

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Glanmire**

Ref: **414**

County: **Cork South**

Mark: **165**

Category: **F**

Date: **15/06/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	
The Built Environment	40	22	
Landscaping	40	24	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	
Litter Control	40	22	
Tidiness	20	11	
Residential Areas	30	19	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	
General Impression	10	6	
TOTAL MARK	300	165	

Overall Developmental Approach:

Your areas are welcomed back to the Competition. The map and other data submitted were very helpful. The villages are some distance apart so there needs to be localised activity in each area to deal with the various issues. Setting out the tasks which you have done is a good starting point. It is suggested that these be dealt with on a priority basis. It is hoped that suggestions made here will be of assistance for the future.

The Built Environment:

The standard of buildings is quite good. The Garda Station is well presented. The catholic church is an important building on an elevated site overlooking a fine rural view. Also the Church of Ireland church of St. Mary's is an impressive lovely old building. The premises of the Glanmire GAA Club is excellently maintained. Also the school building of Scoil na nOg- Colaiste an Phiarsaigh is well maintained and the entrance area is clean and tidy. Business premises are generally good but there is scope for improvement in some instances. You have already identified some of these in you own work programme and it is hoped that you will get the necessary cooperation to bring about improvement.

Landscaping:

Quite good landscaping work has been carried out in the area of new housing development, for example at Wood Ville and Gleann Caoin. The planting which has been carried out on the Cork road looks well. The colourful flower containers at the grotto enhance this area. Also the landscaping across from the Water Works is good. The communities are fortunate in that they are situated in an area where there is an abundance of old mature woodland and this creates a pleasant rural setting for the inhabitants. Your plan to plant more trees and construct attractive flower beds are noted.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your plan to erect Information and Display boards for wildlife is a good idea. They will also serve as an educational function. The woodland in the vicinity serves as excellent habitat for many species of wildlife. In addition the wetland areas in the vicinity provide habitat for other species of wildlife. The Glashboy river is a valuable natural asset in the vicinity. In Glanmire, at the time of adjudication, a pair of swans and a clutch of six cygnets were viewed from the bridge - a most pleasant sight and an indication of the wealth of wildlife in the vicinity.

Litter Control:

Signs erected requesting that the areas be kept clean, helps to create the necessary awareness. Also the anti litter material which you have produced helps further to make people more litter conscious. It would be a good idea to involve the schools in this awareness effort. It is noted that part of your plans for the future is to provide additional litter bins and this ties in well with your awareness programme, that is to get people to use the bins. The litter situation was reasonably good at the time of adjudication. There was however some litter in Glanmire in the vicinity of some business premises and this would need to be watched for the future.

Tidiness:

There are areas that need to be tidied up. The large open area across from the GAA Hall should be tidied. The Children's Playground at Riverstown was very tidy. The area in the vicinity of the GAA Hall was very tidy. Also areas in the vicinity of some business premises along the main street in Glanmire would need to be made more tidy. However areas in the vicinity of churches and schools were generally quite tidy.

Residential Areas:

The old terraced houses in the vicinity of the GAA Hall were nicely maintained. Also houses and gardens at Gleann Caoin were attractively presented. At Castlejane too, this residential area was well maintained. The new housing developments at Wood Ville is an attractive area. Houses and gardens at Richmond and Richmond Wood were well presented. Overall the standard of residential areas both old and new is generally very good.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The new footpaths in the Water Works area enhance this area. The stone wall directly opposite the Garda Station is broken and in need of attention. The approach road from Cork was tidy and the green areas along here were well attended to. The seating here too was well maintained. The grotto was well cared for and the area nearby very tidy. The approach road from Dunkettle could be more tidy. The roads into Sallybrook and the footpaths in the vicinity were tidy and clean. Sections of the old stone wall towards Dunkettle are broken and in need of repair. The new stone wall erected across from the entrance to Castlejane looked very well. Across the road from the GAA premises there is a large space/lay-by, possibly an old filling station (referred to already) and this area is quite unsightly and would need to be attended to. Some of the surfaces in the footpaths in Glanmire village were extremely bad and these should be dealt with.

General Impression:

This cluster of villages/communities are located in a pleasant natural setting, though a very busy area. By adopting a coordinated approach on the lines outlined in your Task/Job programme and working in cooperation with the Local Authority, progress can be made. As already suggested work should be undertaken on a priority basis. The communities have a good foundation on which to work.

Second Round Adjudication: