

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	25
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	29	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	27
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>187</b>

## **Glenmore, County Kilkenny**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The application form, plan and map shows a very realistic approach to developments at Glenmore. The trouble spots have been well pointed to in your plan and the means of remedying them. The setting is so pleasant within the glen and it would be nice to preserve the village aspect especially at the square.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

There is a unique collection of building styles and these in themselves are interesting, from the old sweet shop to the new housing, the old school and hall and the post office building is a gem. The grotto is attractive with its stone surround. Stone is so much preferable to concrete and this is easy to see in the variety of buildings and walls. The creamery is in itself not the most attractive of buildings. The treatment around this is therefore of great importance

### **LANDSCAPING**

Many landscaping features around the village show a great enthusiasm. The numerous planters give a great lift to the village. Individual gardens play a major part in the presentation of Glenmore and they deserve praise. In small villages all home owners have an important part to play even if they are not a part of the tidy towns committee. The two riverside projects are wonderful and work like this takes a great deal of hard work and time. They are both – especially the lower one, the type of project that utilises what is already there to best advantage. The planting at the grotto is attractive also. The panels maybe in time could be replaced by a stone wall but the pouches will look well in the meantime. Thorn hedges are important landscape features. The hedge opposite the school could be regenerated by filling gaps with new thorn hedging plants.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Locating information and people to take on this area of interest should be a priority. Schools help and maybe help from the conservation volunteers would be used. An area such as Glenmore will have interesting wild life in its surrounds and it is really a matter of co-ordination and organisation to avail of the best features. The planting at the gable end of the barn is good.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control is good. For such a quiet day of the visit there was some litter visible. On busier finer weather days this may be more of a problem. Litter is a problem in so many places in Ireland – it is in no way unique to any village. Extra vigilance is needed. The

community hall carpark had some litter, as well as some other spots around the village.

## **TIDINESS**

The village has a tidy look – this is especially so at the square. The road surfaces do not help. The school carpark with its 5 strands of rusty barbed wire and white posts do not enhance the scene. Fifteen minutes work would remove all of that. This could be replaced by a curved very low natural stone kerbing. The community hall carpark is weedy and the surface could be improved. At the church car park there are three narrow islands of planting. These are less than attractive and surely their removal and replacement with borders at the walls would be sensible

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Every home can contribute to the overall success of the village as mentioned above. There is a good standard of house and garden maintenance. The new houses being built will always cause disruption but this is only temporary.

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

The road surfaces as mentioned in the plan are less than good in places. Pressure and determined lobbying of the county council is one of the difficult parts of the tidy towns committee' work.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

This is a delightful village to visit. The churns and plant-filled cart set the tone for the well cared for village that follows. There is a good focus on future work and success will follow.