

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Glanmire** Ref: **117**
County: **Cork(South)** Mark: **224**
Category: **A** Date(s): **24/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	32
The Built Environment	50	25
Landscaping	50	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	26
Litter Control	50	29
Waste Minimisation	20	10
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	224

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for the filled up entry form and map of Glanmire. I did not get a 3 / 5 year plan. Planning is very important and it does not need to be an elaborate document; simply write down a list of things that you would like to do, have a discussion on them, get advice if necessary, and that is your plan. For instance there are magnificent traditional stone walls all around the village and some of them are in need of attention. So lets start and plan some action on a particular part of a wall, but now, straight away, caution is advised, because we have to be very careful to ensure that the wall is restored in the same style as the sound and intact wall alongside and no fancy work is done, and finally very little cement is used only a mainly lime based mortar. I hope you don't mind me pointing this out to you and if you require further information on this topic you could consult with the conservation officer at Cork County Council. The size of your committee, five, is small and you could entice some people from other local organisations to assist you. It is good that you are getting assistance from the area engineer and workers, Super Valu and the Summer Youth (14 -16 years) scheme. Your co-operation with the schools is worthwhile. It is interesting to learn that you find the competition to be an uphill battle, but worth it.

The Built Environment:

The Grotto is beautiful and well done to all concerned with its upkeep. The gaeltacht complex is elaborate and contains some great landscaping. The Church of Ireland building is a great traditional stone church. All the business houses are well kept and Centra is a most impressive shop. I saw where Barry's shop had been hosed down and it now looks very clean and tidy.

Landscaping:

There is a natural landscape all over Glanmire with all those wonderful mature trees and stone walls and great

scenery looking across the river with the backdrop of the trees. I admired neat touches of your landscaping in some areas with attractive flower beds, grassed areas and tubs of shrubs. The planting by the pump house is impressive. The landscaping at the Grotto was supreme.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

I admired the signpost for the Glanmire loop (yellow) 4.5 Km and it contained great photographs and details of fish life. The loop walk is a good facility. I note your remarks about leaving the strip inside the estuary wall to grow wild for biodiversity.

Litter Control:

Well done to Denis Murphy for sweeping the main street and this is a perfect example of pride in your local place. Your combined efforts are "bearing fruit" as only isolated bits of litter were found away from the centre of the village, and some of this could come from passing motorists.

Waste Minimisation:

I note you are taking a lot of action on waste and do you have a waste recycling depot? It is positive to keep the householders alert to the proper treatment of their waste. It is good that you had a good outcome from your meeting with the Coláiste transition year pupils.

Tidiness:

The village was presented in a tidy condition. Some building work was causing slight disruption, but this work was being carried out in an organised and orderly manner. There are some derelict places in the village, but there is little you can do about this. The control of weeds was excellent.

Residential Areas:

I admired the traditional town houses, and other private houses had great displays of lawns, flowers, trees and shrubs. The new housing estates are well designed and laid out with impressive displays of landscaping.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The roads that I travelled on are in good condition all around Glanmire. The road signs are clean and distinct. The great traditional stone walls are sturdy and attractive fencing. The road out from the city is very well landscaped with neatly cut grass and I saw where it was freshly resurfaced.

General Impression:

It was a pleasure to visit Glanmire. You have made a determined effort to maintain and improve this lovely, but quite busy, village.