

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GRENAGH**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	--
The Built Environment	40	27	--
Landscaping	40	26	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	--
Litter Control	40	25	--
Tidiness	20	13	--
Residential Areas	30	24	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	--
General Impression	10	7	--
TOTAL MARK	300	189	--

Grenagh, County Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome back to the Tidy Towns Competition. Grenagh have made a good start on your plan. This plan has some very good ideas which will greatly enhance the Village. This plan can be built on over its lifetime. It is quite a good idea to put previous Tidy Towns reports on display in the Village notice board at the Pump House. Keep up your liaison with the Local Authority, Local Craftsmen and builders.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church is nicely painted and has very attractive flower tubs on its railings. Do try to discourage the use of plastic signage on buildings. The Post Office has nice floral decoration. Grenagh Sports Complex is very nicely presented. The Pumphouse has a lot of potential with some lovely features such as the Grotto and the wrought iron Irish name for the Village 'Grianach'. The adjudicator notes your plans to paint and decorate the Pumphouse.

LANDSCAPING

There are nice floral tubs on the Blarney (Southern approach). There is lovely landscaping in Lachteen Estate, there are picnic tables, nicely cut common areas and staked trees. The public seating area along the roadside in front of Lachteen Estate is good also, as is the planting on the raised area. The Graveyard is beautifully tended and its wall and railings were much admired. The area opposite the Post Office looked well as do the common areas in the more advanced new housing estates, where fine efforts have been made.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is a relatively new aspect of the Tidy Towns Competition. It is one that Grenagh should give some attention to in the context of your plan. This is more to do with how you manage the natural amenities at your disposal. Comprehensive advice is available in Sheet 6 'Wildlife and Natural Amenities' in the Tidy Towns Handbook. This could be an aspect local school children may take on with supervision. There are significant marks awarded for this category.

LITTER CONTROL

There was some trace litter in the Village and on the Blarney Road on the day of adjudication. This was of a minor nature. The work done by the 'Youth Litter Pick' is obviously paying dividends and the youth of the area are to be commended. There are a good supply of litterbins and your Committee should promote anti-litter awareness throughout the Community, which is expanding rapidly.

TIDINESS

The old gates on right and disused vehicles in the fields on the Blarney approach need attention. The foreground of the Post Office has a lot of traffic, wear and tear and needs to be freshened up/revamped. The stone wall is being rebuilt at the entrance to the Sports Complex; the high grass inside the wall should be cut as it takes from this fine effort. The recycling facilities at the side of the Sports Complex are an excellent amenity but they need to be signposted (bilingual) to encourage their wide spread usage.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Lachteen Estate looked very well with lovely common areas and recreational facilities. The estate has a nice natural stone entrance sign and a bilingual wall mounted sign. The new housing estates namely Glen Aras, Clonard and Lios Na Rì are coming on very nicely. The occupied houses have made a great start. The approach roads had some lovely houses; one in particular was noted on the exit by the Pumphouse. The plan to incorporate all new houses into your overall plan by encouraging residents to plant flowers and erect flower baskets is applauded.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Blarney approach looked well with hedgerows well managed and nice flower baskets on metal supports. On the Northern exit the Village sign need to be freshened up. The Mallow approach has a nice new sign (black) with bedding plants at its base, it is desirable that signs would be bilingual if possible as on the other approach roads. The hedgerows would need to be managed on the exit by the Pumphouse and also the pavements would need attention here also. The gravelled area at the turn for Mallow is lovely with a nice antique plough; however, this surface may prove difficult for prams, buggies and wheelchairs. Your plan to extend the car park area is also noted. The idea of erecting a monument to playwright T.C. Murray is an excellent idea.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Grenagh is a rapidly expanding town, which is undergoing a significant increase in its resident population. It is located in a beautiful area with very nice views particularly from the start of the Mallow Road. The Village certainly has a very vibrant future.