

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **GLENTIES**  
County : **DONEGAL**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-08-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	41
The Built Environment	40	35	32
Landscaping	40	37	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	26	26
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	30	30
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	33	31
General Impression	10	9	9
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>248</b>

## **Glenties, Co. Donegal**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Set against a backdrop of the magnificent Blue Stack Mountains and with walking links to these Glenties has achieved / create a superb relationship with its hinterland. The main street of the village complements the overall high standard of presentation wonderfully. Congratulations on a fine achievement. Do submit the results of the heritage survey so that it can be considered for the Heritage Award. Congratulations also on your bronze medal status and the Green Town Award. Glenties is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Most building are presented to a standard that is fitting to the refurbished main street on which they are located. Some attention might be given to Siopa Broga and Brennans. The awnings might be removed from the Glenties Inn. The blue perimeter wall of the school should be cleaned or painted.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaped green areas at both ends of the main street are a valuable amenity for the community. The new running track not only looks well with its backdrop of hills, it will play an important part in the life of the community. School grounds are nicely presented.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The purpose of this section of the competition is to generate an awareness of the importance of wildlife in our towns and villages and to encourage the community to take whatever steps are necessary for its protection. The creation of something 'artificial' is not only not required, but would not gain marks. Do inform us of your activities in this regard. The river is nicely presented.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was very good in general but the litter bin outside of the museum was packed to capacity and appeared to be bursting at its seams. This was a potential problem as it would not have taken much to spill the contents onto the street. A new set of litter bins co-ordinated with new street furniture would look well.

### **TIDINESS**

A number of underdeveloped sites on the road to the G.A.A. grounds were untidy. Work in progress at the grounds looked untidy also, however no marks were lost for this. Ensure the removal of all building materials upon completion of work. Some weedy stretches of roadside

were noted.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Landscaping at residential estates is breathtaking, especially one on the Dungloe road (no estate name was noted). Ard Connell and Ard Patrick continue to impress. Infill development is successful.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Approach roads to Glenties together with nameplates were admired and new stretches of road and footpath were noted. Some stretches of roadside edge were potholed and a few road signs need upgrading. As noted above the new lampstandards and public seating give Glenties' main street a beautiful finish. Well done.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

As always Glenties was a pleasure to visit and the standard of presentation appears to be improving with each passing year. The most serious weak area in the road to the GAA grounds.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (06/08/01)**

Do discourage advertising hoardings on approach roads as they can give these a very cluttered appearance and can be quite off-putting for the visitor. The retention of the traditional square village nameplate sign is to be commended – however, that on the Donegal town side of the village appeared quite flaky on the day and signage opposite the church looked quite grubby. A number of flaky buildings on Main Street created a bad impression and were in sharp contrast to the general high standard. Of note was the Community Centre which looked extremely fresh in purple. The gate to the church, it was noted, was still extremely rusty as it has been for a number of years now. Quite a lot of litter was evident on Main Street and indeed in the park area. The new street furniture was greatly admired and certainly enhances the appearance of Main Street.