

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Glanworth**

Ref: **31**

County: **Cork North**

Mark: **172**

Category: **B**

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	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	
The Built Environment	40	26	
Landscaping	40	26	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	
Litter Control	40	25	
Tidiness	20	12	
Residential Areas	30	20	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	
General Impression	10	6	
TOTAL MARK	300	172	

Overall Developmental Approach:

Your entry in the Competition again this year is very welcome. The village of Glanworth is an attractive one with many old features and historic buildings. There is much, which the community could achieve through the Tidy Towns Competition but to attain this it is necessary to draw up a simple plan of action and then work on a priority basis. Such an approach if pursued could produce results and more than likely bring greater support for your efforts from the community at large. Please consult the Tidy Towns Handbook for assistance in drawing up your 3 - 5 year Action Plan.

The Built Environment:

The fine ruin of Glanworth Castle is a distinct landmark in the village and no doubt is a great asset from an historical point of view. The conversion of the lovely old church building to a Community Centre is a positive development. This is a lovely building but it would need to be attended to; for example grass and weed growth along nearby kerbs etc. should be cleaned. The community should also ensure that the fabric of this fine building is preserved in any way possible. The Catholic church is a lovely building and is excellently presented; the adjoining grounds area also well attended to. The Glanworth Youth and Heritage Centre is another fine building and obviously under restoration. The School building – Scoil Naisiunta – Cushing Memorial School is excellently maintained. The adjoining school grounds area also well cared for. The Dairygold Co-Op Store in the village looks

somewhat dilapidated. Business premises in the village were generally well presented but there is clearly a problem with some derelict and semi derelict buildings in the village. Some of these are fine stone structures, which have fallen into disrepair and it is a great pity that some overall plan for these could not be drawn up with the assistance of your local authority who have powers under the Dereliction Acts.

Landscaping:

In a few areas of the village some effort has been made at landscaping. The landscaping work at the green area near McDonalds Agriculture Merchants is good and is well maintained. Tree planting, which has been carried out in the village is also good. Flower planting at some points add some colour. Also the use of flower tubs along the village street helps the overall aspect; in particular the flower tubs in the patio area of the Youth and Heritage Centre look well. The landscaping, which has been carried out in the green area enhances it.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The River Funcheon is a valuable asset to the community and no doubt provides suitable habitat for many species of wildlife. The village is surrounded by a fine rural environment, which in itself provides natural habitat for other wildlife species. When the Tidy Towns Committee draws up a Tidy Towns Action Plan, it should be ensured that the development of specific wildlife sites form part of the community's future plans for the village and its environs.

Litter Control:

It is encouraging to note from your Entry Form that a regular programme of picking up litter is pursued. The village streets were relatively free of litter and this no doubt is due to the course which you are following in this regard. There was litter, however, in the area of the village at the Castletownroche/Kildorrery junction. The control of litter is a problem faced by all communities and it is therefore important that all members of a community play their role in this regard. Creating an awareness is a large part of this and the involvement of the schools can prove very productive for the future.

Tidiness:

There was a reasonable level of tidiness throughout the village but there is plenty of scope for improvement. The green area which is a focal point in the village could be tidied up considerably. For example, part of the low wooden railing here was broken and would need to be attended to. Also the area around the Bottle Bank could be tidied up. The area across from the Grotto where disused cars are positioned could also be tidied up. The large green area near the school was tidy and well maintained. Also the entrance to the Playing Field and Club premises was quite tidy.

Residential Areas:

Like many other centres new housing development is taking place here on the Killarney road. On the various approach roads to the village there are many examples of well cared for houses and gardens. The houses and gardens at Richard Rice Place looked well and the large green area here with picnic table was well maintained. Also houses and gardens at Comdt. David Barry Park were well presented.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The roads leading to the village were generally well presented. The approach road from Fermoy via the narrow bridge was quite tidy; the bridge area here was clean and tidy. The other approach road from Fermoy was also tidy as was the Mallow road. The Kildorrery road was also well presented. The Mitchelstown approach road, with the fine old church clearly visible, was tidy. The sign near the Mill for the Funcheon River was in need of repainting. The grotto in the village was excellently maintained and is an attractive feature in the village. The new footpaths, which have been constructed in the vicinity of the grotto enhance this area of the village. Rusted poles for traffic signs in the village would need to be attended to. The explanatory Display Board situated at the Heritage Centre giving some historic information about the village's past is an excellent idea.

General Impression:

The village of Glanworth has much potential and if the community supports the efforts of the Tidy Towns Committee, considerable progress can be made. To achieve this however, there will need to be a more co-ordinated approach to the problems facing the village. The many old buildings, some of them historic provide an excellent and important part of any plan for the future.