

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Glengarriff**

Ref: **522**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **205**

Category: **B**

Date: **27/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	30
The Built Environment	40	35	35
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	25	23
Tidiness	20	9	9
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	20
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	205	195

Overall Developmental Approach:

The photographs and the comprehensive report on your work programme for 2003 was extremely useful to your adjudicator on adjudication day. The involvement with the local schools that you have developed is of critical importance. Hopefully in the years ahead some of these pupils will themselves become involved in the Tidy Towns movement. The coverage for your events that you get through the Parish Newsletter is important. The whole village must know what your objectives are and the progress that is being made each year. The annual Awards Competition is again a most useful way of acknowledging the work that individuals and other Committees are doing for Tidy Towns in Glengarriff.

The Built Environment:

The work on the Community Hall is outstanding and the deep green colour works very well. A vacant site opposite the graveyard is about to be developed. Hopefully there will be a landscaping programme for this development. The two lodges are small but fine buildings. Your problem with the derelict building is noted and hopefully negotiation will lead to an early resolution. The Sacred Heart Church has a very neat and crisp presentation that is very effective. At the Kenmare / Castletownbere road junction the many signs at this junction need to be rationalised. It would be worth talking to Cork County Council on this issue. The new extension to the Eccles Hotel blends in well with the older building.

Landscaping:

The work done on the Graveyard looks very well but on the day of adjudication the grass was in need of cutting. It is good to see the 16 planters opposite the Eccles Hotel coming back to useful life once again. At the Kenmare / Castletownbere junction the planted area here adds a nice bit of colour to this prominent area. The adjudicator is delighted to see that hopefully you will be able to implement your plans for the Pier area. This is one of the busiest amenity areas in Glengarriff and much work is needed here. Some of the work should include new fencing, perhaps post and rail, removal of the old pontoon, lining of the car park area and perhaps the provision of some seating facing the water before the ticket office.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The natural rock that is part of the Grotto is a very attractive feature and the rock has been used in a very clever way. The Sli na Slainte route is welcomed and hopefully it is getting a lot of use both from local residents and visitors. The work carried out at Sand Quay looks very well and this adds a further practical amenity to the village. The Nature Refuge was quite busy on adjudication day and this is really a very attractive peaceful area. As always the Blue Pool Amenity area was excellently presented and the grass is being maintained in lawn-like condition - well done to those involved.

Litter Control:

A high standard of litter control is being achieved in Glengarriff, and this follows on from the improvements that were achieved in 2002. However as you are well aware the issue of litter control is one that has to be addressed on a daily basis. In the adjudicators view a better site for the Bottle Bank could be found and hopefully further discussions with Cork County Council will bring results.

Tidiness:

The Pier area remains the major black spot in respect of tidiness. The projecting signs noted in the village cannot all be necessary, and perhaps this issue can be discussed with the premises involved.

Residential Areas:

Private houses are extremely well presented and many very attractive mature private gardens were noted. The Dalewood development is maturing well, and the use of some natural stone frontages here is most effective. The overall development sits well into the landscape. The wooded and planted nature of Glengarriff generally allows private houses to blend into the landscape in an unobtrusive way.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

In general the main approach roads looked really well on adjudication day. The Bottle Bank location on the Bantry approach has been mentioned above. The Bantry approach is otherwise most impressive and provides an excellent introduction to Glengarriff. On the Kenmare approach road the fencing and shrubs opposite the Church need attention as parts of the fencing here looks quite untidy.

General Impression:

Glengarriff is a really attractive village and the Tidy Towns Committee has made great progress. The adjudicator looks forward to seeing the results of your work for 2004 and hopefully the Pier area will feature strongly in your activities next year.

