

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KENAGH**
County : **LONGFORD**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-07-99

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	23	33
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	32
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	208	216

Kenagh, County Longford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for comments, your application and the brief plan which has been carried out for the village. It sets out a number of viable developments. Presumably the plan was carried out in conjunction with the local people – good luck with its implementation

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The buildings in the village are presented well. The Garda Station looks well. Newmans, Beltons and Macs Shack are nicely presented. Jim McCann Park has some nice planting, though sands and bricks should be removed once work has been completed. The Church is exceptional and the school looks well. The information office and Sticky Fingers (an apt name) is nicely presented. The pumps which are painted black and white do look well; however, a plain colour would be more suitable as they are meant to be functional rather than decorative. New and Used Tools on the Carton road is well painted. Will the building at the corner of the Lanesboro road be completed? Beside St. George's Church is a fine building and would do well with some attention. Another building beside the Midland Health Centre could also be a good project. The Church of Ireland had nicely painted railings. St. Dominic Hall is fine with nice tree planting, although it will require a coat of paint in due course.

LANDSCAPING

Tree planting and new trees, i.e. opposite the GAA Centre, will mature well in future years and make a distinct impression on the village. The wall in front of the old building on Cartron road is good, although it will look better if some wall plants are allowed to grow on it. Well done on the co-ordination of hanging baskets and flowers; Beltons, Newmans and the Clock tower all have similar colours. The church and school grounds are well landscaped and maintained. The flowers in the Health Centre (not many health centres make the effort); look well and the green and white exterior looks very well – well done.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The section on wildlife needs to be addressed more in depth. The restoration of the canal will make little difference to encourage wildlife, but will create an awareness of habitats and associated species. In the village bird tables could be encouraged e.g. at the school. A list of habitats should be drawn up and a management plan set out for each – it may be decided in some cases just to leave the area alone. The

wildflower area will need to be managed and correctly cut /harvested each year to ensure the continuous dispersal of seeds.

LITTER CONTROL

The village itself (main street) was litter free on the day of adjudication. There was some litter in the GAA park – however, no litter bin. As this is an area where people congregate, a bin is needed. Another bin is also required in the small housing estate as a couple of pieces were also noted here. Some of the bins also require emptying e.g. at the entrance to the estate.

TIDINESS

The village does look very tidy despite the litter. It is a busy village with quite an amount of traffic too. The rusty play area and some rusty tin roofs as well as the derelict (though fine) buildings create an untidy air.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are some very nice houses in Kenagh. There are lovely cottages on the Lanesboro road and on the main street near the telephone box. The cream coloured house beside the telephone box looks well. The small estate was cut back though a couple of pieces of litter were noted near the entrance. The houses on Cartron road are fine though; the swings, roundabout and seating need attention. New houses on the Ballymahon road will add to the village and the owners could be potential working committee members!

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Lanesboro approach looks well. It is cut back and neat; however, ox eye daisies have been allowed to grow along the margins, which looks very well. The barrier up near the canal requires repainting. The Longford road is well cut back and neat and the Cartron road looks well though the tin roofs on this road will require repainting in the future.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have some good plans, concentrate on the viable projects suggested and on developing the wildlife section. The village is progressing well. Well done on the work completed this year and best of luck with implementation.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (04/08/99)

Litter control was not strong in Kenagh on the occasion of the second adjudication. The main street needed a good sweep and litter (cans and crisp packets etc.) was noted in the

Kenagh river. A number of buildings would benefit from either cleaning and/or painting. A number of litter bins were almost full and looked as though they hadn't been emptied for quite some time. There is no indication where your wildlife project is located. No signposts were found during second adjudication and there was no indication on your map of the town. Landscaping is maturing nicely and the church and shrine are beautifully presented. Don't be disheartened by the loss of marks this year, these can be regained next year by strengthening litter control to the standard of previous years.