

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GLENMORE**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	23
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	26	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	13
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	187	177

Glenmore, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is indeed gratifying to learn of the local support that you are receiving from your local authority, the broad local community and FAS. This is the adjudicators second visit to Glenmore and has been most impressed with the improvements which have been made and the way the village has been presented. Success in the Tidy Towns competition is not easy to come by. It takes a long time and depends entirely on diligent planning but, above all, a concerted community effort with everyone doing their part. Your report would suggest that this is the case in Glenmore and indeed it is there for all to see. Thank you indeed for the amount of information you sent with your entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. The following comments are on the progress you have made this year and should be read in the context of last years report.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Slowly but surely you appear to be coming to grips with your dereliction problem. Again, this is a long term project and it would appear that Kilkenny County Council are totally behind you in this. The school, church, graveyard, health centre, community hall and Grotto looked excellent on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned. Your commercial premises were again very well presented and the Square area in particular was a delight to behold. Again the commercial premises on the edge of the village was reasonably tidy but some attention to the surrounding long grasses might help. Work which has commenced in the vicinity of the river was noted and the adjudicator looks forward to seeing the results of this next year.

LANDSCAPING

Your continued good work under this heading was noted. On adjudication day Glenmore was ablaze of colour. Flower beds were beautifully presented and are being well maintained. Tubs of flowers, window baskets, hanging baskets etc. were presented looked extremely nice and are being well maintained. The flowered area along the river bank looked particularly nice and the little village pump is in a lovely setting. Some individual householders however might pay a little more attention to flower beds becoming somewhat overgrown and weeding.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your comments under this heading were noted. This is comparatively new category in the competition and for next year you might give some attention to a specific wildlife project. In the event it would have the effect of getting you extra marks. Comments made under this heading in last year's report are

applicable. In all cases do take the best advice you can.

LITTER CONTROL

There was almost no litter in Glenmore on adjudication day. In this respect the area of the Stream has improved tremendously. Congratulations are due to all concerned. It is however an aspect of the competition which does need constant and careful monitoring.

TIDINESS

There was a big improvement this year in tidiness. Work on the river bank has been noted and has been allowed for. The adjudicator looks forward to seeing this project completed in 1999.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

You mentioned in your report that "everyone looks after their own". This indeed was evident on adjudication day when several people were observed painting their walls etc. Again the terraced cottages in the Square were presented in a remarkable manner and are indeed unique. In a small community this type of effort is the backbone of the Tidy Towns competition. The community involvement aspect is all important. Individual houses looked excellent. Some had remarkably good gardens in full bloom which give a great ambience to the village.

ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces and pavings are good. Unfortunately there is an area down the centre of the village where verge cutting is badly required. In this however please do bear in mind what was said in last year's report regarding making allowances for the propagation of wild flowers. Approach roads also need constant monitoring as they tend to set the tone for the rest of the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Wonderful work has been done again this year. Your plan is realistic and achievable. It might be interesting for your committee to visit other centres in the county such as Inistioge, Bennettsbridge and indeed Kilkenny City and to meet with committees there. Many committees have had to deal with exactly the same problems as you have in Glenmore and, in the event, would probably be only too glad to give you the benefit of their experiences. You are doing excellent work and congratulations and best wishes for the future are due to all concerned.