

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Glengarriff** Ref: **676**
County: **Cork (West)** Mark: **253**
Category: **B** Date(s): **27/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	38
The Built Environment	50	38
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	29
Litter Control	50	28
Waste Minimisation	20	10
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	253

Overall Development Approach:

Glengarriff is very welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition 2007. The Tourism and Development Committee have yet again submitted a comprehensive, clear and concise outline of work undertaken since last year's competition. The enclosed maps, images and ancillary information were most useful to the adjudicator. It is important to include your Three-Five year Plan each year in addition to your completed entry form. Glengarriff was thronged with tourists on the day of adjudication so it is good to see that the competition helps promote a sense of community pride and spirit. Your ongoing co-operation with enabling agencies and Supervalu is commendable.

The Built Environment:

Quik Pick and Eccles Hotel were beautifully presented on the day of adjudication. The Church and grounds were impeccable and a colourful floral display brightened the doorway – even the tint handrails had been freshly painted! The Dream Ireland Holoday Rentals had a good mix of stone and rendered finishes and the landscaping was admired. A Book of Kells inspired mural at Jem Creations was most attractive. The façade of Casey's was enhanced by numerous window boxes and hanging baskets in pastel shades. The Garda Station looked fresh in pink and had an abundance of violet trailing petunias. P. Harringtons displayed an interesting mural and was crisp in its appearance and the Park Hotel looked wonderful. The entrance to the Bamboo Park was neat and tidy in presentation. You mention in your entry form that there are plans for the majority of vacant sites and that your committee will liaise with developers to ensure tasteful results – this approach is highly commendable.

Landscaping:

Colourful tubs brightened the public seating on the Castletownbere approach road. Geraniums at the bridge also added a welcome splash of colour. Crimson rambling roses at the base of the rock face on the Killarney

Road were greatly admired. The landscaped area to the fore of Quills had a vibrant display of marigolds, pansies, geraniums and roses. The picnic area at the O'Sullivan Bere Monument was neat and tidy and the adjacent playground was in popular demand on this sunny afternoon.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your ongoing development work at the Blue Pool Amenity Area is commendable and indeed an enviable facility to have! The total elimination of rhododendron and the replanting and rejuvenation of indigenous species is commended. Similarly the pier and waterfront are busy amenities and are neatly presented.

Litter Control:

Litter control was good in Glengarriff on the day of adjudication. There was no litter on the main street and a number of litterbins were noted. However, on the approach to Poulgorm there was evidence of littering, in particular in the bank approaching the water. You have quite a comprehensive litter programme in place and this is paying dividends. Keep up the good work!

Waste Minimisation:

The bring bank on the Bantry Road is neat and tidy in appearance. Your ongoing segregation and recycling of litter collections is commendable. Does the school recycle waste? Perhaps you committee could develop a composting area to further enhance awareness of the merits of waste minimisation?

Tidiness:

In general the main urban area of Glengarriff is impeccable and the majority of commercial premises are crisp and fresh in appearance. Proprietors should be encouraged to paint gable walls as this can detract from the overall impression. Finally, there are a number of vacant sites in the village that look untidy – your entry from indicated that there are impending developments planned for these sites and this will no doubt further enhance the appearance of Glengarriff.

Residential Areas:

Your 'Award of Merit' campaign is an effective way of encouraging pride of place in Glengarriff and the residential areas are generally maintained to a high standard. There were a number of impressive B&B's on the Castletownbere Road. Harbour View Village looked well and the completion of the scheme will be looked forward to in Tidy Towns 2008. The Cottages on the Bantry Road are also crisp in their presentation. Oakfield B&B and Mountain View also looked well.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Neat cobble-locked paths with well maintained bollards were neat in appearance and certainly enhance the streetscape of Glengarriff. Whilst the main areas in the village are impeccably presented the road off the Castletownbere Road included in the Sli na Slainte route was most disappointing. There were a series of rusted tractors, other vehicles and waste metal strewn in ditches that give a very poor impression and really should be removed.

General Impression:

Glengarriff was a pleasure to visit on a sunny summers day and was busy with coach-loads of tourists. You are congratulated on your progress to date in the Tidy Towns Competition and will no doubt continue to improve in the years to come.