

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	26	24
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>185</b>

## **Glinsk, County Galway**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The Tidy Towns Entry document is most impressive, including as it does the maps and for associated developments. This adjudicator had not been in Glinsk before, and found the experience to be an illuminating one, especially in connection with the very strong community effort and the element of local pride. Achievement in technical terms of marking may not be very high - yet; but the potential of ambition in the village is richly present.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Church is the most significant building in the village; it is maintained with great care and affection within and without. Outside the immediate village, the ruins of the Abbey and the astonishing Castle are of historical and heritage interest, but it is not advisable to enter them for the national award until considerably more restoration work has been done. Business and other premises in the village remain well kept.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The Church grounds, and the charming floral displays around its carpark, as well as incidental planting throughout the village, are most attractive. Creepers might be planted to cover cement block walls. Small tubs and containers, though good of their kind, do not really have much impact when there is so much of real nature around; they also tend to introduce a towny effect. Tree planting, and shrubberies, are more worthwhile, and provide year-round interest. The substantial mown verges at the upper end of the village give a very good introduction to the visitor.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The Glen Wood is almost magical, and must provide a wonderful habitat for many animal and bird species. The remarks of last year's adjudicator should be repeated here. You might also invite schoolgoers to list the types of trees, animals and birds as a special project. The duck pond is an appropriate idea - are there ducks?

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was very little disposable litter. Your efforts are obviously successful.

### **TIDINESS**

There was appreciable weed growth on the roadside at the top of the village. Clearly with such a distance between points of interest

- such as village and castle - it is impossible to keep all verges tidy. The comments in your answers to the questionnaire have been favourably noted.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

All of Glinsk is residential. As mentioned last year, many householders have made a real effort to keep their homes attractive and provide floral displays.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Surfaces are good. Car parks at the Church, Heritage Park and Community Centre are well surfaced and tidy. Superb stone walls are prominent in a number of places, most particularly on the hill down to the Castle. Excellent wooden fencing bounds the Heritage Park. The infants' play area is imaginative and no doubt appreciated by future members of the Community Council.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A thriving and forward-looking community. Do not be disheartened by what may seem to be a slow rise in marking - the present all-Ireland winners came along by degrees.