

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GLENROE**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	25
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	26	24
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	182	174

Glenroe, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed entry form and the detailed sketch map, which made it easy for the adjudicator to find relevant places in the village.

The Committee should foster links with the County Council and local organisations such as Ballyhoura Failte.

Whilst the entry form alludes to ongoing work under the various headings I feel that it would be beneficial if the Committee put together a 2-year work programme prior to next years competition.

In doing this the Committee should seek assistance from the aforementioned organisations.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The core of Glenroe village is centred around the Church at the four crossroads.

Most dwellings were well presented with some having colourful gardens adjoining them.

It was also good to note that farmsteads, despite the level of ongoing farm activity were kept extremely tidy.

The Church of Our Lady of Ransom, a fine example of a rural church in the old style, was in good condition and the adjoining grounds were well maintained.

If I was to be critical here I would recommend a change of paint colour but that is a personal view.

The Eircom Kiosk near the Church was a little untidy and could do with painting, the local Eircom manager should be contacted and asked if this could be done asap.

The pump at Church car park should be restored to its former glory.

The local community hall has been painted since last year and the local school was credit to those responsible for its upkeep.

LANDSCAPING

Last year the adjudicator suggested that the village could be vitalised by a prudent planting scheme.

Even though there is a slight improvement this comment still holds and it is important that contact be made with the local County Council Horticulturist for advice.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

When the committee are in the process of putting together a 2-year work plan it is important that some thought be given to initiatives under this category.

It would be very worthwhile to involve local schoolchildren and give them responsibility for coming up with ideas that

would reflect local wildlife history.

LITTER CONTROL

The regular weekly clean ups are having a positive effect as the village was virtually litter free when visited.

Keep up the good work.

TIDINESS

The standard in this category was very good with just a few obvious examples of untidiness mainly resulting from farm related activity which at this time year is fairly intense.

There has been very little improvement on the condition of road signs, so it is important to keep pressure on the County Council to rectify this matter.

Weed control was quite good ,again it is vital to keep on top of this problem as it can manifest itself in a matter of days depending on the weather conditions.

The notice board on the Community Hall should be enclosed with a glass frontage as notices were flitting in the breeze.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Glenroe is in reality a rural residential village, which has not been encumbered by any major housing developments.

Boundary walls were well maintained with adjoining side entrances in a very presentable state.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main entrances into this rural retreat were well maintained and a vast improvement on last year.

The first impression as one enters the village be it from Ballyorgan, Ballylanders or Kilfinane is of a place that is making an effort to project a positive image.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village has made strides since last year and has the potential to do even better.

It is a nice rural village with pleasant scenic views of the Galtees and the Ballyhoura Mountains.

I would encourage the Committee to put together a 2-year work plan as I feel it will help the village to progress in the competition.