

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Glenbeigh**

Ref: **342**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **203**

Category: **B**

Date: **03/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	16
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>198</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

It would be useful for the community if a plan for work to be done was drawn up. The community could then carry out work on a priority basis and more could be achieved. This in turn would provide encouragement for future activity. The village has many natural characteristics and a planned programme of action could greatly help.

### The Built Environment:

Buildings throughout the village were generally well presented again this year. The Glen Haven Nursing Home was nicely presented. The Catholic Church and adjoining grounds were well maintained, as was the former Church of Ireland church building. The Community Centre premises were also well maintained. The Garda Station was again very well presented. The building/hut at the entrance to the GAA Field would need to be attended to.

### Landscaping:

Tree planting along the village looks well. The flower tubs positioned near the Information Board looked well. A new flower bed was being constructed with a stone surround at the Killorglin end of the village and this will enhance this area. The use of colourful hanging flower baskets in areas of the village was impressive. The planting in the vicinity of the old Church of Ireland church looks

very well.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Having such a fine natural location, in particular the extensive woodland and general mature growth in the vicinity of the village, such as Glenbeigh Wood, means there are many good habitats for many wildlife species. Also, the River Behy, which flows by, no doubt attracts other species of wildlife. The area in the vicinity of the river is very clean.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter is a constant problem for most centres and it always needs to be watched carefully. There are some areas of this village where it needs to be attended to; for example that area across from the "Top" Filling Station had a considerable amount of litter. There was also a quantity of litter in the vicinity of the entrance to the GAA Field. Perhaps when you come to drawing up a plan for the future, consideration may be given to the provision of additional litter bins in some areas of the village. In order to control litter, firstly there needs to be an awareness of the problem but secondly there needs to be an adequate number of litter bins in place at various locations.

### **Tidiness:**

Some areas of the village were quite tidy. Areas in the vicinity of the Filling Station in the village were quite tidy. The area in the centre of the village was very tidy. Also, areas in the vicinity of the Bottle Bank and Telephone Kiosk were very tidy. Areas too in the vicinity of the Post Office and shops were also quite tidy. The area across from the "Top" Filling Station was extremely untidy with part of the low surrounding wall broken and in need of repair. Again, the general area in the vicinity of the GAA Field needs to be tidied up; rubble, disused pallets etc. need to be removed.

### **Residential Areas:**

The standard of houses/gardens in and around the village was generally very good. For example, houses and gardens and nearby green area Ascal an Bhealaigh - Avenue Drive were excellently maintained. The landscaping here also looked very well. Also houses and gardens at St. Michael's Crescent were very nicely maintained. There were many very nicely presented houses and gardens on the different approach roads to the village.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The condition of approach roads to the village was generally good, but there were some potholes close to the village on the Killorglin road, which would need to be attended to. On this approach. the place name sign for the village was also completely concealed by high grass and weed growth. A stone wall along here looked well. Footpaths in the village area were generally well maintained. The Cahersiveen approach road was quite tidy. The Green Area with seating/picnic tables in the area of Glenbeigh Wood was very overgrown. This is a most pleasant area otherwise. The bridge is a fine feature in the village.

### **General Impression:**

This is a village in a very attractive location. It is also located on a very busy route. With a more coordinated approach, considerable improvement could be made. It is hoped that some of the comments made in this report will be of some help. With the work ahead carried out, together with the beautiful location, the community has a good foundation on which to work for the future.

