

Tidy Towns 1997

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GLANMIRE**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	20	20
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	21	21
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	157	154

Glanmire, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is suggested that your committee and the community should continue your discussions with the County Council in relation to the problems outlined in the Entry Form. However, at this juncture it would be most beneficial if the community first drew up your own plan for Tidy Towns over the next three to five years. Having prepared such a plan it is quite likely that a reasonable response would be obtained.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Buildings throughout the village would generally need an uplift and again some consideration should be given to this aspect of the competition in your plan for future Tidy Town activities. However, it is clear that some business premises are making an effort for better presentation of their premises. If such an effort can be exerted throughout the community it would have a most beneficial effect. The entrance to the local hotel was attractively painted this year.

LANDSCAPING

The tree planting which has already been carried out in the green area on the Cork side of the village is a good development. Also the planting in the vicinity of the Grotto is very impressive and enhances this area considerably. In planting it is important to have a balance by way of the species being planted i.e. planting for long-term effect, for colour etc. Some of the planting which has been carried out will have long-term effect but the village could also do with some colourful flower beds and consideration may be given to this for the future.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The area in the village could be made into an attractive habitat for wildlife. The river area no doubt is a very valuable natural amenity and as is acknowledged in your Entry Form this could be an important area in wildlife. It is suggested that the river banks be cleaned where necessary. Also the woodland in the vicinity of the village is a very important area for wildlife. As part of your plan for the future consideration may be given to erecting a display board giving information about the species which frequent the area.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter still seems to be something of a problem in the village. The provision of litter bins is noted but perhaps more are required. There was a considerable amount of litter in the

verges of the road in the vicinity of the Church of Ireland church. There was also some litter in that area of the village visible from the bridge as well as some litter in the bridge area itself. It is suggested that creating an awareness of litter should also form part of your plan for the future.

TIDINESS

The area in the centre of the village was quite tidy. A good example is the area in the vicinity of the Post Office. The place name sign for the village on the Cork road has been defaced with graffiti and this should be rectified. There was a very good level of tidiness in the area around the Grotto; the seating provided across the road from here was well maintained.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residents in and in the vicinity of the village make a good effort to present their premises well. The old-world houses beyond the Grotto on the Cork side are pleasant and attractive. This section of the Competition gives every resident the opportunity to make their contribution to the overall community effort.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads to the village were generally good. The approach from Cork was very good, grass verges were trimmed and kerbs etc. had been attended to. The Fermoy approach road was also quite good. Footpaths in the vicinity of the Church of Ireland Church were in need of repair.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village is very strategically located which does of course lead to some of the problems you outline. However, if there was a co-ordinated approach by the community in conjunction with the Local Authority the village could be transformed into a very attractive one. You are located in an attractive natural setting and this can be capitalised on by a better presentation of the village itself.