

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Glengarriff**

Ref: **446**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **208**

Category: **B**

Date: **03/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	35	35
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	9	9
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	208	205

Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator was pleased to note your high level of support from the local community and local businesses in terms of equipment, materials, finance and voluntary labour. You also appear to have a good relationship with Cork County Council. Your annual competition for residential areas is a fine initiative. Your plans in relation to traffic calming are an excellent idea, as Glengarriff is an extremely busy centre with many visitors particularly in the Summer time. The adjudicator noted your problems in relation to derelict properties and litter and hopefully these will be improved upon in the not too distant future. It is essential at this stage in the competition, that you formulate a three to five year work programme. This document need only be two or three pages long outlining your plans for the town's future and setting a timeframe against their implementation. It will prove invaluable to your work as the years go by.

The Built Environment:

Work was noted to the Golf Links Hotel on the Bantry entry to the town. The Eccles Hotel and its grounds looked as magnificent as ever, with its Victorian veranda to the front and hydrangeas - also on this road. The Coffee House situated in the old church looked well, set up on its magnificent grounds. Quill's and other craft shops were well presented. Both tourist offices were fine. The new Catherine Hammond Art Gallery looked well. The Garda Station sported some magnificent hanging baskets. Although the traditional sign to the Black Cat was admired, it will need to be repaired before next year's competition. Both Harrington's and the Maple Leaf looked extremely fresh, as did

the Hall in its dark green colour. The stone church looked quite charming with its rose bushes outside and other colourful floral displays.

Landscaping:

Glengarriff is fortunate in regard to this category of the competition, with its abundance of green spaces. The attractive displays of hydrangeas along the Bantry Road were admired. There are a large number of seats throughout the village - these should be inspected before next year's competition and re-varnished where necessary. The amenity area looked extremely well, as did the other numerous park areas throughout the centre. Casey's and the Garda Station sported quite magnificent hanging baskets. The graveyard looked extremely well in its prominent location on the junction and work appeared to have taken place here since the adjudicator last visited. The magnificent grotto in its natural rock-face setting looked extremely well.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Glengarriff is indeed fortunate in regard to its magnificent location set at the water's edge. Your work in relation to producing a new brochure of the area with emphasis on wildlife is to be commended but perhaps this could have been included in your submission. Your provision of bird boxes at the blue pool amenity area is a good initiative.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good, given the busy nature of the town. One or two papers were noted on the Bantry Road and a little litter was evident on Main Street outside Casey's Hotel. Besides this the town was quite good in terms of litter control.

Tidiness:

Do ensure that building materials are removed once work is complete - building materials, palettes and a chipper van created a bad impression on the Bantry Road entrance. A rough area on the main street with a timber fence, opposite the Garda Station looked unfortunate and could perhaps be screened more successfully from public view. Besides this the town generally looked quite neat and ordered.

Residential Areas:

Some attractive cottages and gardens on the Bantry Road looked quite magnificent with a stone boundary walling. Ocean Star B&B contributed well to this category of the competition with its attractive planted area to the front. The entry to Cois Choille looked magnificent with its colourful hydrangeas. A charming cottage with verandah on the Adrigole Road was admired. The holiday homes on the Killarney Road looked well with attractive landscaping - perhaps further landscaping could be considered in this location? The holiday homes in the centre of the village opposite Quill's looked extremely colourful and were well maintained.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

On the Bantry Road the verges were very neat - this is a long lead into the town. The Adrigole Road affords the visitor magnificent views to the rocky landscape surrounding the town. The attractive floral tubs by the town nameplate were admired filled with daisies and petunias. The verges were well maintained and the wild daisies looked most attractive. On the Kenmare / Killarney Road the lush greenery created a good impression.

General Impression:

Glengarriff is an extremely busy centre which has improved greatly in the years since the adjudicator first visited the town.