

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Glenosheen** Ref: **454**
County: **Limerick** Mark: **188**
Category: **A** Date(s): **14/07/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	24
The Built Environment	50	23
Landscaping	50	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	18
Litter Control	50	33
Waste Minimisation	20	0
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	23
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	400	188

Overall Development Approach:

Glenosheen is welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition 2006. Thank you for the entry form and map, which was very useful. Your committee has been reduced from eight to three this year, but hopefully you may be able to co-opt one or two of the new residents in the village to join with you in developing plans for the enhancement of the village over the next few years. It is noted that you are supported in your activities by Limerick County Council and Coillte.

The Built Environment:

The village is certainly free from commercialization, and indeed has no public buildings, with the old school house now a private residence. But as one drives from Kilmallock to Kildorrery, one cannot but note that the Glenosheen is well cared for, and the Joyce Brothers homestead, with its plaque is very well presented. It is noted that your plans for the refurbishment of the stone walls is being curtailed by lack of funding, and are presently in discussion with the County Council and Ballyhoura Development on this matter. We wish you well with these discussions.

Landscaping:

The landscaped features in the village were admired, including the cheerful nasturtiums under-planting by the signage on the main road; the pink roses in the Joyce Homestead as were the raised stone and other planters. Some of the private dwellings had some well maintained and attractive gardens. The adjudicator took a short walk up the hill and the view was spectacular, and the hedgerows must be magnificent when the rhododendrons and foxgloves are in bloom, as will the border of montbretia along the main road later in the season. Your plan to develop a walk through the wood, in association with Coillte, is noted.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The village is surrounded by one of the most beautiful, natural wildlife areas, and as mentioned above, the road up to the forest is filled with wild plants like ferns, foxgloves, holly, etc. And leaving a couple of areas of land in their natural state so that wildlife can prosper is certainly a good one. There may be other suggestions in your Tidy Towns handbook which you could adopt.

Litter Control:

Your diligence in this section is paying off, as just one drink carton, probably thrown from a passing car and a couple of old pieces of litter exposed by verge trimming was noted on the day. Well done to all concerned.

Waste Minimisation:

Noted that all the litter collected is segregated and recycled, 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, Green Schools' initiative, car and van runs to Recycling Centres, etc. You may also get some useful information on this from the Environmental Section of Limerick County Council.

Tidiness:

Other than a few rusting roofs and rusting corrugated buildings and the odd gate in need of repair, the village looked neat and tidy on adjudication day. The Rural Development Scheme employee is certainly doing a good job about the village.

Residential Areas:

Generally the standard of private dwellings and farms in the village is very good, and many are maintained to a high standard, some having lovely mature gardens. The artwork in the old corrugated roofed cottage was admired.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

All the approach roads to the village presented well with the hedgerows and verges well trimmed. As was the road up the hill, and the cobbled drain was well maintained. The road surfaces were in good order. The sign on the Kildorrery approach looked well, but posts on the Ardpatrick side were there but the sign was missing.

General Impression:

The village of Glenosheen is a tranquil place with much to offer those, like the adjudicator, who like walking holidays. And your plans to develop the trail through the wood should encourage visitors to stop and enjoy the stunning views across the meadows. Your committee has done much to improve the village and we ask you to continue working to improve your standing in the competition.