

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Glenbeigh**

Ref: **36**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **208**

Category: **B**

Date: **21/06/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	32	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	24	23
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	208	205

Overall Developmental Approach:

Good work is proceeding in Glenbeigh. There is evidence of a constant effort and the committee of 16-person membership is considerable for the size of the village. It would be wise now for the committee to set out exactly the aims and ambitions of the work over the next five years. Formulate a plan listing what is to be done, by whom, costings and a time scale. This can be monitored each year and adjustments made in the plan accordingly. Such a plan is needed for this part of the competition.

The Built Environment:

The Churches look well within the village – the predominating position of the Catholic Church and the beautiful tree fronted position of the Church of Ireland. The shops, including the new coffee shop look well painted and clean. The Hotels and colourfully painted guesthouses also look well. The few premises requiring attention become more evident as the rest stride ahead. Stonewalls are a lovely feature of the village and the attractive stonework of the Catholic Church looks very well. The Failte stone signs are attractive on entry to the village. The building needing roofing near the Top Garage is unfortunate. The Caravan Park is well laid out with attractive entrance.. Emir Court makes a fine statement carefully tucked away.

Landscaping:

The greens and rose beds at the bend on the Cahersiveen Road are very good. Hanging baskets on the poles on entry to the village make an nice impact as do the trees planted along that road. The picnic area on the Rossbeigh road is very restful and well in keeping with the surrounding landscape. Trees planted along the front of the caravan park give a nice foil to that site. The planting by the Failte sign forms an attractive setting. Many gardens of the village houses and surrounds are maintained very well and these contribute greatly to the overall landscape of the village.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

There is a rich opportunity for observation and enjoyment of the natural environment in Glenbeigh and surrounds – combining woodland, mountain trail and seacoast interest. The more information that is freely available about these environment features the more people will enjoy them. Signboards, literature and guides are all important. A cohesive programme could be developed in this regard.

Litter Control:

There is a good level of litter control through the village. Small amounts of litter were noted on the main street but generally the litter situation is good. Improvements in this section seem to have been made over the past few years for which good credit is due.

Tidiness:

The central area of the village by the church and shops looks very tidy. There are a few spots where improvements could be made- and could be included as items in your plan. The carpark opposite the Top Garage looks unsightly with the upright posts that do not seem to have a meaning, this area in general needs tidying. Some work is also needed on the Towers hotel carpark. The corner junction for Rossbeigh where the road signs are mounted needs attention. Derelict or neglected houses are always a problem and hopefully these can be dealt with. The overhead cables hopefully will be placed underground in the future – lobbying by the committee to the relevant sources could help here.

Residential Areas:

The residences are generally well kept and contribute well to the appearance of the village. The housing estate along the Kilnabrack road look very well and many individual houses along the approach roads are well tended. The Emir development looks well.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road surfaces are very poor at the central part of the village with patched surfaces and potholes. The road markings have also worn off at he church/Towers area. The surfaces in the carparks also need attention. The Rossbeigh road is beautiful with walls laden with ferns, pennywort and foxgloves. The carpark at the beach is in good condition. The carpark/lay by on the Killorglin side is a little weak with some of the planting areas needing replenishment.

General Impression:

Glenbeigh is looking very well. The village has not suffered massive building development as many similar sized villages have. This helps to retain the character of the village centre. A plan of work will further enhance the village.

