

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **GLENBEIGH**  
County : **KERRY**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	23	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>191</b>

## **Glenbeigh, County Kerry**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Glenbeigh is welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition. Glenbeigh enjoys a magnificent setting at the mouth of the river with access to sea, hills, woodland areas and the Kerry Way and so its amenity value is substantial. The town is beautifully presented at entrances and road surfaces here are very good. There is no information in your submission regarding a planned work programme spanning the next three to five years. One should be prepared as it will ensure that future developments are co-ordinated rather than being piece-meal.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The majority of properties in Glenbeigh are presented to a high standard. The Garda station was superb in its presentation and the Church and the Community Centre were admired also, as was the Towers Hotel. A wall located across from the Community Centre would benefit from power hosing. Signage of buildings is quite good throughout.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Young birch trees on the entrance from the Caherciveen approach are establishing themselves well and young trees on the Kilorglin entrance will make a significant contribution to their environment as they mature. The grounds of the Church of Ireland, when viewed through the stand of mature trees are a visual treat. Well maintained rose beds, set in their meticulously presented lawns, were very much admired. The village has a good mix of permanent planting and flower displays, well done! The caravan park looked quite well, particularly the play ground when viewed from the roadside area.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The variety of wildflowers and hedgerow on approach roads is most pleasing. The foreshore area was very clean on the day of our first visit. If there are nature trails throughout the adjacent woodland areas in local woods and in local hills, these should be identified and signposted, giving details of distance. This would enhance the amenity value of the village further. We note in this respect that the village is located on the Kerry Way also.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Some litter was noted during adjudication but happily street cleaning was in progress, so the litter was temporary. In particular the road leading to the foreshore area featured the most litter, no litter bins were noted along this stretch of road,

this situation should be redressed.

## **TIDINESS**

There was an overall appearance of tidiness in Glenbeigh. The recycling point was well presented and is appropriately located. The undeveloped site at the road junction leading to the Strand is an important focal point in the village and one wonders are there plans for its future development? Maybe this information could be made available to the adjudicators with next year's submission. Outbreaks of wildflowers were noted on this site.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The stand of mature pine trees in the private garden located at the speed limit sign on the road up the hill by the Church were magnificent and make a major contribution to this part of the village. New housing development, together with new apartments are being finished to a high standard and appear to complement their more mature neighbours. Some roadside boundary walls and roadside areas to boundary walls of residential properties on the road leading to the foreshore area need to be upgraded.

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

The carpark located at the Church and Community Centre was very well presented. The one opposite the Londis shop needs to be resurfaced together with the one which features the information panel at an entrance to Glenbeigh. A third carpark located at the foreshore area should be developed appropriately. The large stones marking the entrance to the village were admired. The natural stone and coping of the bridge wall are a handsome feature of Glenbeigh. Some stretches of the road leading to the foreshore area were potholed. The number of signs located at the road junction (across from the Health Board premises) should be reduced as they are visually obtrusive.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Glenbeigh is a beautiful village with a lot to offer both residents and visitors. A little more information on local walks and local wildlife could enhance your performance in the competition.