

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 04-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	37
The Built Environment	40	34	33
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	13	14
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	32
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>219</b>

# **Kenagh, County Longford**

## **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The activity on all fronts is much admired – it is clear from observation as well as from reading your well-produced documentation that there is a truly serious effort being made to improve this interesting village for the enjoyment of residents and passers by.

## **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

St George's Church is the finest example of 19th century architecture in the neighbourhood. It is superbly maintained, with its railings beautifully painted and gilded and their stone base kept clean. The recently restored clock tower is an object of real interest – it is wonderful to hear the chimes of the clock speaking as if to acknowledge the work that has been done in its resuscitation. It has been photographed and will be considered for a Heritage Award. The RC Church is very well maintained in its garden setting, as is the school. Most business premises are well looked after. If a purpose could be found for the use of the ruined Methodist chapel there should not be too much difficulty in finding the funds to restore it.

## **LANDSCAPING**

The extensive roadside planting by the church and school, including their grounds and the grotto, has been photographed and will be entered for the regional Landscape Award – but do remember that this category embraces nine counties. The grassed space at the Parochial Hall is also well kept and makes a first rate introduction to Kenagh coming from the easterly direction. Floral displays here and there are obviously going to make their mark by midsummer.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Since this adjudicator's last visit some three or four years ago there has been appreciable progress on the canal project at Foigha – this is now an attractive amenity area. The lock gates at Mosstown are in remarkably good order – perhaps this is part of the same scheme. The road to Mosstown Mill via the eagle gate is pleasant and packed with interesting sights; it is a potentially attractive walk but it must be up to owners of adjoining properties and houses to realise this in a practical way.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

There was very little litter on adjudication day – congratulations.

## **TIDINESS**

Ongoing work to the extension of a business premises at the east end of the village has

led to this becoming an untidy corner, but the effect will be temporary. The same may be said of ongoing work on the Mosstown road near the dovecote.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

There are some first class traditional street houses – among the most admired are a cream-coloured Georgian house (opposite Candy Bar) and a yellow house (opposite Post Office). The rose covered cottage near Newman's and the thatched cottage have great charm. Stone wall boundaries at some suburban homes were favourably noted. The small estate near the RC Church is well kept.

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

Excellent paving was noted. The car parks at both churches are very well maintained. The surface of Mosstown Road is poor, but this is a bye-road and obviously can not be a priority. With so much activity and therefore expense under way, this may not be the time to suggest removal of overhead wires and installation of a better design of lamp standard – but such improvements have made no end of difference to some other villages in the county.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Much has been achieved, yet 'potential' is perhaps still the key word for Kenagh. It is the energy and imagination of the people which has brought up many another village throughout the country from quite unprepossessing beginnings to the top grade nationally over a period of hardworking years.