

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	33	31
Landscaping	40	22	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	13
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	24
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	199	193

Kinlough, County Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Many thanks for your very clear map which indicated virtually everything in the village! The new stone walling and footpaths were noted and admired as were the stone signs at the village entry points on the approach roads. Perhaps for next year's competition you could formulate a three to five year work programme outlining your plans for the village's future. This document need only be a few pages long and you should set a time frame against the implementation of these aims.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the buildings of the town looked extremely well on adjudication day. The Library looked extremely fresh in yellow with blue trims. The Post Office looked fine. The Courthouse Restaurant has an attractive peach tone. Spar was fresh and Connolly's Butchers was fine. The Old Hotel and Grill on the main street appeared fresh but unfortunately seems to have been abandoned? The two churches looked quite charming on Main Street in particular the Catholic Church whose entrance gates maintain the street line while the building itself set back from the road, sported some attractive hanging baskets and flower tubs. McGowan's, the Dartry Centre, the Tickled Trout Bar and the Wellington Bar in yellow with green trims were all extremely fresh. The new modern community centre was admired as was the graveyard with its stone wall boundary. The Garda Station with its attractive rose garden and grounds was greatly admired.

LANDSCAPING

Commercial premises and individual houses contribute strongly to this aspect of the competition with their hanging baskets and window boxes. The Millennium stone was admired and the playing fields were well maintained. There is scope for further development in this area of the competition – perhaps the filling station could consider introducing some planting at their prominent location.

WILDLIFE

The Lough Melvin Walk must be an attractive prospect for visitor and resident alike. Kinlough is fortunate in regard to this aspect of the competition in its magnificent location in splendid scenery.

LITTER CONTROL

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good. However minor outbreaks were evident – cans etc. had been scattered by the recycling bins – perhaps you could organized a more frequent collection? A couple of bottles were spotted on the

Rossiniver Road but generally the standard was extremely good.

TIDINESS

The village has a very neat and ordered appearance generally. Minor issues were the children crossing sign which appeared quite grubby and the odd incident of broken stone walling. A rough area opposite the grotto and near the bend from Main Street to Bath Street looked in contrast to the generally good presentation elsewhere. It was also a little bit overgrown at the recycling bins although they are located very discreetly. The adjudicator was particularly impressed by the fact that sheds and out buildings had been freshly painted and a wall whitewashed in the centre of the village – these had not been neglected when considering your overall presentation!

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Some of the boundary walls on the Bundoran Road appeared quite stained but generally the houses, boundary walls and gardens on this road looked well. An attractive stone house on this approach was admired. Melvin Fields Estate looked well and the planted trees were coming along nicely. An unusual stepped stone wall to a house with an attractive garden was also admired. The houses in the main streets of the village were generally well maintained – of particular note was an attractive garden at the bend from Main Street to Bath Street.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main streets of the town were well presented but approach roads looked rather overgrown on the day. It is important to strike a balance between achieving a natural presentation and letting the roads grow completely wild and unruly! Do discourage the use of advertising hoardings as these can give the road a rather cluttered appearance. The Manorhamilton Road affords the traveler a magnificent view to the mountains beyond. The new paving was noted. On the Rossiniver Road it was quite rough beyond the new town houses – perhaps these could maintain the existing street line by planting some trees - they are set back from the road.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kinlough is an attractive village where great efforts are apparent in every aspect of the competition – the whole community obviously shows great pride in their village