

Tidy Towns 1997

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	22
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	24	23
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	163	159

Glenamaddy, Co. Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completing the entry form. It is good to see that the work which you undertook last year is being well maintained. It is very important that you remain vigilant in all aspects of the competition. You have a big working committee, but you must involve all sections of the community, including the schools and their students, in your activities. Some of these students will be the members of your Tidy Towns Committee in the years ahead. It would appear that you have a good working relationship with Fas and the County Council.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church and grounds look most impressive and are presented to a very good standard. The walls of Murphy monumental could benefit from a fresh coat of paint. Colaiste Seosaimh, Garylawn lounge, Garvery Pharmacy, Centre and Harts are all well maintained. The Ulster Bank and the Bank of Ireland would look very nice if there were some hanging baskets put in place. The Sound of Music pub and shop looks very nice. Indeed, this entire section is very colourful and the flower beds look attractive. The hanging baskets at Spar and the flower planting at O'Keefe Estate look very colourful. The front of the Health Centre should be weeded. The national school is nicely maintained. The facade of Mannion's and MacDermott's looks very nice. While the business premises are all nicely presented and maintained and most of them have very nice shop fronts, there is a certain lack of floral arrangements and lack of colour throughout.

LANDSCAPING

The planted shrubs and rockeries are noted and look very attractive. Perhaps you should consider planting more trees. Trees are the most important plants in the urban landscape. The siting of ornamental trees in towns and villages is a key aspect. Each tree or group of trees should have a purpose. Relatively few towns and villages have enough trees, but great care must be exercised when embarking on new planting. The stone work particularly on the Creggs road is very impressive.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have not entered anything under this category in your entry form. Certainly Glenamaddy has an abundance of wildlife and natural amenities, it is just a case of identifying them. Get the advice of your local environmental officer if necessary. The built and landscaped environment such as open spaces, graveyards, derelict sites all provide a host of plants and animals. As a Tidy Towns Committee you have an important role to play in protecting and enhancing the wildlife value of your community.

LITTER CONTROL

In general litter control throughout the town is good and everybody

involved is to be commended. There is a good supply of litter bins throughout. The green litter containers at O'Keefe Estate should have baskets within the containers as it would be easier to empty them. This is a very important category and one that must involve everybody as it can get out of hand so easily. You should strive to make Glenamaddy a "Litter Free Zone".

TIDINESS

The side areas are fairly well presented. The bin outside the vocational school should be cleaned up. You have your share of dereliction which hinders your progress in this category.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A very good effort being made by the community on an individual basis. There are some lovely houses on the approach roads with well tended gardens. Most of the houses at O'Keefe Park are nicely maintained; however, one or two need attention. Has the County Council any plans to develop the green space area here? At the moment it looks very overgrown. The Garda Barracks could do with a fresh coat of paint, as could the walls of the community centre. St. Bridgets Close is very well presented. One or two houses on the Creggs Road could be painted.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Generally the approach roads are well presented. The signs for Glenamaddy could be better presented. I would suggest that a Welcome Sign be put in place on all of the approach roads. The best approach is the Greggs Road and work was ongoing on adjudication day.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

As with other towns and villages you have your share of derelict premises and I sympathise with you. It must be frustrating for your committee to get such a negative response in relation to your offer to paint some of the houses. Don't get disillusioned; you are doing a good job and continued success for the future.