

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GLENAMADDY**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	159

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for submitting the Glenamaddy Town Enhancement Plan. It made most interesting reading and the Programme augurs well for the future enhancement of the Town. It is refreshing to note that groups and organisations in the Town are represented on your Committee. Working in co-operation with County Council, Community Employment Schemes, Traders etc. plus your Student Summer Job Scheme, will be of great benefit.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your Town can boast a number of natural amenities. The first requirement is that these are well sign posted and that easy access is available for the disabled. It seems you have already made contact with Wildlife Services. Are you gathering information on the habitats of animals and birds in your area and cataloguing the wild flowers?

LANDSCAPING

The town sign on the Dunmore approach was partly obliterated with high grass. On the other hand from Ballymoe the Town sign was attractively decorated. Attention needs to be given to the town sign on the Kilkerrin approach which was partly covered with overgrowth. You are to be congratulated on the use of stone work for walls and floral surrounds. A constant watch on the margins along all approach roads is essential. You can be justly proud of your work on the Creggs Road.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Colaiste Seosaimh, St. Josephs National School, Gairm Scoil Benin, Social Services Centre and the Church were all very well presented. We particularly noted the walls, floral decorations and provision of litter bins. Nice to see shrubs planted at the Community Centre. Among the business premises, The Welcome Inn Lounge, Garrylawn Lounge, Garveys Pharmacy, are worthy of mention. The JET Service Station was neat with colourful planting of flowers. The business premises needing attention - including IDA - are well documented in your Town Enhancement Plan. You have a number of Pumps that could be more prominently featured. Colour co-ordination is important. We wish you well in your efforts regarding derelict buildings - keep pressure on the County Council for action.

LITTER CONTROL

There was little sign of litter in the town on day of visit. Control of litter is ongoing and has to be monitored on a regular basis. Provision of plenty of litter bins encourages their use.

TIDINESS

Congratulations on your Keep Glenamaddy Tidy Week. A key feature of the Tidy Towns Adjudication Criteria for 1996 is the involvement of the entire community in caring for the environment. Glad to see you have plans for Bottle, Paper and Clothes Banks. This facility will focus the attention of your community on the need for recycling materials and improve the environment.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There were some marvellous examples of effort by individual home owners with well manicured gardens, window boxes and hanging baskets. Also evidence of weed control on boundary walls. But there is room for improvement as some homes look bleak. O'Keeffe Park was free of litter. The stone nameplate was very attractive. The litter bin was noted. Some homes were notable for their good presentation - lets hope other follow their example. The grass was rather high in the open area. St. Brigids Close is a delightful complex with its brightness and store flower surrounds. You have identified the areas that

require attention and when your Residential Committees get into full swing, the area will be transformed.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On the day we visited we were impressed by the gentleman cleaning the Kilkerran Road. Generally the roads were in good condition but constant vigilance is needed for weed control at kerbs and margins. We have noted your plans for footpaths. Remember to keep in mind access for the disabled.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your Town Enhancement Plan is both comprehensive and practical. It will be essential to signpost Wildlife and Amenity areas.