

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Glenbrohane** Ref: **453**
County: **Limerick** Mark: **228**
Category: **A** Date(s): **30/06/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	32
The Built Environment	50	33
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	22
Litter Control	50	30
Waste Minimisation	20	3
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	228

Overall Development Approach:

Glenbrohane is welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition 2006. Unfortunately, too many of the spaces in the Project Planned columns were left blank, and to advance in the competition it is important to give consideration to new projects. Thank you for the map which was most useful. It is noted that your Committee has been reduced to four, and that you receive support from Limerick County Council's Village Renewal Fund.

The Built Environment:

The church and grounds were admired as was the grotto. The stable, and its history as related on the stone plaque, is most appealing. The tourist information maps opposite need upgrading, as they are faded and weather damaged. The National School building looked well, but the gates need painting and the two rusting poles in the grounds refurbished. The Community Hall, housed in the old Glenbrohane NS, looked well with the seating and floral displays, and well done on tackling the derelict site at the back. The Sliabh Riadh pub looked well, but the other pub would be much improved if the adjoining yard was tidied up.

Landscaping:

The tree planting about the village was much admired, as was the way in which the well trained cotoneaster planting is softening the wall at the parking area by the Church. The planting by the Welcome to Glenbrohane sign looked well, as did the landscaping by the Grotto. Sliabh Riadh's floral display was admired, and perhaps the other pub might follow suit.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The hedgerows en route to the village from Garryspillane were lush and full of wild plants, and the planting by

the riverside is a natural wildlife habitat. The Wildlife Display Boards were most attractive, and useful, but would suggest that one is being badly damaged by the sun and would benefit from being moved to the other side of the road, and the shrubs need trimming by the other.

Litter Control:

Litter was noted in a few areas of the village, including the parking area at the Church and Grotto, by the school wall and in the drain, and some old litter had been exposed by the hedge trimming. You have two different types of litter bins, and one by the pub was in good condition but the other is in need of attention.

Waste Minimisation:

It is noted that the Schools are now segregating litter, but this is a new category for 2006, and your committee needs to study the Race Against Waste booklet which gives information on composting, recycling clothes, organized car or van runs to the local Recycling Centres, etc. You may also get some useful information on this category from the Environmental Section of Limerick County Council.

Tidiness:

The approach to the village would be improved by the painting of the yellow and black metal fence along the river. Weed control was behind schedule, but hedge trimming was in good order.

Residential Areas:

There are many lovely private dwellings in the village, most of which were in good order and a few deserve special mention – the house by the grotto with its lovely gardens and side entrance; the cream bungalow overlooking the river with flowering shrubs tumbling over the stone wall, and the fine two storey farmhouse and outbuildings beside the Community Centre. And there are many new dwellings dotted about.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The road surfaces through the village were in good order. The Welcome to Glenbrohane sign just needs a touch up, but soon will be obscured by the lovely shrubs.

General Impression:

Glenbrohane is a lovely, peaceful village, surrounded by rich farmland where the Friesian cattle looked serene on a lovely summer's day. The view across to the Slieve Reagh Mountains is breathtaking