

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **GLENROE**  
County : **LIMERICK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	--
The Built Environment	40	25	--
Landscaping	40	24	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	--
Litter Control	40	24	--
Tidiness	20	12	--
Residential Areas	30	18	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	--
General Impression	10	6	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Glenroe, County Limerick**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your completed questionnaire and the detailed sketch map which made finding places in this rural retreat at the foot of the Ballyhoura Mountains quite easy. It is good to see such a pleasant village as Glenroe entering the competition for the first time. Lets hope that you will be successful in the years to come. The committee is developing good links with the local community and it is nice to report that some of the old methods of raising funds still prevail. I would suggest to the Committee that it draws up a 2 year work plan prior to next years competition. Contact should be made with Limerick County Council and FAS to ascertain what both can do for the village in the future years ahead.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Glenroe is a small rural village consisting of farmholdings, private residences and public buildings such as the School and Church and is in most ways far more attractive than its fictional television namesake. It is important that the traditional architecture of the village is retained in its entirety. The Church of Our Lady of Ransom is fine example of Church Architecture and it is good to see that there are plans to restore the church boundary wall and carpark area. The hall adjoining the Church was a little dull. A little pebbledash or equivalent would help. The Post Office was in good condition as were the private houses on both the Ballylanders and Ballintubber Roads. Even though it is a nice distance from the core of the Village, Dalys Pub deserves mention simply because of its uniqueness and I sincerely hope that it does not succumb to modernisation as we know it today.

### **LANDSCAPING**

It is hoped that as part of a 2 year work plan that the Committee would initiate a landscaping plan for the village. At the moment the Village looks somewhat bare and certainly would benefit from an imaginative planting scheme. Seek advice from the County Council Horticultural section on the type of native trees, shrubs and flowers that would be best suited to Glenroe. The lone flower box at the stonewall opposite the Church looked a little forlorn because of lack of attention. I look forward to new ideas in this category in the years to come.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There are many natural habitats in and around the village

that could be used as focal points for wildlife projects. I would suggest that the committee involve local schoolchildren to develop a wildlife programme over the next number of years.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

There was very little litter evident on adjudication day which is a testament to the efforts of local residents. The Committee are to be congratulated for encouraging regular weekly clean ups. Litter is a national problem, which merits continuous control. As this is your first year of entry, the overall mark may increase next year, as the committee become more aware of their capabilities and remit.

## **TIDINESS**

The standard in this category was good and the village looked nice and tidy on what was a nice and balmy summer's day. There were a few examples of untidiness that would have gone unnoticed in a larger town but were very obvious in a place the size of Glenroe. As this is primarily a farming area it is inevitable that the some farm activity residue is to be seen scattered around various parts of the village. It is important that the Committee ensure that this type of untidiness is kept at a minimum. Weed control was good which again was due to the efforts of local people who have pride in their native place. The Glenroe sign on the Kilfinane Road was completely obscured with overgrown hedging. The sign on the Ballyorgan Road was also a little tatty and needs to be brightened up.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The whole of Glenroe Village is in itself a residential area and has not been and hopefully will not be overtaken by housing developments. The standard of presentation of private residences was very good with most retaining the traditional features one associates with such villages and towns. Boundary walls were in good order and adjoining areas were quite clean.

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

The Kilfinane entrance has an imposing look with the Galtees facing you in the distance and the Ballyhouras to your rear. The verges on this road were a little overgrown and need to be cut back appropriately. The Ballyorgan Road was also in need of having its verges cut back as was the road to Ballylanders. The Road to Ballintubber was in very good condition. As part of the suggested workplan the committee might pay special attention to the entrances into the village and devise ways of making them more attractive. There is vast potential in Glenroe and it is imperative that first impressions are good ones.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The Village of Glenroe has a simple rural appeal to the visitor primarily because of its tranquillity. It also has the potential to do well in the competition in the years ahead. The Committee is making great efforts, in this its first year, to harness the energy of local people. This approach seems to be succeeding as Glenroe looks very well for a first time entrant. Keep up the good work.