

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Glenbeigh**

Ref: **38**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **205**

Category: **B**

Date: **09/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>203</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission and details of work on hand. It is many years since this adjudicator visited Glenbeigh and the first thing that strikes one is the great progress in house building and in particular road structure. This beautiful setting is one of Ireland's finest and your efforts to enhance its environs are commendable. We urge you to formulate an improvement plan that will chart the way forward in this fast developing village. There are many agencies willing to assist you and you should contact South Kerry Rural Resources for advice.

### The Built Environment:

The catholic church dominates the village and was well presented on adjudication day. Premises that looked well include: Village House, with appropriate signage, Lyons, Ashes, O Súilleabháin, McCarthys and the Nursing Home. The unoccupied house on the Killorglin approach is an eyesore. Both hotels were well presented again this year. Well done on the presentation of the Brians Take Away with attractive window boxes.

### Landscaping:

Your have scored well in this section and a lot of planting has been done in recent years. The plants in the timber tubs should be replaced with bright floral displays and take them in during the winter.

There is a beautiful picnic area on the Rossbeigh approach. There is a problem area beside the foodstore.

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

More than most centres, Glenbeigh is well positioned to raise your marks under this section. The great amount of mature and new tree planting, rich shrubbery, streams, lakes, woodland and sea, combine to make this area a haven for wildlife. You should seek advice from local enthusiasts who will be only too happy to assist you in promoting wildlife.

### **Litter Control:**

The problems referred to last year are not as obvious this year, so well done on this improvement. The village centre was litter free and litter bins seem adequate in numbers.

### **Tidiness:**

You have problems due to dereliction, unattended open spaces, and poorly presented side roads. The dereliction opposite Glenross is very unsightly. Some dumping was noticed at the bottle bank which is an abuse of the facility. The area around the two telephone kiosks is poor in comparison to that in the village centre. The two principal approach roads are excellent with good road structure, attractive stone walls, tree planting and attractive gardens.

### **Residential Areas:**

This is one of your strong points and almost all houses were well presented. New houses offer you an opportunity to recruit new members for your committee and representatives from the various areas should be canvassed. There are two well developed houses opposite the Garda Station but the area opposite is very untidy. Avenue Drive housing estate needs attention and the grass here should be cut by the residents. St. Michaels Crescent is attractive and well presented. There is an interesting house development near the GAA on the approach here.

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

The road structure is of a high quality and the local authorities are responding to the increased amount of traffic through the village. Street marking is good and signage is a high standard. The caravan park is well screened and tidy. St. Michaels Crescent is well presented with some very good individual effort. Well done on the Fáilte signs. The GAA forecourt is well presented and the screening here is quite effective.

### **General Impression:**

The village has potential for a much higher score in the competition. You do need a plan of action that will have the backing of the community. It was a delight to witness such progress in and around the village. Your challenge now is to generate more support and tackle the problems alluded to above. Good luck for 2005.