got them all removed. This is a big piece of work removing such clutter and you are applauded for this.

Public waste bins were in use and it was great to see people using these. Some small pieces of graffiti were noticed on some of the metal electricity posts but it seems that you're on top of that as they have been quickly painted over at other places.

We noticed that none of the drivers had actually reversed into the car parking places, despite written instruction, so you may have to do a little bit of education on this!

Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:

It was busy with a lot of building works ongoing during adjudication but what a lovely location for age-friendly housing units so close to the centre of the village.

Once construction in the centre of the village is completed it would be worth doing a check to ensure all signage is removed and everything is finished off appropriately.

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:

The bilingual welcome signs in and out of Templeogue were very nice. It is great to have cycle lanes on the western approaches to the village. Perhaps some bollards could be inserted to separate and further protect cyclists here?

The pedestrian route behind the garage was nicely maintained.-

At the west end of the village, where the name signs and the bus stop are, there was a large green lay-by which has great potential. Maybe a small raised bed could be if you put into this area packed full of attractive perennial shrubs? You are recommended to get some planting advice for long-term, year-round planting. Again the pollinators website has some good ideas.

Concluding Remarks:

Goodness what a busy year it has been for all in Templeogue – but the streetscape now looks great. Well done to everyone for their patience and contributing ideas and getting this over the line. You have a strong community, keen and eager to improve your area for all. Well done on your hard work over the last 12 months in this your tenth year entering this National Competition.