

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Glenbeigh** Ref: **337**
County: **Kerry** Mark: **216**
Category: **B** Date(s): **19/07/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	30
The Built Environment	50	31
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	18
Litter Control	50	25
Waste Minimisation	20	3
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	29
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	216

Overall Development Approach:

Glenbeigh is welcome to the 2006 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission. We note the absence of a work planned programme and urge you to prepare one as it will focus your efforts and activities and guide your progress in the competition over the coming years. Glenbeigh is a beautiful village well situated on the Kerry way, and built on the banks of the Baha River with its wonderful deposits of large boulders against the backdrop of heavily wooded hills which gives Glenbeigh a most scenic setting with many attractive views both into and out of the village. Well done to the Tidy Towns committee for the co-operation they have achieved from various community groups and their liaison with both Kerry County Council and the ESB, the village has improved its appearance over the last number of years and is a pleasure to adjudicate.

The Built Environment:

The majority of shop fronts are presented to a high standard and look very attractive, signage is good with little or no inappropriate signs. The Top garage enjoys an excellent presentation and the landscaping of its car park has been particularly admired. Well done on the stonewall construction.

Landscaping:

The rosebeds on the stone plinth on the green open space at the southern entrance to the village looked particularly well as the roses here were in full bloom at the time of our visit. The wonderful namestone was noted here also. Trees planted along the street are establishing themselves well and it was surprising to note that the Rowan was in berry so early in the season. Container flower displays at numerous locations around the village were admired and the handsome stand of mature pine trees on the upper road, were also noted. If they survive ,young trees planted on the northern entrance to the village will provide heritage for future

generations. We wish you well in your future plans for landscaping.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

It is good to note that access for birdwatching on the riverbank is kept accessible which must be a haven for bird life as the banks of the river are heavily wooded. Might there be a possibility for developing informal path along here at some stage in the future? We note your plans for the provision of a bird sanctuary. It is good to note that you have a walkway along the old railway line and that you keep this maintained and walker friendly. The caravan parks are neatly presented and their entrances are attractive. At some stage you might undertake a wildlife survey and promote awareness and appreciation of wildlife through the publication of a brochure and the provision of interpretative panels.

Litter Control:

Litter control was quite good in the village centre however quite a significant amount was noted in the car park at the premises located beside the church (FAS). Litter was also noted on the Rossbeigh junction, we note from your submission that you participate in the National Spring Clean week in April and that you also organise regular litter picking events. We wish you well in your plans to orchestrate litter picking and cleaning on a daily basis.

Waste Minimisation:

We note the bring bank in the village centre in the car park well done. Your visits to schools to talk to pupils, and to gain their participation in the Spring-Clean up has been noted. You might consider conducting a waste audit for the community to establish the amount of waste generated with a view to reducing this, in addition to collection for recycling. The Race Against Waste booklet included in this year's TidyTowns pack contains a number of good ideas on this.

Tidiness:

Many weedy side and back areas together with undeveloped sites, generated an overall appearance of neglect/untidiness. Well done on the ducting of overhead service cables in the village centre and we note your plans for extending this into the future. On the day of adjudication boxes had been left beside the containers at the bring bank, this is something that you should not allow to happen as it can also spoil the overall tidy appearance of a village.

Residential Areas:

The newly developed residential estate located on the southern entrance to the village across from the rose beds looks really well. Stonewalls from the bridge to the village centre have been admired and the new residential estate St. Michael Crescent, is neatly presented. Another new development near the bridge appears to be unfinished and its large green area is overgrown. Two new developments located beside the Garda station are attractive. Try to get new residents to accept responsibility for the maintenance of their own estates.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Your new lampstandards are an attractive element of the village and no doubt, with the further ducting of the overhead service cables, more will be installed. The village car park is in need of resurfacing however the village centre car park on the northern entrance looks well, roadside verges inside the nameplate on the southern entrance to Glenbeigh are excellent in presentation while those on approach roads are in their natural state. The bridge was nicely presented.

General Impression:

The overall impression of all the enhancement work to Glenbeigh has resulted in an attractive village located in a beautiful setting where both buildings and the natural environment are presented to a high standard.

