

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Glinsk** Ref: **198**  
County: **Galway** Mark: **226**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **08/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	41
The Built Environment	50	33
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	29
Litter Control	50	24
Waste Minimisation	20	2
Tidiness	30	10
Residential Areas	40	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	29
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>226</b>

### Overall Development Approach:

Thank you very much for your application and the accompanying interesting documentation and photographs. It is evident that you have put in time and effort in preparing this submission so well done.

### The Built Environment:

Glinsk Castle occupies a prominent site on the approach road into the village. It would benefit from a sign as mentioned last year it is nice for visitors to be able to easily identify such historic buildings. We watched the video on the local history of Glinsk Castle prepared by the local school children. Well done! The restoration of the stile on a mass path used by generations is welcome. Furthermore, we visited the school and noted the lawn area that was re-seeded beside the school, no green flag visible at the school. The Credit Union Ballinakelly Abbey and graveyard, and the Church were well presented. We visited the Community Centre and GAA pitch that are located out of the village centre.

### Landscaping:

The flower beds and play area near the school are well maintained. Consider planting flowers at the GAA facility as it is somewhat drab in appearance.

### Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

We visited the Heritage Park and viewed the additional stone bridge. You have been busy at work in the Park and we acknowledge the damming of the river creating new habitats which will pay off in the coming years. We would welcome a sign at the entrance to the Heritage Park and possibly a map highlighting walking routes with signage. We noted in your submission the bat walks in the Heritage Park. Also information on local wildlife would be beneficial along with walks.

**Litter Control:**

A number of litter bins were noted to be full and in need of emptying. For your information these were located at the wall beside the church and at the Greencastle Bar.

**Waste Minimisation:**

We note that school are recycling and that you maintain the recycling banks. Waste Minimisation is a new section of the competition that was introduced in 2006. It may be helpful for you to consult the guidance document produced by the Department entitled "How to win the Race against Waste in your Community" to allow you to gain more marks in this section next year. The Waste Awareness Officer of Galway County Council may also be a good starting point. Consider engaging with the local schools and businesses. May be for next year you could liaise with the school on a waste minimisation project. The schools involvement would also contribute to the Green Flag project if your local school is a participant.

**Tidiness:**

Your problems are in relation to derelict sites, dilapidated buildings and open spaces. The telephone kiosk should be removed or replaced. The Suck Valley Way map still is in need of cleaning.

**Residential Areas:**

We noted that the housing estate across the road from the school is under construction, this gives you the chance to get some new recruits on board! The thatch cottage adds character to the village.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Generally roads and footpaths are well maintained. We liked the seat donated by the Toberroe National School Reunion Committee. We would ask that you treat side and rear entrances with care as they now form an integral part of the adjudication process.

**General Impression:**

There is a lot of scope to greatly enhance the Heritage Park, we acknowledge the work underhand in relation to the Park but we believe you should continue to maintain and develop work started before embarking on more projects in this area, particularly given the significant area of the Village to be maintained. You have raised your marks this year due to your efforts and we hope that this will act as a stimulus for further action and community involvement. Well done and best wishes for the 50th anniversary of the competition next year.