

Tidy Towns 1997

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GLENBROHANE**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	--
The Built Environment	40	25	--
Landscaping	40	21	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	--
Litter Control	40	28	--
Tidiness	20	13	--
Residential Areas	30	19	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	180	--

Glenbrohane, Co. Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Glenbrohane is welcome to the 1997 Tidy Towns Competition and thank you for the completed questionnaire although the addition of a map would have been welcomed. The village, which looked very well on adjudication day, is situated in a peaceful and idyllic part of County Limerick at the foot of Sliabh Riadh with both the Galtees and the Ballyhouras in the distance. The committee are encouraged to form partnerships with the Local Authority and other agencies particularly Ballyhoura Failte with the end objective of putting together a workplan for the next few years. The fact that you are working with FAS and the OPW is to be welcomed.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The standard in this category was quite good for first time entrants. The village is quite small and scattered but the overall presentation of buildings and adjacent areas was very good. Both public houses, Fogarty's and the Sliabh Riadh, were clean and tidy, but the car park area beside the latter was a little weedy. Individual farmhouses and other private dwellings were also in good condition. The Church and grounds situated on the slopes of Sliabh Riadh were impressive. The bridge on the Port Rd entrance should be developed as a feature and focal point for the village. Glenbrohane would benefit from a village renewal programme, representations should be made to the Local Authority to encourage this.

LANDSCAPING

It was noticeable on adjudication day that a number of planting schemes were being put in place. The village is well endowed with trees and hedgerows at the foot of Sliabh Riadh, this should be complimented with a judicious selection of shrubs and flowers to be placed at focal points in the village. The area around the church adjacent to the Ballyhoura Way could be one point as could the bridge at the other entrance.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is potential for greater nature conservation in the village. A good start would be to identify the wildlife habitats and see what species of animals, birds and fish these attract. This whole area is obviously rich in potential in this category and maybe it would be worth involving the local school to engage in a project under the guidance of a local wildlife enthusiast.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was litter free on adjudication day; it helps that the volume of through traffic is small. It is important to control the situation on an ongoing basis.

TIDINESS

In general, Glenbrohane was very tidy especially around the Church Grounds and in the vicinity of the Ballyhoura Way. The car park near the Sliabh Riadh needs to be cleaned up a little. Weed control was good and it looked as if weed killer treatment had been recently applied.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most residences in the village were well presented and some were in impeccable condition. Boundary walls and fences were maintained in good condition

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREA

The village approach roads were presented to a high standard with verges cut back and hedgerows trimmed appropriately. The railing on line bridge as you enter the village needs painting and should be addressed immediately as it is a very nice feature.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This was the village's first year in the competition and the efforts of the Tidy Towns Committee in involving all sections of the community in ensuring that Glenbrohane got off to a good start are to be commended. As mentioned elsewhere in the report, it is important that the committee continue to forge links with the local authority, other state agencies and Ballyhoura Failte.