

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GLENBEIGH**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 23-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	188	185

Glenbeigh, County Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The 42 strong membership of the tidy towns committee is a marvellous asset and offers great opportunity for future developments. Good planning is essential so that efforts can be directed in the most fruitful way. With this in mind, a 3 to 5 year plan should be developed. Even though everyone is probably familiar with what needs to be done, it is often the setting down on paper of these thoughts and the planned approach which focuses people on what, how and when to do work and sets priorities and time frames.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

On the Killorglin approach there is development work on the footpaths which will be helpful . Within the village the well-painted premises give a colourful aspect to the scene. The Church and nursing home and Towers hotel are both prominent buildings and are well treated . The post office looks well. The Hideaway and Riverside housing developments are nicely tucked into the foot of the wooded hill. Stone walls are an attractive feature. The car park behind the Towers is well treated and the walls attractive. The lower carpark opposite the post office is untidy and the concrete posts and surface areas are in need of attention. Could the front posts be removed and a flush entry be made from the road with better stone walls at the back and improved surfacing ? The six arched stone low river bridge is a lovely feature in the village and the addition of the picnic table allows enjoyment of this sight – perhaps there is further possibility at this spot which would allow an even better view of this lovely bridge.

LANDSCAPING

The containers are an important part of the landscape of the village. The Towers hotel garden also contributes well as does the Health Centre. Falveys caravan park is nicely landscaped giving cover and concealment for small groups of caravans.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The river ,shoreline and wooded areas are all great wildlife assets for Glenbeigh. The road to Barrbeigh with the very attractive woodland picnic park and walk is a lovely feature to have within reach of the village and this is treated very well. The river Behy is also a fine asset. A riverside walk would be a lovely feature. The present riverside seat and open space could be extended to avail of this more fully and wildlife appreciation would follow.

LITTER CONTROL

There was some small amount of litter noted along by the shops. Constant vigilance is needed in order to keep a litter free village. Identification of the sources and focusing on remedies is the only way.

TIDINESS

Building work and the County Council works cause some untidiness but this is temporary only. When new housing developments are taking place it is important that a watchful eye is kept on the finished result. Often builders fail to reinstate the surrounds and this must be monitored.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Keeping wall and house paint standards is important in a seaside area where deterioration can occur rapidly. Generally residences are well kept. Private homes and gardens can contribute greatly to the overall appearance of a town or village and gives every individual an opportunity to contribute .

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The footpath works are welcome and have taken a long time to come. There is a good standard of roads. The natural hedgerow area - an important feature of the roadsides - time of cutting is important in relation to retention of wildlife habitats

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Glenbeigh is an attractive village with interesting surrounds. Because of its position on the Ring of Kerry it is liable to fluctuation of visitor numbers and traffic which places certain pressures on the village. The work of the committee and the residents is evident and continued efforts will be rewarding.