

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **GLENGARRIFF**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	25
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	23	24
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	19
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>171</b>

## **Glengarriff, Co. Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The adjudicator would like to thank the Committee for the most useful documents submitted with your Tidy towns Entry Form. You have an ambitious work programme, but based on your previous level of success, the adjudicator is confident that you will achieve your developmental goals.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Graveyard was in need of some attention in terms of more regular grass cutting. The nearby Church of Ireland Church and grounds was very well presented. The major re-development programme at the Eccles Hotel was noted, and this will be most important for tourism in the area. The Garda Station property was noted as being excellently presented with most colourful window boxes, and the building itself looked very well. There is much new development underway in Glengarriff. It is hoped that the external finishes of these buildings will be in harmony with the overall image of Glengarriff, in terms of texture and colour.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Attractive small landscaped areas were noted close to the Grotto. The other larger areas of landscaping in Glengarriff are being well maintained and add much to the village. At the Golf Links Hotel good use has been made of natural rock in the overall landscaping plan.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The Blue Pool is a major amenity for Glengarriff and has been developed over many years. It is being well maintained and adds a lot to what Glengarriff has to offer the visitor. The Bamboo Park is an excellent addition to the village and the adjudicator would like to wish the developers all possible success in their new venture. The Barony Bridge civic amenity project is a well thought out one that hopefully will be implemented. The paper prepared by the Committee on this proposal is most impressive. Can your Committee try and do more to highlight the wildlife of the area through additional plaques and information boards.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

A lot of litter was noted at the left hand verge on the Castletownbere approach. In the village itself litter was noted in various areas and litter control needs to be improved in the Glengarriff. This issue was also raised by your adjudicator in the 1999 Report.

## **TIDINESS**

A pile of gravel was noted at the Glengarriff sign on the Castletownbere approach road. Further along four JCB buckets were seen at the 30 MPH Speed Limit sign. The area of the Fish and Chips van near the Grotto was also untidy. The placing of advertising signs on the pavement in Glengarriff is an unwelcome development – three such signs were noted outside one premises on adjudication day. Some weed growth was noted at the entrance to the Blue Pool area and an abandoned car was noted on the old piece of road near the Eccles Hotel. Your documentation noted that work is necessary on the left- hand side of the road approaching the Pier. Hopefully this work will be completed in time for the 2001 visitor season. Allowances have been made by the adjudicator for untidiness caused by development works underway on adjudication day.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Residential areas in general were very well presented, and many properties have reached an excellent state of maturity in terms of overall presentation. Dalewood on the Glengarriff road is a major new development as is Garnish Court. Some road boundary walls require attention in terms of weed growth at their base.

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

The Castletownbere approach road was very well presented in general, and the low stone walls are an excellent feature of this area. The route which follows the Cycle Route off the Castletownbere road needs attention in terms of bank trimming. Parts of this road are rather untidy and one abandoned truck was noted with grass growing up through it. On the Kenmare approach there did not appear to be any evidence of recent bank and verge maintenance, and the approach was rather over grown in places. The plans to re-built the perimeter wall in this area are noted and welcomed by the adjudicator. On the Bantry approach the main problems was in regard to weed growth at the base of walls. However this is a wide an attractive approach to Glengarriff.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Glengarriff is a highly popular village with visitors. Your problem areas include the issue of litter control and the issue of tidiness. However you have achieved a lot to date and your future plans are exciting. Good luck with the good work!