

Tidy Towns Competition 2008

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Glenamaddy** Ref: **197**
County: **Galway** Mark: **208**
Category: **C** Date(s): **25/06/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	28
The Built Environment	50	29
Landscaping	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	17
Litter Control	50	28
Waste Minimisation	20	5
Tidiness	30	10
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	208

Overall Development Approach:

Your adjudicator would like to welcome Glenamaddy to the 2008 TidyTowns Competition. Thank you for your entry and the supporting documentation together with the Yates Report which the adjudicator found most interesting. It is good to see that you are now working on your next 3 Year TidyTowns Plan and the adjudicator recommends this time span rather than 5 years. You have a busy committee of 8 people with 12 meetings per year at a minimum and your idea of holding 2 public meetings each year is excellent. You must keep telling the community what is involved in your annual work programme for TidyTowns. It is good also to see that you are involved with the Heritage Council, the County Council and the schools in Glenamaddy. The 'Sponsor a Bird Table' approach is a new one to this adjudicator but well worth while. Do remember that the TidyTowns Handbook gives great information and suggestions. Both new Committees and those who have been involved in the competition for some time will find this booklet really useful.

The Built Environment:

Well done on the decision to use the Irish language on some of your signage. The adjudicator thought that the appearance of the Community School could be improved with the addition of some hanging baskets and window boxes. The good presentation of the beautiful Limestone Church building and landscaped grounds was admired, as was the good colour scheme used at the nearby Credit Union premises. The signage at Meehan's caught the eye as did the fact that a number of buildings appeared to have been painted relatively recently. However there were some obvious premises that needed to be painted and perhaps this can be looked at for 2009. The research work done on the graves at the Cregg's Road Cemetery is enormous and it is good to see the research results available at this site. The Hall and Theatre with the stone features and the nearby Community Centre were visited. Some weed growth was noted in the Community Centre car park that needed attention. On the Cregg's road the Graveyard was well presented as was the attractive lakeside area across the road. In The Square the stainless steel bollards enclosing the most attractive cobbled area caught

the eye. The stone facade to the SuperValu premises was admired.

Landscaping:

The tree planting on the Kilkeeran Road and the new trees and hedging on the Ballymoe Road were examined and these projects were coming on well. Good wall coverage was noted on the boundary wall between the Church and the car park. The flower tubs, pots and hanging baskets throughout Glenamaddy bring additional colour to the village that is most attractive. The Ballymoe Road is a good example of this.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The lakeside area is a wonderful place to visit and there is so much information available here through the three information panels. However the two smaller panels needed to be washed and the steel framework repainted. The holding of the Nature Workshop at the National School is a great way of introducing children to the importance of the environment and TidyTowns in particular.

Litter Control:

Using the Church Newsletter to get your litter message across is a great concept. The Bring Bank area was neat and tidy and the adjudicator liked the raised platform for the units. A little litter was noted at the GAA car park. Generally in the village litter control on adjudication day was very good.

Waste Minimisation:

The Public meetings that you held are a great way of getting the waste minimisation message across to the community. It is great to learn that as a result two businesses are now involved in recycling.

Tidiness:

On the Dunmore approach some damaged wire fencing needed attention. At the crash repairs premises on the Ballymoe road the frontage would be improved if the steel doors were painted and the rest of the frontage painted in a different colour. Some weed growth was evident at the base of road boundary walls. Some abandoned metal material was noted on the right just inside the entrance to Lakeview and the long wall inside the GAA entrance would be improved if painted and the derelict building at the Telephone Box needed cosmetic attention.

Residential Areas:

Good landscaping featured at O'Keefe Park and the central grass area with the landscaping and young trees was eye catching. The damaged wall at the entrance to Lakeview needed attention and painting. Weed growth at the kerbing here was quite prolific and some tidying up was required.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Creggs approach with the good grass verge stone walls, excellent landscaping and trees created a great impression. The resurfacing of the Kilkeeran Road was noted as was the good work at the Square. We look forward to the future work on the Square that you have in mind. A little bit of additional work on the Dunmore approach road for next year is worth considering. The adjudicator liked the neat landscaped areas at the village signs on the main approaches to Glenamaddy.

General Impression:

It was a pleasure for your adjudicator to visit Glenamaddy for the first time. Good luck with your TidyTowns projects for 2009 when we look forward to visiting you again.