

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	31	29
Landscaping	40	21	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	32	29
Tidiness	20	12	10
Residential Areas	30	23	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	193	182

Kinlough, County Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Whilst Kinlough is performing well in the competition a 3/5 year plan will help to expedite progress and provide you with a clear focus as to where your priorities lie. Obviously you have the full backing of the community and your partnership with Leitrim County council is paying dividends. Kinlough was looking very well on adjudication day with a pleasant and welcoming ambience. Thank you for the completed entry form and detailed map.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The many freshly painted buildings create a good impression for the first time visitor and enhance greatly a most attractive streetscape. Dartry House incorporating the Museum is a gem and is a very prominent building in the village. The Churches all looked well and the freshly painted public houses were eye-catching. The Garda Station with colourful gardens, hanging baskets etc represents a nice introduction to the village and the millennium stone nearby is a striking feature. In general business premises were well maintained and the use of stone in the construction of boundary walls is highly commended.

LANDSCAPING

Various displays of colourful window boxes, hanging baskets, flower tubs and well presented gardens all combine to improve the overall presentation of Kinlough. The Grotto was presented well and the flower tubs and hanging baskets at the Church entrance were also noticed. The young trees planted at the School are maturing nicely.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Lough Melvin Walk should be signposted more prominently and wildlife habitats identified and made more accessible. As a Tidy Towns Committee you have an important role to play in protecting and increasing awareness of wildlife in your community. Give this section a priority rating in your future plans.

LITTER CONTROL

Very little evidence of litter on day of adjudication.

TIDINESS

The untidy open space with abandoned cars is still an eyesore and losing your marks under this heading. The area of the "Bring Centre" was also unattractive with overgrown grass and weeds very noticeable. Flyposting was not a problem this year – well done.

Kinlough is a very tidy village except for the aforementioned problems and some untidy open spaces on the side roads.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The new housing estate on the Rossinver Road is coming on well and the new footpath will be an important feature. There are some excellent houses in the village and on the periphery with well cared for lawns, sensible planting and colourful flowerbeds. The Garda Station is attractively presented and the estates in general all looked well. Melvin Fields should look well when finished and the much use of stone for the construction of boundary walls was greatly admired by the adjudicator.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Manorhamilton Road is impressive and when the new footpaths are complete will have a tidy and welcoming approach to the village. Other approaches were not as attractive, however, in many cases new unfinished developments are untidy looking at present and will enhance greatly the approach roads when work is finished. The Mill Road is disappointing and should be presented better. The Main Street was impressive with the freshly painted buildings and colourful floral exhibits the focus of attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Tidy Towns Committee is doing an excellent job and has achieved a lot in recent years. A 3/5 year plan is now essential to expedite progress and bring you into serious contention for an award. Attention to detail will also help in this regard. Keep up the good work – This adjudicator will be watching your progress with interest. Well done to all.