

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KINLOUGH**  
County : **LEITRIM**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 14-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	--
The Built Environment	40	28	--
Landscaping	40	20	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	--
Litter Control	40	28	--
Tidiness	20	9	--
Residential Areas	30	21	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	--
General Impression	10	6	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Kinlough, County Leitrim**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Based on your response to the questionnaire, your contact with the statutory bodies which could be helpful to you - except the Local Authority - are few. Almost all the forward looking Tidy Towns committees have produced 3- or 5-year Development Plans, and have found them very useful in identifying objectives and monitoring targets annually. (It may be that you undertook such a plan before dropping out of the Competition.) Please draw attention of all locations where improvements have been made by marking them on your map. The village was full of life and bustle on adjudication day, and a pleasure to visit.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The principal buildings of architectural interest - the two churches - are very well looked after indeed. The School and the Garda Barracks are nicely kept, The Court House Restaurant, the Lake House and Falcon Lodge guest houses, and the Tickled Trout, were among the best maintained business premises seen on adjudication day. There are several premises which are well presented though plastic and mass-produced signage detracts considerably.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Small areas of planting, tubs, window boxes, and some very charming garden effects such as the roses at the entrance to the Church of Ireland church, give a tremendous lift to the townscape. The sports field is well nurtured. Tree planting was very favourable noted.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Situated as it is, Kinlough is an ideal centre for the enhancement of the wildlife heritage. The preserved area mentioned on the entry formed was not marked on the map, but it is encouraging that such a space has been allocated. School projects are highly desirable, and information on these will be looked for next year.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was hardly any disposable litter in the main street on adjudication day, though there was a considerable amount on the roadside by the graveyard, and near the school.

### **TIDINESS**

Kinlough is a comparatively tidy village - congratulations.

However, weeds were prevalent in some areas, such as the open space at the Community Centre, in the Church of Ireland forecourt, in Mill Road, Rossinver road and in some of the housing areas off the main road. A corrugated iron shed at the head of the main street is conspicuous because it needs painting. The commercial yard on the Rosinver road could be tidier than it was on adjudication day, and the long wall adjacent needed freshening up with paint. As there is much building development on the Bundoran road, marking was left in abeyance until such time as the area can be fairly assessed.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Street houses, whether with attractive stonework or pleasantly painted frontages, are maintained with much obvious pride. The small housing estate next Campbell's is well kept; in Glenview, some of the houses are not as well looked after as others.

Development work was still in progress at New Melvin Court, so there was no marking. It is very good to see old stone walls preserved as boundaries to new homes. Many private houses have very attractive gardens, contributing to the general sense of care.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Surfaces of roads are good, and paving of sidewalks is first class. Lamp standards are excellent, and the ducting of cables is an immense improvement. The forecourt of the Community Centre remains rather stark - tree planting would help.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A well tended village set in splendid scenery. Additional planning and care could place it much higher in the list of entries in the county without enormous labour and expenditure.