

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **GLIN**  
County : **LIMERICK**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	30	28
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>207</b>

## **Glin, County Limerick**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for submitting the completed entry form outlining details of work completed and plans for the future. Recent years have seen significant development in and around Glin and the town looked well on adjudication day. The Quay Park at the entrance to the village from Limerick is good and seems to be put to good use. It is to your credit that you are able to get such support from the business sector and you should build on this. The village heritage plan being supported by the Co. Council will further enhance the environs of the village, but in this respect you need to maintain the rural and heritage aspect of the village.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

You are endowed with an attractive square, wide streets and some fine buildings together with a small but important amount of traditional shopfronts. The Catholic Church is really well presented with distinctive railing surround. The restoration of the Church of Ireland Church and its new use as a Heritage Centre is most praiseworthy. The area around here with its mature trees is a real gem and offered an appropriate setting for the display of embroidery within the Church. You have your black spots also and the former Oisín Cinema is calling out for development on this prominent location. The school is well presented, but the view from here is not enhanced by the many rusty corrugated roofs in evidence. The ESSO Garage was well presented on adjudication day.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Because of the plethora of well maintained mature trees, the village is almost encircled in great beauty, with the estuary to the North and the great woodlands to the South. However, the square was in need of improved weed control and would benefit from spraying in May. The great display of shrubs along the water front will further enhance with the passing of time and maintenance will be your challenge. The abundance of seating is welcome and projects an image of hospitality. In and around Glin you don't need too much stone wall buildings, as sometimes it can be overdone. The old school restoration programme will offer you an opportunity for further landscaping when complete. Builders should be encouraged in all cases to finish well and leave completed premises well landscaped before leaving the site.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You have ample opportunity for the promotion and popularisation of wildlife in the Glin area. A school project might consider listing the animal and bird life of the area. You might then consider the erection of a display board near the developed water front.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

In general the village was almost litter free, except for some small allocations near the pump in the square. You do not seem to have a problem here and litter bins seemed adequate in numbers. Shops trading in sweets and take aways are expected to provide litter bins on their premises.

### **TIDINESS**

Any untidiness in evidence is due to dereliction , unoccupied houses and uncared for open spaces. This extends to boundary walls and farm gates, but in general the village looked tidy on adjudication day.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The standard of maintenance on old and new homes is good throughout. Some individuals have gone to great efforts to present their houses and gardens to a high standard. The old traditional features of plaster work are quite precious and should be highlighted and well preserved. New houses should be built with a view to blending in well with the existing traditional type and avoid PVC front doors in areas where they will look out of place.

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

Emphasis is now being made on side and rear entrances, which form part of the core adjudication in the competition. You have the opportunity to raise your marks in this section and many side entrances in particular could be improved with little effort. Some side entrances could be embellished with fresh painting and some floral displays.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSIONS**

Glin continues to improve and has potential to be a high scorer in the competition. You need to give greater attention to detail and consult previous reports for suggestion of improvement. Good luck in your endeavours.