

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **GLENVILLE**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	--
The Built Environment	40	26	--
Landscaping	40	24	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	--
Litter Control	40	21	--
Tidiness	20	13	--
Residential Areas	30	20	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	--
General Impression	10	6	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Glenville, County Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

You are welcome back to the Competition this year. Thank you for the submission of a five year programme of work drawn up by your Community Council earlier this year. The programme is quite comprehensive and it is suggested that your Council might consider dealing with the objectives set out on a priority basis, thereby spreading the work on the programme over the five year span.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The built environment in this village, is dominated by the high stone Manor wall, as described in your plan. You rightly acknowledge such characteristics and it is against this background that the village environment may be developed. The buildings throughout the village are of a good standard and generally well presented. The Glenville Handball and Squash Centre building is very well maintained. The Post Office is an interesting building and is well maintained. The Catholic Church and adjoining area was also tidy and very well presented. The Church of Ireland building is also very attractive and the surrounding stone wall has been repaired. The school building, entrance and adjoining grounds were all well maintained. Business premises throughout the village were well presented. The front of the Garda Station premises and the surrounding wall were in need of repainting. The Gate Lodge project, if appropriately developed, would enhance the village considerably.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The flower planting near the place name sign on the Watergrasshill approach road looked well. The flower beds, together with colourful window boxes and hanging baskets in the centre of the village made for a pleasant sight. The trees, which have earlier been planted in the village, are now enhancing the general area.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

In line with other Manor characteristics, there is a generous supply of mature woodland in the vicinity of the village. This woodland provides very valuable habitat for many wildlife species. Though not included in your overall programme, it is suggested that some appropriate wet land area in the vicinity of the village may be designated to attract other species of wildlife.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

There was some litter at the Manor gate entrance. There was also some litter on the minor road along the repaired perimeter wall of the Church of Ireland building. Another area where there was a considerable amount of litter was that area of pavement along the otherwise nice low stone wall outside the Handball and Squash buildings; there was a large amount of debris including a burned out tar barrel. However, other areas of the village seemed to deal satisfactorily with litter. Areas around shops, Post Office etc. in the village were free of litter.

## **TIDINESS**

Most areas of the village were quite tidy at the time of adjudication. Areas adjoining business premises throughout the village were quite tidy. The entrance to the Playing Field was also tidy. The area in the immediate area of the Bottle Bank was tidily maintained. That area in the vicinity of the junction at the Mallow end of the village was generally untidy.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Residents in and around the village are making good efforts and houses in and around the village were very neatly presented. Throughout the entire village, good use was made of window boxes, hanging baskets etc., for example, those houses across from the Post Office were beautifully presented. This effort should continue for the future. New house building is in progress in the vicinity of the village.

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

This is an area of the village where considerable improvement needs to be brought about. At the Watergrasshill approach, much of the otherwise fine stone wall was concealed by extremely high grass and weed growth; this is rather a pity as the wall itself is a fine feature. Some areas of the wall have been damaged and in need of repair. At this approach, the speed limit signs and other traffic signs and poles are very rusted and neglected. The stone walls on the Carrignavar approach looked quite well. The high stone wall in the vicinity of the Manor gate was clean and impressive and a fine feature of the village. The old water pump near the Catholic church was nicely painted. The red seat beyond the church was in need of repainting; the stone walls in this immediate area looked very well. A new stretch of footpath has been put in place across from the Church of Ireland. In your five year plan, you list the "overhaul of the area surrounding the Church of Ireland..." Your council has rightly identified an area of the village which needs considerable attention. All traffic signs in this area are entirely rusted and neglected; the fingerpost signpost for Mallow is broken; the Castle sign is very much

in need of repainting. The mesh wire, rusted wire fence on the low wall at this junction looks quite untidy. The cemetery adjoining the Church of Ireland church is quite untidy and materials inside the boundary wall here should be removed and tidied.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

This, in many ways is a unique rural village in which the old and new meet. It is an important juncture for the village and its community and an appropriate time to take stock and look at future development, as indeed the community is doing through the programme, which is now being set out for the next five years. It is hoped your efforts will have success.