

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GLINSK**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-97

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1997 | Mark Awarded 1996 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 33 | 32 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 24 | 23 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 23 | 22 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 20 | 20 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 24 | 22 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 11 | 11 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 18 | 18 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 25 | 24 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 6 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 185 | 178 |

Glinsk, Co. Galway

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OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completing the entry form and for the sketch of the village. You have maintained the good work of last year very well. For such a small community you have achieved so much. It is very evident from the appearance of Glinsk that the entire community are working together towards a better and healthier environment. You are most fortunate to have such a big committee.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church and School are both presented to a high standard. Also, the community centre looks well. The area at the Petrol Pumps could be tidied up a little. The credit union is well maintained as is Glencastle Bar.

LANDSCAPING

The floral displays throughout are most impressive. The flower containers at the football pitch are very imaginative. The floral display at the community centre looks very nice. Your tree planting is good. 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.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There must be an abundance of wildlife in and around the area of Glinsk. Many wildlife habitats adjoin or are encapsulated within towns and villages. You just need to identify the wildlife habitats of your catchment area and see what species of animals, birds and fish these attract. You will be delighted at discovering the number and extent of these habitats. Perhaps this is a project the school children could undertake with the help of their teachers. The Heritage Park will be a wonderful amenity and should certainly draw many visitors to the area. The Glen Wood is another great amenity and, of course, Glinsk Castle dominates the entire area. Ballinakill Abbey and the work which has been done there is indeed very commendable. Glinsk is steeped in history and is a very interesting place to visit.

LITTER CONTROL

An excellent effort is being made here under this category. The entire area was reasonably free of litter. Obviously, everybody is playing their part in keeping Glinsk a litter free zone - well done.

TIDINESS

Apart from some weeding at kerbsides and at the base of some buildings, i.e. the football pitch, Glinsk is presented in a neat and tidy fashion.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses both beside and opposite the Church deserve special mention as the hanging baskets and window boxes look so attractive. All of the floral arrangements really do add a great splash of colour and warmth and make the village look so welcoming. Some lovely houses were seen on the approach roads.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The grass verges on the approach roads are neat and tidy; you obviously work closely with the local authority. I would suggest that you paint the gates at the cemetery. The stone plaque to mark the opening of the Suck Valley Way looks very nice and the map outlining the walks is nicely in place. The stone walls throughout are great.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Last year's adjudicator said that Glinsk was a joy to behold - I would certainly endorse that sentiment. You are one of the most progressive community groups I have come across, and it is evident that you all take great pride in the place you live in. Thank you for affording me the opportunity to visit your lovely village.