

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 27-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	28
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	21	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	15
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	10	9
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	182	179

Kinlough, County Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The overall Developmental approach in Kinlough is beginning to take place. Whilst improvements have taken place over the past year work still remains to be done. The suggestion in last year's report that a 3-5 Year Plan be prepared is still recommended. You are obviously receiving support from most of the village but in order to increase your markings the entire community must be involved in the efforts of the Tidy Towns Committee. One of the most significant problems for this year was flyposting. Some of the projects which will be coming to fruition in the coming year will certainly be an addition to the village, for example the new Museum and the new footpath. Thanks are due to the committee for returning the completed questionnaire and the small map which was most helpful.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

As last year the two principal buildings in the town the Catholic Church and the Church of Ireland are extremely well maintained. The National School also looks well as does the Courthouse Restaurant, Lake House and Falcon Lodge. Special mention must be made of the Garda Station which was brightly painted with its window boxes and lovely garden. Many of the other business premises are well presented and the new signage at Campbell's and Connolly's will help the Tidy Towns efforts. There is some dereliction in the village, notably on the Monien approach (which included a disused caravan) into the village. The old hotel wall fits into the streetscape with its nice floral display and painting. Similarly a derelict building close to Campbell's which has been whitewashed also looks well.

LANDSCAPING

The tree planting in the Main Street is excellent as are the floral displays at both Churches. The array of floral displays, flower boxes, hanging baskets throughout the village are lovely and a credit to all.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The wildlife and natural amenity section of this report appears to be dormant? As mentioned in last year's report a section apparently has been allocated for wildlife and this should be attended to next year. There is an abundance of wildlife in the area particularly to fish and birds. Perhaps the new nature walk could improve this situation. It is recommended that Coillte be consulted in this regard.

LITTER CONTROL

Kinlough looked well on adjudication day. Some residual litter was noticed on the Main Street and beside the school. Apart from this there was no litter to be seen in Kinlough.

TIDINESS

Kinlough was impressive on adjudication day. However, there are still some areas which need attention – open space on Manorhamilton Road with rusty corrugated shed and two abandoned cars. There are also a number of other untidy open spaces which need attention e.g. beside library (with its broken stone wall!). There are a number of lovely stone walls and paving throughout the village including the graveyard which was nice and tidy also. As already mentioned flyposting is a problem this year.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The appearance of all houses within the village and on the periphery generally are well presented. Many of the houses on the approach roads have excellent gardens with magnificent floral displays. Nice stone walls and well maintained beds and lawns are in abundance. Many of the houses in the estates are nicely painted with well maintained gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Most of the approach roads are good, particularly in relation to road surface. However, many of the verges were badly in need of attention. Remember the approach to any village is very important. Welcome to Kinlough signs are very attractive. Regarding back lanes there is one beside the Catholic Church with a display of abandoned cars at the bottom of it and grass and weeds overgrown on wall and road which generally takes away from the Main Street appearance. There is a nice floral display at the Community Centre.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall appearance of Kinlough is charming and there is obviously a good community spirit. It has great potential in the National Tidy Towns Competition and with a concerted effort by the whole community Kinlough can achieve a major award. Well done!