

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KINVARA**  
County : **GALWAY**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	21
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	22	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	20
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>188</b>

## **Kinvara, County Galway**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The committee continues to harness the goodwill of the residents in bringing the village closer to its potential. The effort has paid off in many of the areas given below.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

As with most towns and villages, Kinvara has its share of derelict buildings. The most obvious are opposite Dun Guaire, beside Winkles and the "Bakery" on the main street. The last mentioned was camouflaged some years ago but the veneer has now worn away. However, the overall impression on the quay is excellent and two stone buildings have been built or restored. On the Galway approach there is a fine complex of Selfcatering cottages and Seamount College looks well.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There is a grass strip on one side of Sraid Local Mendon together with a large mesh screen and a pallet. Their removal and a little grass cutting would improve the appearance. The Church of Ireland Memorial Garden is a quiet oasis but across the road the Community Centre needs a lot of attention. The overall effect of the street furniture at the quay is most attractive. Flower beds and shrub borders are nicely kept.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The harbour with its fishing boats floating on the tide is the most attractive feature, with Dun Guaire standing guard across the water.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The car park for Dun Guaire has litter hidden in the surrounding grass and rocks and there is no bin there. During my visit one shop owner used a blower to remove litter and leaves from his frontage. The wind blew them a few doors down to another store. A few items of litter were found at the Memorial Garden and outside the Auld Plaid Shawl. The Spar Store is still without a bin. There is obviously a shortage of capacity at the recycling centre because the containers were full and bags of bottles were left neatly at their base. The suppliers should be made aware of the need for more containers, especially during the busy summer months.

### **TIDINESS**

The Community Centre and the nearby Credit Union would benefit from a coat of paint. Some sand and builders materials remain at the corner site on the quay.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The circular Castlevew Park is well laid out and tended with many householders providing nice flower displays. Some lawns and gardens on the road to the recycling area are very special.

Convent Park was being used by children for play, and that is admirable. Unfortunately, they appear to have broken off branches from a willow and left them scattered around. In the same park there was what appeared to be bedding and some plastic on the grass.

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

The Kinvara name stones at the entrances are welcoming and the work on clearing and cleaning the Labane approach was worthwhile.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The impression is of a colourful seaside village with its own castle and lots of hanging baskets of flowers and gaily painted shop fronts. Litter, while present was not widespread. The walls of cut stone lend a solid air to the village approaches.