

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Glin** Ref: **455**
County: **Limerick** Mark: **248**
Category: **B** Date(s): **09/06/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	39
The Built Environment	50	36
Landscaping	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	32
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	248

Overall Development Approach:

Glin is welcome to The National Tidy Towns 2006 competition, and thank you for your detailed map of the village. Eighteen is quite a sizeable committee, and you might consider dividing in sub groups, which you may find more effective. It is noted that many agencies including, the Mid Western Health board, West Limerick Resources, Limerick County Council and Shannon Development have supported you with your endeavours.

The Built Environment:

Glin boasts some very fine buildings. On the day of adjudication the following buildings presented very well: Kerry Co-op; the Garda Station; Brides; Stacks; J Sheahan; Conways Hotel and McNamaras. O'Shaughnessy is a very fine building but the paint was peeling in some parts, and the main door was damaged. The RC Church and grounds looked particularly well, as did the School with its grove of young trees. The new Library in the old courthouse is a fine development. There are a number of business premises on the Ballyhahill road in need of attention, including one opposite the entrance to the Corbally Estate and the perimeter walls of the Profile Development need attention. The old Oisín cinema property is very unsightly, but noted there is a planning notice for the redevelopment of the site. We hope that in time you will find a solution for the problem of the site at the Mall.

Landscaping:

The Riverside Park project, with its picnic area, was indeed well underway and congratulations to all concerned for securing fundraising of €100,000.00 for this fine project. Building work was in hand during inspection, but this project has fantastic potential and will be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. The planting of such a variety of shrubs; trees; roses, including the wonderfully scented A D Hay; should be quite a sight when they mature. The removal of weeds from around, and the lower branches of the trees planted in and around the village would help them mature nicely. The completed landscaping at the Homes for the Elderly

was much admired. Would suggest you encourage some of the business owners and private dwellers to add some suitable floral displays to enhance their premises under this category.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Work had not quite been completed on the walkway (A), but this will be a fine project on completion. The adjudicator enjoyed a short walk along the riverside, but the swans were missing that day. A fingerpost sign at the entrance to the walkway would be helpful for visitors to the area. Situated beside the Shannon Estuary gives Glin a wonderful opportunity to continue to do well in this category.

Litter Control:

Well done on organizing a competition for the school children for The Best Kept Area in the village. This is admirable. You might consider organizing a Litter Pick Up along the Riverside Walk at low tide, as there was quite an amount of debris on the day of adjudication. It is noted that you plant an Anti Litter Awareness Day

Waste Minimisation:

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 and the participation of the School in the Green Schools initiative, etc. You already have a bring bank, so some waste is being recycled, including old clothing, and you mention that you distributed leaflets on composting. You may also get some useful information on this from the Environmental Section of Limerick County Council.

Tidiness:

As mentioned in the Second Round Adjudication report last year, the old entrance to Glin Castle again gives a poor impression as one travels towards the village from Tarbert. The Pier area (E) needs attention: graffiti removed from shelter, black plastic sack of rubbish removed from entrance; grass cuttings removed; old trailer/fish tanks unsightly, and the trees need attention. Weed spraying was obviously behind schedule, but this no doubt is due to our inclement weather in May. The entrance area around St Paul's needs tidying, and the stone wall close to the village on the Ballyhahill road needs attention. The Bring Back area has a very narrow entrance. Perhaps the fencing could be moved out a little for ease of use, and the bins need cleaning.

Residential Areas:

The Corbally and Riverview Manor Estates were well presented, as was Cloverfield. The new Kilfergus Estate is still under construction and it is hoped that the developer will compliment this project with some good landscaping. And the new housing development replacing the dereliction is attractive. Some of the dwellings in Marian Place were in good condition, but some need attention, including many of the garden walls. There are also many fine private dwellings in and around the village, some with fine mature gardens. Good luck with your plans for the development of a Children's Play Area near Marian Place.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The signage on all approach roads was good. Generally the road surfaces and pavements were good, but the surface of the road by the Riverview Manor is in very poor condition. The addition of Public Toilets at the Pier area would be a good amenity.

General Impression:

The village of Glin, adjacent to the seat of the 29th Knight of Glin, has many fine features including the Old Castle, the Hamilton Tower, not to mention being located by the Shannon Estuary. With the addition of the almost complete new Riverside Park, this will encourage visitors to stop and enjoy Glin