

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GLENBROHANE**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	28
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	200	190

Glenbrohane, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed entry form, work programme and map which made the task of adjudicating that bit easier in terms of identifying areas of ongoing work.

The old adage of small is beautiful certainly applies to Glenbrohane as the village looked idyllic at the foot of Sliabh Riadh with the Galtees in the distance

The Committee of 4 is to be commended for the enthusiasm that it has imbued in the local community for Tidy Towns.

The winning of the National Heritage Award was a big boost to the community in general and this has instilled a sense of pride of place in local people.

It was also good to note that the Parish is undertaking a Millennium project.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

This year the Church and surrounding area was in excellent condition and work was ongoing on the re creation of the "priests horse stable" a link with a bygone era.

The Grotto was in pristine condition and looked as if it had just been tended, credit is due to the person entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining both the Church grounds and Grotto.

Commercial premises were presented in an acceptable fashion but it is important that the two local publicans impress upon the drinks companies the need to provide advertising signs in keeping with the Village character.

The old PO Box a remnant of British Rule must be one of a few left in the country.

There was also a number of well-presented private dwellings and in particular one very attractive farmstead.

LANDSCAPING

The Village once again scores strongly in this category, as the planting arrangements that are in place are very effective especially in the core of the village

The Grotto and Church grounds looks very well and are one of the best of their kind to be found anywhere in the country.

Where would one find such a peaceful setting?

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Village has a number of natural wildlife habitats that could act as a catalyst for the development of a worthwhile wildlife appreciation project.

LITTER CONTROL

Again your efforts to make the local community aware of the importance of good litter control are certainly paying off as the Village was virtually litter free on adjudication day.

The Bulletin board is a very good idea as it spreads the message in a simple but practical manner.

I presume that there is an ongoing awareness programme being undertaken in conjunction with the local school after all the present group of pupils will one day be the adults of the village.

It is important that they get a good grounding in community values.

TIDINESS

There was very little weed growth to be seen around the Village and here again the ongoing awareness programme is taking effect.

The one problem that was apparent to this adjudicator was the sight of fertiliser plastic bags floating around or embedded in shrubs and hedgerows.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Last year it was mentioned that this village had an advantage in that it was hidden away on the slopes of Sliabh Riadh an idyllic location not subjected to traffic jams or emission pollution.

This has a positive spin off as it allows locals to maintain properties to a high standard.

Most residences were very well presented with boundary walls, gates, side and back entrances maintained effectively.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The standard of approach roads was good helped by the fact that road surfaces have been improved significantly over the last number of years.

Verges were cut back in the recommended manner and hedgerows treated sensitively.

Most back areas were well presented bearing in mind that this is a rural agricultural area.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Glenbrohane has made strides in the competition over the last few years culminating in the National Heritage Award in 1998.

The Village, which is so tranquil and attractive, has the potential to do very well in the competition in future years but it will need the same concerted effort as heretofore.

The Committee of 4 has addressed difficult issues and has succeeded with the help of local people to achieve good results.

Keep up the excellent work.