

# Tidy Towns Competition 2009

## **Adjudication Report**

Centre: **Glin** Ref: **455**  
County: **Limerick** Mark: **259**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **07/07/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	40
The Built Environment	50	38
Landscaping	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	29
Litter Control	50	32
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	31
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>259</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

The adjudicator would like to welcome the attractive village of Glin to the 2009 Tidy Towns Competition. Glin is attractively located on the River Shannon and has good potential to do really well in the Competition in the years ahead. Thank you for the completed entry form, map and copy of your Limerick County Council Development Plan submission. What progress has there been on this? Your committee of 16 is very large and that is really encouraging. You enjoy good agency support and obviously very good local support. Do continue each year with the School visits, as they are a most important aspect of your work. For next year, can you include a copy of your 3 Year Tidy Towns Plan for Glin?

### **The Built Environment:**

Hopefully, the Planning Permission application for the Playground at the Amenity Park will go through. This is a good location for that facility. The drawing of the proposed sculpture is interesting and it is appropriate that it features the Salmon. The Pier is an attractive area and it is suggested that the long grass on the water side of this road be trimmed down. The old Castle or Tower block near Mill Street is of interest and, perhaps an information panel should be considered. A fine white road boundary wall was noted beside the Castle. Glin has some interesting old shop fronts, and the Dunne and McNamara premises caught the eye. It was also good to see some modern frontages that fitted in quite well, and the Glin Pharmacy is a good example of that. At the National School, weed growth at the boundary wall needed attention, while weed growth was also noted at the Tennis Courts / car park area.

### **Landscaping:**

Good landscaping caught the eye at Top Garage. The frequent use of hanging baskets and window boxes, especially along Main Street adds a great splash of colour. At the Pier road car park, the central rather rough grass area has great potential for landscaping and, presumably this is the area mentioned in your entry form.

Salt tolerant planting will be essential here. The central flower bed at the road junction looked very attractive on the day of the visit.

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

We look forward to learning of the results of the Feasibility Study on the Beech Walk through Gin Castle and this sounds like a most attractive project. The new footbridge at the Amenity Park was greatly admired and black is the correct colour here. The new bridge now provides an enhanced scenic walk to the Pier. Well done to all who worked so hard to make this project possible. Have you considered the provision of some wildlife information panels, as the shore and shoreline area here have great wildlife potential.

#### **Litter Control:**

The Litter Awareness Days are a great concept. What actually happens on these days? Also the National School area Clean Up Competition is intriguing and you might let us have details for next year. A little litter was noted at the Pier area and along Church Street. Dark Road has quite a lot of litter along its length. Elsewhere, litter control on the day of the visit was good.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

It was good to read that the collection of electrical good continues and the clothes recycling area at the GAA was examined. This category is about waste reduction and recycling potentials in Glin. Can you examine for next year what the potential actually is?

#### **Tidiness:**

Graffiti was noted on the red doors on the Pier and also on the wall below the Oisín Hall. Along Creagh road, an untidy timber hoarding needed to be extended a little and painted. Why are there two advertising signs in your lovely Amenity Park? Towards the top of Main Street on the right hand side, approximately nine items were displayed on the pavement and this looked a little untidy. This looked untidy and would also cause serious problems for somebody in a wheel chair or who was otherwise handicapped. Along East Mall, three small untidy openings or small sites were noted and screening is recommended here. On the Abbeyfeale road, at the Sub-Station (ESB or Telecom?), the road boundary wall needed urgent repainting. Across from the Catholic Church, the grass area enclosed by the low stone wall looked rather untidy and has good landscaping potential. Grass growth at the wall here was also noted.

#### **Residential Areas:**

Some very attractively presented houses were noted along the length of Main Street and some interesting architectural detailing was seen here. Very good colour choices have been made along this street. The development of the houses for the elderly is most impressive. The curved design of the layout here is most satisfactory and this is supported by excellent landscaping. Good use of trees stood out at Kilfergus. At Marian Place, the long white road boundary wall on the left from the entrance needed to be repainted.

#### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The Ballyhahill approach is quite impressive with trees, low stone walls and good private hedging. Watch out for weed growth on the two main approach roads.

#### **General Impression:**

It was a great pleasure for your adjudicator to visit Glin for the first time. Good luck with your projects for next year.