

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kenagh**

Ref: **246**

County: **Longford**

Mark: **225**

Category: **B**

Date: **29/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	38
The Built Environment	40	34	34
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	32
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	225	223

Overall Developmental Approach:

Many thanks for the application, the map, information and plan of objectives. Kenagh has become a very pleasant village and noticeable improvements were noted over the recent past. Is there any spin off from the nearby Corlea Centre - craft shops as well as coffeeshops (Michaels was noted) do tend to entice people to stop for a while.

The Built Environment:

There are a number of finely presented building in the village dominated by the Clock tower. This obviously was not operating as it stated 7.55 am at 1.00pm. Michael's, New mans and Beltons were well presented. The school looked well though you need to use disease resistant roses in future as this cuts down on spraying and maintenance. The prominent building at the corner is undergoing development and will contribute immensely to the village appearance when completed. The Church of St. George is a fine building. The RC church was neatly presented and was well landscaped. Work was being undertaken on the GAA grounds - and presumably the carpark will be cleared up when completed. The community centre is a fine amenity though it does need a coat of paint and stands of similar species trees would enhance it considerably. The Midland Health building looked well.

The small church on the Cartron road presents a great opportunity for development.

Landscaping:

The incidental landscaping throughout the village looked well. Do keep the focus on long term planting and permanent year round features. Take care and maintain the trees that are planted. Some needed replacing e.g. opposite the GAA centre.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

There are some wonderful habitats around Kenagh - woodland, bogland , waterside - you are lucky to have these resources. Good to hear of the interpretive signage which is imminent - these hopefully will be set out in a manner that they will blend in with the surrounding area. There is potential for a wildlife walk around the area - this could be conducted in conjunction with the school and the various elements of the habitats, could be incorporated into it. ENFO, Birdwatch Ireland and the Irish Peatland Conservation Council all have information to help you with this.

Litter Control:

Litter control throughout the village was good on the day of adjudication. There were a good number of litter bins and these were well maintained. Is there a litter awareness programme being operated through the schools? The Green Schools Initiative should also be considered - further information from An Taisce.

Tidiness:

The village was generally tidy on the day of adjudication. Attention to detail is required though e.g. the painting of the green doors on the Cartron road and the removal of traffic cones when work is completed.

Residential Areas:

The houses in the main street looked well and the use of traditional colours help to unify the village. The small estate on the Cartron road was well maintained and it was good to see children playing on well kept play facilities. On the lead in roads there were a number of houses displaying well kept gardens - well done.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The lead in road from Ballymahon was very pleasant and the Cartron road was fine. The Longford approach really needs to be taken out further when you are competing at this level of the competition. The marginal cutting back of verges can gradually peter out and merge into the rural landscape. The backroad to Mosstown Mill which has some most interesting features, was very pleasant and there were a family here having a Sunday picnic.

General Impression:

Kenagh has considerable resources as seen by the number of surrounding habitats that can be admired. The historical nature of the area and the remaining artefacts makes it a most interesting area to visit. The proximity of the canal complete with well preserved locks and towpath ensure that there is much to do. A short plan encompassing future objectives, thoughts on developments and management required for the area, is needed. The adjudicator looks forward to it - well done on the work achieved - there is a good sense of community and best of luck with your progress in the competition.

