

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GLIN**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	218	213

Glin, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed entry form with sketch map of the Village included.

There have been a number of major improvements in Glin since this adjudicator last visited the village some years back. It is good to see local businesses rallying behind the Committee for the betterment of the village and its immediate surrounds. It is noticeable that there is an ever growing co-operation between the Committee, local authority and agencies such as Shannon Development and West Limerick Resources.

This co-operation has led to positive support mechanisms such as the village heritage plan. Difficult issues are being addressed and solved, as a result the Village is benefiting and looked extremely well on adjudication day.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The standard in this category was very good with all public buildings and premises such as National School, Churches and GAA grounds well presented.

Full marks to Limerick County Council for providing an enclosure for its recycling units this is something that could be copied in other areas.

The square has been enhanced by the Pump feature and relevant street furniture.

There were some excellent examples of well presented commercial premises most notable among these were "S Lynch Butcher", "O Shaughnessys", "Hogan's Drapery and Grocery" and "Dunne's Bar" which is an example of a traditional bar frontage.

It is a pity that the main drinks companies cannot do more to promote the traditional village ethos by providing signage in keeping with the streetscape.

The restoration of the old school and four derelict premises was a major boost to the Village.

LANDSCAPING

As was stated in last years report the proliferation of both mature trees and young trees add to the richness of the village.

Some very well thought out planting arrangements were to be seen at their best on adjudication day.

Most notable among these were the ICA shrub and flowerbed and the feature at Adams Garage forecourt.

The amenity park was also well maintained with appropriate park seating at various locations, this is an excellent amenity, which is used by visitor and local alike.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Given the location of Glin on the Shannon Estuary there are many natural wildlife habitats, which could be co-ordinated and developed into a wildlife project.

Assistance should be sought from the Local Authority Wildlife adviser to help devise a project that would involve local school children.

The river was in the process of being cleaned and made more accessible for wildlife habitation.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little litter to be seen except for some on the verges as one enters from Ballyhahill.

The pump feature and surrounds in the square tends to attract some litter but vigilance on the part of both business people and private residents should ensure that this does not get out of hand.

The village, especially the main square area, could do with a few more bins as there is an excessive amount of litter crammed into the existing ones.

TIDINESS

Again, as was the case last year, untidiness is mainly due to dereliction which is a problem that the Committee are aware of and indeed have taken steps to act on in a number of cases.

Weed growth was noticed at the base of the Courthouse wall and at old industrial school walls in the Industrial Estate.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard of presentation of homes in the centre of the village, Marian Place and Corbally area was very good.

There were some lovely individual gardens on view but one or two boundary walls need to be painted or dashed at least prior to next year.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All entrances to the village were well presented, verges were cut inline with recommended criteria.

There seemed to be an improvement in the presentation of back areas, of which Glin has many, local residents deserve credit for keeping these back entrances nice and tidy.

It is good to note that all roads will be resurfaced next year, this is not before time as the surface of some was in pretty poor condition.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village looked very well on what was a nice sunny

afternoon and evening.

As stated at the outset the Committee has excellent support from the local community and indeed is not afraid to address contentious issues such as dereliction.

The collective effort approach is paying handsome dividends as Glin is making progress in the competition and has the potential to do even better.