

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Glenbeigh** Ref: **337**  
County: **Kerry** Mark: **218**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **15/07/2007**

|                                | Maximum<br>Mark | Mark<br>Awarded 2007 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Overall Development Approach   | 50              | 30                   |
| The Built Environment          | 50              | 32                   |
| Landscaping                    | 50              | 33                   |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 50              | 18                   |
| Litter Control                 | 50              | 25                   |
| Waste Minimisation             | 20              | 3                    |
| Tidiness                       | 30              | 15                   |
| Residential Areas              | 40              | 26                   |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 50              | 29                   |
| General Impression             | 10              | 7                    |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>400</b>      | <b>218</b>           |

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Glenbeigh is welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission. Thank you also for the inclusion of your 3 year plan. Your production of a newsletter outlining your projects and achievements is a very good idea and great way to keep all of the community involved

### **The Built Environment:**

The Church was very well kept and most businesses are very well maintained. Police station was well painted and the grounds were immaculate. The Community Centre next to the Church requires some work as the building and the grounds are a bit run down in comparison to the surrounding buildings. Well done on the best looking fish and chip shop we have seen!

### **Landscaping:**

The large rock entry notices to Glenbeigh are very well done, as is the surrounding landscape. The landscaping work undertaken outside St Johns Church of Ireland is extremely well done. The seats are also a welcome addition. The landscaping a bright flowers have given great atmosphere to the main shopping area.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Your maintenance of Kerry Way is very well done and appreciated. It was great to see a clean camping area and also that picnic tables had been provided for walkers to use. It would be good to perhaps include some signs depicting the wildlife that could be found in the area.

### **Litter Control:**

Congratulations on your participation in the annual Spring Clean. The streets were generally litter free on the day of adjudication. Well done on this as there was a lot of tourist traffic passing through and this can be difficult to maintain.

**Waste Minimisation:**

Congratulations on focusing recycling in the April edition of your newsletter. Encouraging residents to reduce their waste is also important and it might be worthwhile investigating a composting program. KCC is supporting these initiatives in other towns so they may be able to assist you with this.

**Tidiness:**

The car park opposite Londis needs some work done to fix as there were some areas that were cracked and the small wall had collapsed in part. It is noted that you are trying to work with the owners of private car parks to improve their appearance. The Bring Bank was relatively tidy but still had quite a bit of small litter such as bottle caps thrown around the area. Curra burial ground was a little bit overgrown but otherwise very neat and tidy. We also recognise that you are working towards getting the unfinished building fixed. Well done on your efforts towards these tasks. It can be seen that you have undertaken much effort to clean up weeds etc from areas. There were some areas near the phone box that need some weeding, but generally a very good effort.

**Residential Areas:**

Avenue Drive is extremely well presented and landscaped. The estate behind the Garda station is also very well maintained and it was great to see the recycling facilities available to residents there. Generally residential areas were well kept.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The kerbed and paved new footpath from post office to St Johns Church of Ireland was a welcome addition and has tidied up this area greatly. The streets were generally very well kept and maintained.

**General Impression:**

Glenbeigh is a picturesque village that has done very well to maintain its village atmosphere amongst high levels of passing tourist traffic. The main area of the town was quite clean on the day of adjudication. New developments have been sensitively designed to fit in with the natural beauty of the area. The use of stone and neutral colours has worked well here. There are still some areas such as car parks, derelict buildings and some weeding that need to be focused on, but generally this was a very good effort this year and we look forward to your submission next year.