

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kinlough**

Ref: **677**

County: **Leitrim**

Mark: **202**

Category: **A**

Date: **16/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	33	33
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	14
Litter Control	40	33	32
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	23
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>199</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Kinlough was looking well on adjudication day except for the many new housing developments that are currently taking place, however, the adjudicator has allowed for same and is pleased to award an increase in marks.

Continue to engage the support of schools and develop a closer working relationship with the Local Authority.

Thank you for the completed entry form and detailed map.

### The Built Environment:

Again buildings were very well presented this year. Some freshly painted and many with floral displays. Work had commenced at the entrance to Catholic Church so the nice floral displays were missed this year. The red roses at the entrance to Rossinver Parish Church were noted and those responsible are congratulated.

The overall excellent presentation of commercial properties is a very strong element of your Tidy Towns effort and contributes greatly to the enhancement of the Main Street.

### Landscaping:

The comments contained in last year's report still remain. There is scope for further developments in

this area. The Millennium Stone is eye catching and the landscaping at the entrance to Melvin Fields housing estate was much admired.  
To progress further under this head please refer to pages 13/14 of the Tidy Towns Manual and also seek advice from a garden expert.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Your greatest asset under this heading is Melvin Forest Walk. The entrance here needs to be up-graded and suitable car parking facilities provided. An orientation map might also be considered. The very rural setting that is Kinlough should enable you to be more proactive under this heading. ie. identify and signpost wildlife habitats, create nature walks etc.

### **Litter Control:**

Excellent on adjudication day except for incidental litter at the entrance to Melvin Walk and in the area of bottle banks. Obviously your partnership with the schools is working well.

### **Tidiness:**

Overall Kinlough has a tidy and well kept appearance. When new developments are completed and landscaped in line with planning requirements the overall tidiness of the village will be enhanced greatly. Untidy grass verges were noted on the Rossinver Road and as already mentioned the area of bottle banks was most untidy. These are matters that can be easily put right.

### **Residential Areas:**

Private houses in the village and along approach roads are well cared for. Many have colourful gardens, well presented boundary areas and neatly cut lawns. Glenview Estate needs attention and was not looking its best on adjudication day. Melvins Fields is developing nicely and the plantings at the entrance was much admired - it is hoped that other new housing estates will follow suit.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

All approach roads were presented well, however, there is still a requirement to freshen up sign posting and trim verges and hedging on a regular basis.  
New footpaths have improved the streetscape greatly and the greater use of stone in the building of walls is highly commended.

### **General Impression:**

You are progressing nicely. Attention to detail will enhance your ratings greatly.  
Work closely with housing developers to ensure landscaping is completed to a very high standard and develop a strong working relationship with the Local Authority.