

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **GLENBEIGH**  
County : **KERRY**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	28
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>179</b>

## **Glenbeigh, County Kerry**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The adjudicator is very pleased to learn that you have so many people working together on your Tidy Towns work programme. It is noted also that you have involved a FAS Scheme and the Student Summer Scheme in the implementation of your work programme this year. This support is excellent. Your Tidy Towns Committee appears to be very active indeed. Progress in the competition will be dependent on everyone working towards the same ends. With this in mind you should prepare a "3 /5 Year rolling Tidy Towns Work Programme". This programme should have the support of the community, local groups, the County Council and other agencies. It would therefore guide your Tidy Towns actions for the next three to five years. The Work Programme should detail the Tidy Towns objectives to be achieved by your committee in the years ahead. The preparation of such a Plan which is updated annually is now an important aspect of the Tidy Towns Competition. The new Tidy Towns Handbook, which has been issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to all Tidy Towns Committees, is a highly useful document which will be a great help both to established Tidy Towns Committees and to all new entrants. It is divided into a series of seven Action Sheets which together cover all aspects of the Competition. especially for new entrants it might be most useful for a committee to run a series of seminar evenings based on the contents of this Tidy Towns Handbook.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Strong colours have been used on a number of buildings in Glenbeigh and visually is most effective. On the Killorglin approach there is a building which awaits final restoration. This stone building should look well when all work is completed. The Towers Hotel looks well and the Post Office looks extremely well with a good colour choice and the provision of window boxes. The Obair building and the Catholic Church are well presented. However the tree log and sand / gravel in the car park of the Obair building should be removed. The Garda Station is attractively presented but the boundary wall with the main road requires urgent painting. The Church of Ireland building is of attractive stone and the building sits into well into the landscape. The health centre is another building which is being well maintained. The Glen Haven Nursing Home has used an excellent colour combination for this large building and it works extremely well.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The planting of additional shrubs and the provision of village seating have been noted. The tubs at the entrance to the caravan park on the Killorglin approach looks really well and the cut stone entrance are here is very well done. The landscaping at the Health Centre is really excellent - congratulations to the people involved in this. At the GAA premises the landscaping at the entrance area is being well maintained.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The Behy River area is very attractive and important also for wildlife. Try to develop further amenities which will encourage wildlife to your area. Your first step however is to identify the species which inhabit any such areas. Wildlife can be encouraged by the planting of native berry producing trees and shrubs. The provision of bird and bat roosts and nesting sites in any old buildings might also be considered by your Committee. Make sure that any wildlife areas to which the public have access are properly signposted. Remember the access needs of people with disabilities. The development of these amenity walks and nature trails will add greatly to your area in the years ahead. Has your Committee considered the erection of some information plaques about the wildlife to be seen in the area? The Theme Park project is most interesting.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Your litter control measures are noted and only a little litter was noted on adjudication day in early July.

## **TIDINESS**

Glenbeigh was reasonably tidy on adjudication day. Watch out for casual weed growth and long grass growing at the base of walls. Also there are some undeveloped open spaces which can easily become untidy and therefore an eyesore. Perhaps you can carry out some temporary landscaping in such areas pending site development. Avenue Drive was a little untidy towards the bottom end. Again a strong use of colour was evident in private housing and this is welcomed.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The estates and private houses in general looked well and there are some fine private gardens in Glenbeigh. In the housing estates some boundary walls were noted which are in need of urgent painting.

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

Footpath completion works are awaited on the Killorglin approach - the kerbing was in place on adjudication day. The Rossbeigh / Ring of Kerry sign at the Rossbeigh junction is a very old sign and needs urgent replacement with the modern green/cream road signs. The old road bridge over the Behy river is most attractive and could be developed further as a feature of Glenbeigh. When you are having verges and banks on approach roads cut, do keep in mind the needs of wildlife, and do not cut at nesting time.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Glenbeigh is a very attractive village on the busy Ring of Kerry Route. It is a village of much character, and you continue to make good Tidy Towns progress. well done to all involved!