

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kinlough**

Ref: **17**

County: **Leitrim**

Mark: **205**

Category: **A**

Date: **24/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	34	33
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	34	33
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	205	202

Overall Developmental Approach:

Kinlough continues to make steady progress and had a tidy appearance on adjudication day. Support from all stakeholders, residents, local authority and schools for the work programme undertaken by the Tidy Towns Committee is now essential to make significant progress in this competition. Your excellent map and detailed entry form was much appreciated and very helpful.

The Built Environment:

Kinlough retains much of its traditional architecture while coming to terms with a number of derelict buildings. Namely a private house on the Bundoran Road and the corrugated shed at the junction of Mill Road and Bundoran Road. The completed works at the Catholic Church are very impressive and add greatly to the visual appeal of the Main Street. Private and business premises along the Main Street were well presented with some using floral displays and fresh colours to enhance their appearance.

Landscaping:

Trees planted along the Main Street soften the streetscape and enhances the rural appeal of Kinlough. Shrubs and flowers at Rossinver Parish Church and the Spar Shop are well presented and attractive. As mentioned in last years report the Tidy Towns Handbook offers valuable information

to help you formulate an achievable action plan under this heading. The Millennium Stone is an attractive focal point on the Manorhamilton Road

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Last year's comments regarding Melvin Forest Walk are still relevant. Consider taking on board suggestions in the Tidy Towns Handbook, working closely with the local schools, taking advice from the environmental experts and possibly assigning one member of the committee to follow through on this particular section.

Litter Control:

With no litter bins visible on adjudication day one would have expected some litter in this busy rural village but only incident litter around the area of the recycling bank was visible.

Tidiness:

Kinlough was generally well presented with the few remaining derelict buildings and some open spaces needing attention. The recycling area appeared untidy. Untidy grass verges and boundary areas in need of attention were noted on approach roads. Four Masters National School, The Post Office and Churches on the Main Street appeared tidy and cared for.

Residential Areas:

Most housing estates were very well presented making good use of open spaces and planting. The entrance to Melvin Fields was impressive although the green within the estate is a little disappointing. Glenview Estate was looking well with floral displays and young trees noted. There are some fine examples of private gardens on the approach roads and in the village. The housing area opposite the Library is in need of attention. Attention to boundary walls, verges and green open spaces could secure you valuable marks under this heading.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approaches were generally well presented. Stones were visible at the base of your town nameplate, a sign that work was about to commence on your Kinlough stone signs I trust. Grass margins on the Bundoran Road were trimmed and tidy. Congratulations to those concerned. On going building work especially around the area of bridge on Mill Road gives an untidy appearance. Some occasional weeds on footpaths and boundary walls need attention. The use of stone walls for boundary areas is in keeping with your streetscape and should be encouraged as a landscaping feature for the many new developments around Kinlough.

General Impression:

Attention to detail is now required to achieve further progress. Consider formulating a work programme with realistic goals and assign people to follow up on specific actions. Continue to encourage the support of private owners, schools and local authority.