

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	24	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	190	185

Glenbrohane, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thanks for the completed application, concise work plan and sketch map. Glenbrohane has made excellent progress in the Tidy Towns competition over the last number of years culminating with the National Heritage Award for 1999. The community is to be congratulated on this achievement and indeed St Patrick's Church looked resplendent on adjudication day. It is very evident that a strong level of co-operation exists between the committee, local community, FAS, Local Authority and Ballyhoura Leader Company. The 11 point 3 to 5 year plan is very practical with achievable goals. It will help focus on the important aspects.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church and surrounding area was extremely well presented. The stone wall with its commemorative plaque is a very fine striking feature. The Grotto, which incidentally is one of the most well preserved that this adjudicator has seen, complements this whole area of the village with its panoramic view of the Galtees and the Ballyhouras with Sliabh Riadh in the background. It is very noticeable that most of the premises both commercial and private are in pristine condition. Both the old schoolhouse and new school were presented to a very high standard. Commercial premises such as the "Sliabh Riadh" and Post Office were in very good condition as were most private residences both new and old. There was a reference in last year's report to an overuse of plastic neon signs. It would worthwhile if the drinks companies in question were asked to provide a more traditional type of sign

LANDSCAPING

The Village scores strongly in this category as the planting arrangements that are in place are very effective. The Grotto looks extremely well combining excellent stonework with a nice blend of greenery and flowering shrubs. I would reiterate what was stated in last year's report in relation to keeping any future landscaping plans simple and in harmony with the beautiful countryside. Sliabh Riadh majestically overlooking the village provides a natural landscape backdrop

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is very encouraging to see the school children being involved in a project to highlight the extensive wildlife habitats that abound. A display board with map outlining the habitats would be a great addition, as it would provide general information to the casual tourist enticing him or her to stay a

little longer and explore the peaceful and interesting countryside.

LITTER CONTROL

Full marks to the Committee for putting in place awareness programme on the importance of litter control in the community. Your efforts have not gone unheeded as the Village and immediate surrounds were virtually litter free on a day when road tarring was about to take place. Ensure that the good links with the Local Authority are maintained, it can only benefit the Village.

TIDINESS

The problematic weed growth referred to last year seems to have been eliminated, as there was very little evidence of it on the day of adjudication. Make sure that any renegade election posters are promptly removed, as they will only take away from the overall impression of a very tidy village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the residences in the village were extremely well presented with boundary walls and gates painted. The fact that village is hidden away in an idyllic location means that it is not subject to excess traffic thus making it that bit easier to maintain properties to a high standard

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All approach roads were in good condition with edges and hedgerows maintained in an appropriate fashion. Sliabh Riadh provides a picturesque backdrop as you enter the village with a panoramic view of the Galtees and Ballyhouras. The roads were in the process of being tarred on adjudication day; this will be of great benefit to the village as a good road surface makes for easier access to the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Glenbrohane is a village of natural beauty nestled at the foot of Sliabh Riadh - an ideal place to find tranquillity. The Committee is united with the rest of the community in trying to further improve the village and still retain its naturalness. Efforts are ongoing to address and overcome difficult problems. Keep up the excellent work.