

Kinvara Tidy Towns Three Year Plan

2024 - 2027



Introduction

Kinvara (Cinn Mhara) is a small seaside town with a population of 721 approx situated (as the name states) at the head of Kinvara Bay in South Country Galway. It is the eastern gateway to the Burren and on the N67 leading to the Cliffs of Moher.

Kinvara is also situated on the Wild Atlantic Way and the Burren Way trail, so has a large Tourist industry.

As you enter Kinvara from the east you pass Dun Guaire Castle restored in the 1900s and one of the best known and most photographed castles in Ireland along a road that unfolds glorious views of the sea and the harbour encircled by quayside homes and shops mainly dating back to the nineteenth century.

Many of the people who own and work in the town's cafes, restaurants, bars and shops are dependent, in part at least, on tourism for their living while Shannon Development who run the Castle as a tourist attraction provide jobs for local people.

The village population is growing steadily with the addition of new estates and is supported by a primary and secondary school in the village and two primary schools on the outskirts of the village. The village has great natural amenities, the quay, playground, sports fields and over 75 community and sports groups. A growing affiliation with sea swimming, wellbeing and having events outside is influencing village life and our tidy towns plans. Life in this village is rich in spirit, music, the arts, sport and inclusive. At the heart of our village, we have the Dolmen centre a truly special place to visit and the dolmen centre gang are part of our village in so many ways and not just tidy towns. Everyone can find their tribe and place to thrive in our village, you just have to seek it and you will be embraced.

In Summer, the town bustles with cars, buses and local traffic, so the challenge of keeping the town near, tidy and litter free is considerable and especially challenging during the towns two festivals. Notwithstanding the last two and a half months since restrictions have eased. The Fleadh na gCuach is a music festival held on the May Bank Holiday weekend and the Cruinniu na mBad is held in August celebrating the gathering of the traditional boats that once traded between Connemara and Kinvara.

Although to some extent a commuter town for Galway, Shannon and Limerick, Kinvara is also based on the farming community living and working in its hinterland. The old corn store by the Quay, Murphy Stores, points to a past when the local farmers were exporting their grain by sea to Galway and beyond. Our harbour is still in use with mussel fishing and our bay is actively used for paddle boarding, swimming and sailing.

It's the people both locals and blow ins that energise the village and there is always something to do, an art exhibition to go to, somewhere to volunteer to use aligned with your talents and there is always a friendly chat to be had in our cafes. Check out the blog link below which reflects our village and narrates the village experience and cool vibe that Kinvara gives to those who live here and visit.

Blog - <https://redroute5.wordpress.com/2021/11/13/kinvara-experience-a-cool-village-vibe/>

Website - <https://kinvara.ie/>

Socials - <https://www.facebook.com/Kinvara.ie/> and Instagram/Kinvara Tidy Towns.

Strategic Plan Review

Our simple strategy is to "love this place" and build both civic and emotion pride in this beautiful village overlooking Kinvara bay and nestled at the foothills of the Burren.

Our overall objective is to improve the village we live in by encouraging pride and ownership in community projects and activities to make Kinvara a great place to live, work and visit.

This plan is focused on raising standards by the Tidy Towns team and community over the next three years. We are continuously striving to increase even further participation of community groups and businesses, supporting and fostering ownership of initiatives that benefit the community, our businesses and critically our environment.

Compliance & Best Practices

The Kinvara Tidy Towns strategic plan and day to day projects and practices are aligned with a range of best practice and policy frameworks. See below the main frameworks adopted.

- 1) Tidy Towns Framework and handbook (www.tidytowns.ie),
- 2) The National Biodiversity action plan 2021 – 2025,
- 3) Galway County Heritage and Biodiversity plan (2017 – 2022),
- 4) All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021 – 2025,
- 5) United Nations Sustainable Goals 2015,
- 6) Burren Beo advocacy and conservation recommendations,
- 7) An Taisce initiatives,
- 8) Leave no trace Ireland best principles.
- 9) Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland – Education, Awareness, Best practices & grants.
- 10) Repak – Awareness, Education, Best practices.
- 11) Kinvara Area Biodiversity plan 2021 – 2024.

Community – Your Planning & Involvement Actions List

Community – Your planning and Involvement	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023
Tidy Towns Score Trends	39	40	42	44	46	47	48



	<i>Projects / Initiatives/Actions</i>	<i>Time Frame</i>	<i>Community Involvement & Enablers for Projects</i>
1	<p>Seek to increase opportunities to engage our community in taking pride of place in their community and communicating to them the benefits of the Tidy Towns framework in achieving our common goals to make Kinvara a great place to live, work and visit. Through several ways such as link ups with community and youth groups including schools, volunteering sessions, Saturday spring cleans, community meitheals, Social media, attending monthly Community council meetings, collaboration on projects with the various environmental groups in Kinvara, Community events and community projects.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Tidy Towns Galway County Council Area engineer, Environment section of Galway Co. Co. Mens shed Dolmen centre Wider Community groups including 8 other environmental groups. Businesses groups Primary Schools (3). Secondary school - Seamount Cubs & Scouts 75 plus community organisations Burren Beo, Cuan Beo Kinvara Earthkeepers Foroige. KAVA ICA Kinvara Community Council Councillor Joe Byrne. Festival groups</p>
2	<p>Develop an ongoing list of priority jobs to publish within our whats app group. To promote activities, act as call out to volunteers to assess skills and interests and have direction for the months ahead. Informal meetings outside continue to keep engagement and focus.</p> <p>Offering three volunteering slots each week particularly from April to Sept allows choice and participation across the group as best suits each individual interests and time.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Tidy Towns Volunteers Core Tidy Towns volunteers on committee.</p>

3	<p>Seek to identity new ways to promote Tidy Towns as a volunteering activity of choice (pride of place, wellbeing, healthy, value based, social, active etc, flexible, 1 hour per week (micro volunteerism, one off community clean ups).</p> <p>For new residents and inclusion of all our community to ensure included and connected.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Tidy Towns Community council meetings Social media Power of One initiative – one hour, one event, one group Networking and communications with the chairpersons of our four biggest sports clubs. Interactions with public and community when out and about. Word of mouth Social connection – new to village Promote our community group through action and visibility.</p>
4	<p>Continue to encourage, foster and develop partnerships with all our local businesses, community groups and specifically all tourism related businesses. The focus being on awareness, encouragement and support ongoing improvements year on year.</p>	2024 – 2027	<p>Tidy Towns, Businesses, Community groups, Sporting groups.</p>
5	<p>Assess appropriate and best fit competitions for Tidy Towns and funding opportunities that would support our strategic plan and supporting our overall vision for Kinvara.</p>	2024 – 2027	<p>Plan to enter a number of awards when projects, schedules and experience allows.</p>
6	<p>Seek to continue to focus on engagement of our youth in Kinvara in schools and outside of school.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Primary schools, secondary schools, youth groups (Foroige), beavers, scouts, cubs, sports clubs and the Kinvara Earthkeepers through awareness initiatives and projects.</p>
7	<p>Focus on inclusion is important to this group. So continued collaboration on initiatives, practices and projects to support and involve the Dolmen centre and the Accessibility needs of our community is important to Kinvara Tidy Towns (paths, benches, awareness campaigns). The Dolmen group join tidy towns at least once a week to work on litter picks and tidy towns projects. They also look after the memorial garden and the seabed.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Dolmen centre.</p>
8	<p>Seek to benchmark with Tidy Towns groups in South Galway and North Clare.</p>	2024 – 2026	<p>Kinvara Tidy Towns Chair, secretary & co-ordinator.</p>
9	<p>The strategic Tidy Towns three-year plan is developed working with community groups involved. It is based on community needs, requests, consultation, engagement and socialisation of the plan with all key stakeholders before initiating a project and throughout to gain support.</p>	2024 – 2026	<p>Kinvara Tidy Towns. Community Council Shared on social media – overall three year plan and annual goals.</p>
10	<p>Continue to partner with and support our local conservation groups BurrenBeo and Cuan Beo. In respect to awareness and education programmes, workshops, campaigns and conservation and clean up initiatives.</p> <p>Burren Beo Trust is a landscape charity dedicated to connecting all of us to our places</p>	2024 – 2026	<p>Kinvara Tidy Towns CuanBeo BurrenBeo</p>

	<p>and our role in caring for them throughout the Burren region.</p> <p>Cuan Beo Cuan Beo is a community-based organisation established with a mission of improving the quality of life, environment, economy and heritage around Galway Bay.</p> <p>Kinvara Earthkeepers and TY co-ordinator collaborations are ongoing focus with the greenschools, Earthkeeper and the An Gaisce programme.</p>		
11	<p>Support and leadership of Community Events and promotion of green events policy. Kinvara Tidy Towns volunteers are members of each festival committee. The group holds chairperson and festival volunteer roles. Tidy towns also ensure that green practices form part of the festival planning and management pre and during the festival. A third contribution by Kinvara Tidy Towns is the development and leadership on the festival litter management plans.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Rock and Road Marathon St Patricks Day Parade Fleadh na gCuach Cruinniu na mbad.</p>
12	<p>Expertise leverage internally within our Community and externally. To continue to seek expertise and apply for grants that will progress our key projects. As well as build competence and confidence in what we are striving to achieve.</p>	2024 – 2027	<p>Tidy Towns Expertise in the environmental groups and wider community groups External as needed and appropriate to our strategic projects.</p>
13	<p>Enhancement of branding and content will be facilitated and promoted through a new logo for tidy towns and an updated website</p>	2024 – 2027	<p>Tidy Towns Community Volunteers with expertise in graphic design and websites.</p>
14	<p>Nature Relationship Radio show pilot and roll out. Focus on 1) Kinvara Tidy Towns initiatives, projects, 2) Kinvara Earthkeeper TY students voice, 3) Environmental groups and third level related speakers. PR podcasts and promote via radio city app and alexa app.</p>	2024 – 2027	<p>Kinvara FM Mentor Kinvara Tidy Towns Kinvara Earthkeepers Environmental Groups in Kinvara and South Galway. Research scientists</p>

Streetscape & Public Places Actions List

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Tidy Towns Score Trends

2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023
39	40	40	41	42	44	46

	<i>Projects / Initiatives/Actions</i>	<i>Time Frame</i>	<i>Community Involvement & Enablers for Projects</i>
1	<p>Meet & Work with the Area Engineer to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Dog poo units and initiatives to manage all litter challenges. 2) Community clean ups 3) Waste management support – Covid pandemic, summer & our four main festivals. 4) Meadow management 5) Signage 6) Projects & Initiatives eg. New Community centre and Quay enhancement plan objectives. 	2024 - 2027	Tidy Towns Chair Area Engineer
2	<p>Review with businesses, KAVA (Kinvara Area Visual Arts group) and community groups opportunities to enhance public spaces where possible with murals and artwork.</p>	2021 – 2028	Tidy Towns, Community Council, Local Councillor Joe Byrne
3	<p>Community Centre Mural Project celebrating all unique aspects of marine and landscape in Kinvara. *Will commence post energy efficiency project in Community Centre in 2024.</p>	2024 – 2026	Anna Messenger (Local artist), Secondary School children & other community groups
4	<p>Development of a boardwalk will greatly enhance our village and support multiple strands of our Tidy Towns strategy. Planning is due to start in 2023.</p>	2023 – 2028	Kinvara Community Council, Local County Councillor, Local Ministers, Board Walk subgroup, Galway County Council, EPA, Planning authority.
5	<p>Erection of a revised Heritage map at the Pier to highlight our Heritage and encourage all to take in our beautiful buildings and spaces.</p> <p>Erection of the individual naming plaques for each heritage point on map.</p> <p>Design & Posting of a special plaque for the Memorial Garden and Welcome sign.</p> <p>*Covid has impacted on the completion of this project, extended timelines to reflect capacity to progress in 2023.</p>	2024 - 2025	Heritage Group, Tourism Business Group, Tidy Towns.
6	<p>Large Infrastructure & Other Projects will feed into the Galway County Development plan 2022 - 2028 (Kinvara area plan)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Continue to lobby and influence the introduction of a carpark and potential move of our bottle bank. 	2023 – 2026	Area Engineer Galway County Council Tidy Towns.

	<p>2) Statutory Signs & Industrial posts to review potential alternatives.</p> <p>3) Continue to lobby also the placement of electrical wires underground and removal of junction boxes).</p> <p>4) Review traffic management in village and the development of a revised Parking & Traffic Management plan post the new future carpark.</p>		
7	<p>The rebuild of a traditional water gulley at the community centre using cobble stones rescued from Kinvara Mainstreet pre road works in 2019. The development will also focus on the areas in front of the Community centre.</p>	2024 – 2025	<p>Tidy Towns. Kinvara Community Council Area Engineer. Mens shed. Community groups.</p>
8	<p>Influencing and promoting the benefits of looking after shop and business fronts through our community council, interactions with business owners, tourism group and social media is ongoing.</p>	2023 – 2026	<p>Tidy Towns Social media Tourism group Community Council</p>
9	<p>Community Enhancement plan</p> <p>1) Additional benches.</p> <p>2) Enhancement of grass levelling on Quay area.</p> <p>3) Removal and clean up of grass on old pier.</p> <p>4) Accessibility for wheelchairs to move from parking, over kerbs and onto grass on green.</p> <p>5) Addition of lighting and benches at the Community centre.</p> <p>6) Addition of bike racking at locations around the village starting with the Quay area.</p>	2022 – 2025	<p>Led by local councillor Area Engineer Galway County Council Tidy Towns Residents Donations</p>
10	<p>To make a list of buildings and assess ownership and assess ways to influence upkeep and if occupied or not. Seek advice from Galway Country Council and local councillor as needed.</p>	2023 – 2025	<p>Kinvara Tidy Towns Local councillor Galway Country Council</p>
11	<p>Continued focus on benches, public buildings and walls upkeep and ongoing maintenance. Including the use of appropriate flower beds, trees and flower pots to enhance our streets and public areas.</p>	2022 – 2025	<p>Kinvara Tidy Towns Business owners. Residents.</p>

Green Space & Landscaping Actions List

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		2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023
Tidy Towns Score Trends		34	34	34	36	38	40	42
<i>Projects / Initiatives/Actions</i>	<i>Time Frame</i>	<i>Community Involvement & Enablers for Projects</i>						
1	Enhance our pollinator planting plan to support our diversity goals to increase wildlife and long lasting perennials. We have gone from about 60% pollinators in 2019 and plan to move to 85% by 2024.	2024 – 2027		Tidy Towns, Local Horticulturists				
2	Maintenance of flower beds, pots and grass meadow management in public spaces such as the Quay, Hollytree, grass verges around and near our welcome signs and the memorial garden.	2024 – 2027		Tidy Town volunteers Men's shed Dolmen centre Community Residents Galway County Council.				
3	Seek to benchmark and model best practices in 'Green spaces, Landscaping, Sustainability, Nature & Biodiversity in our locality' in the West and beyond over the next three years who are involved in Tidy Towns.	Ongoing		Tidy Towns Following environmental and tidy towns groups on social media. Contacting groups for ideas and expertise on projects completed.				
4	Develop area around new Welcome sign to Kinvara on the Dunguaire castle side. Intention is to create a highly visual area which both welcomes visitors and includes a display of seasonal and native flowers, shrubs and trees.	2024 – 2025		Tidy Towns N67 Project team Area Engineer Galway County Council.				
5	To identify areas for the development of mini forests , small groups of trees within our village. *Cross dependency with Biodiversity Tree audit scheduled for 2024.	2024 – 2026		Tidy Towns Kinvara Ballindeereen Tree sub group BurrenBeo Other groups & expertise as needed.				
6	Management of the memorial garden – raised beds, planting, grass cutting agreement and painting.	Ongoing		Dolmen centre. Galway County Council Tidy Towns.				
7	Hollytree garden management – meadow, shrubs, trees and new TY native and pollinator flowers and shrubs bed.	2022 – 2025		Tidy Towns TY students BurrenBeo External expertise on landscape and biodiversity plan. *Part of three-year biodiversity plan.				
8	Responsibility for Advice and direction on pruning and cleaning up beds is facilitated and scheduled by our horticulturist Ian Griffiths for each season. In line with our five year planting strategy.	2021 – 2025		Horticulturist Ian Griffiths Tidy Towns				

Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality Actions List

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Tidy Towns Score Trends

2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023
28	28	28	29	29	31	33



	<i>Projects / Initiatives/Actions</i>	<i>Time Frame</i>	<i>Community Involvement & Enablers for Projects</i>
1	Agree formal annual meadow management plan including cutting frequency of all green areas in Kinvara with Galway County Council. KTT continue to manage Hollytree garden meadow cutting.	Ongoing	Tidy Towns Galway County Council
2	Ongoing bases ensure that our planting plan is based on sound biodiversity and sustainability principles, inclusion of native species to the Burren and Ireland. All in compliance with the all Ireland pollinator and biodiversity plans.	Ongoing	Tidy Towns, Local Horticultural
3	Continue to encourage and become informed on more sustainable forms of weed and pest management. In 2022, we are starting to look at some eco practices that we can afford. Will be exploring options to help with kerb and some stone edged beds maintenance.	2022 – 2025	Tidy Towns Community Groups Galway Country Council External expertise and advice. Research
4	Promote awareness and education in Biodiversity in our Community through Facebook, Instagram and through sharing of our plan and scheduling of our biodiversity calendar of talks each autumn.	2023 – 2026	Tidy Towns Social media Biodiversity calendar of talks Various env groups & speakers.
5	Implementation of our new Kinvara Area Biodiversity plan see list below of projects. Reference appendice two for the detailed plan. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. *Hollytree Garden Biodiversity Project 2. *Tree planting & Wildflower Meadow creation 3. *Biodiversity Awareness 4. *Pots for Pollinators Initiative 	2021 – 2024	Tidy Towns Kinvara Ballindeereen Tree gang. Foroige, External experts BurrenBeo

	<p>5. <i>Kinvara Earthkeepers Family Adventures Bucket List</i></p> <p>6. <i>Kinvara Heritage Trail Development Project</i></p> <p>7. <i>Biodiversity Initiative</i></p> <p>8. <i>Biodiversity Nature Trail Development</i></p> <p>9. <i>*Run series of talks which communicate the importance of biodiversity and raise awareness within the community – Schedule agreed.</i></p> <p>10. <i>*Tree audit – Initiated</i></p> <p>*All projects asterisked have started in 2021 & 2022.</p>		Kinvara Climate change, Not over yet, Kinvara Trellick Community garden, Kinvara Earthkeepers, Cuan Beo, Kinvara and District Sustainable Energy Community
6	Build one small bug hotel in Hollytree garden and a second hotel in the Community centre.	2022 – 2024	Cubs, Beavers and Scouts
7	Seek to identify opportunities in all our green spaces, meadows and approach roads / lanes to promote Biodiversity and follow the national biodiversity and pollinator plans.	2023 – 2026	Tidy Towns Area Engineer Landowners Residents
8	Continue to build on our knowledge and learning in respect to the National Biodiversity plan 2017 – 2021, resources provided in recent biodiversity training, the national pollinator plan 2021 – 2025.	Ongoing	Tidy Towns Volunteers Community groups
9	Tidy Towns are going to partner with the Burren Nature Sanctuary and the National Botanical gardens in seed collecting in the Burren. This is part of the overall National Botanic Gardens National Seed Bank project. It will include training and volunteering. Check out project detail on https://www.burrennaturesanctuary.ie/	2023 – 2024	Tidy Towns Volunteers Burren Nature Sanctuary National Botanical gardens seedbank
10	Strive to keep the integrity of native shrubs, trees and flowers in Hollytree garden including the addition of signage and labelling.	2022 – 2024	Tidy Towns External expertise from Burrenbeo. Kinvara Ballinderreen Tree gang. Internal env group expertise from ecologists and scientists.
11	Set targets and plan to increase no of native trees in the public and greens areas and in the Kinvara area. Could be as small as groups of three, five trees including mini forests.	2024 – 2027	External expertise for a coastal village. Kinvara Ballinderreen Tree gang. Galway Country Council Environmental and Biodiversity officers.
12	Promotion of Biodiversity awareness through our Kinvara Earthkeeper activities, Cubs, Scouts,	2022 – 2025	Schools

	Beavers, Dolmen centre and TY An Gaisce programme.		Kinvara Earthkeeper group Env groups Tidy Towns
13	Supporting the Tree group in the design, planning and multiplier effect of planting trees is the next strategic goal for our partnership as well as the increase in Trees in the centre of our village.	2022 – 2030	Tidy Towns Kinvara Ballinderreen Tree gang External expertise and advise. Landowners Farmers Community groups
14	Set up multiple biodiversity trails within our village to support our future vision of connecting “biodiversity corridors”. The project has twin objectives : 1)Increase green areas in our village to create eco corridors and increase biodiversity. 2) To create walk ways and sign posted trails to connect our children and wider community with nature. This will be a long term project and target to start with three sports clubs starting in 2024 and targeting the second club in 2025.	2023 – 2030	Kinvara Community Council Kinvara Hockey Club, Schools Hollytree garden Pollinator beds and pots Community gardens – memorial garden, millennium garden, resident associations.

Sustainability – Doing more with less Actions List

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Tidy Towns Score Trends

2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023
15	16	17	21	21	23	25



	<i>Projects / Initiatives/Actions</i>	<i>Time Frame</i>	<i>Community Involvement & Enablers for Projects</i>
1	Complete revised audit of the waste handling practices/Resource/Energy Management/ Sustainability efforts within our businesses and wider community groups. Encourage, seek to encourage annual improvements and reporting of same.	2023 – 2026	Kinvara Tidy Towns Kinvara and District Sustainable Energy Community
2	Seek to influence improved waste management and recycling in Galway Council Council through lobbying and attendance at the	2024 – 2027	Tidy Towns Kinvara Climate change group. Other interested Tidy Towns groups in South Galway.
3	Continue to encourage the reduction of packaging, single use plastics in our businesses, promotion of reusable coffee containers, water refill bottles and the promotion of sustainable products available in our shops from biodegradable household cleaning to personal products such as soap and refillable items.	Ongoing	Business Owners Schools Sporting groups. Kinvara Plastics Free Group Kinvara Tidy Towns Conscious Cup Refillable coffee mug campaign 2022 & 2023 Social Media Signage Look for local campaigns
4	Work with the nine environmental groups to organise talks/events/social media posts to increase people’s awareness and competence in sustainability business and household living practices.	Ongoing	Kinvara Tidy Towns Cuan Beo, Burren Beo, Not over yet, Kinvara Climate group, Kinvara Ballindeereen Tree gang group, Kinvara Trellick Community

			garden, Kinvara Earthkeepers, Kinvara and District Sustainable Energy Community
5	Seeking to ensure planning for all events includes green practices in respect to waste management. Be it within the Community Centre and our four main festivals.	2023 – 2026	All businesses, Community groups, Festival committees, Sporting groups, Community centre & Tidy Towns.
6	To complete a collective review of all environmental groups mission and projects and seek to align where possible and best with the United Nations 17 sustainable goals in the interests of our community and the environment.	2023 – 2026	Tidy Towns, Seek input from other Env groups in village.
7	To look at rainwater collection and water usage efficiencies within the Tidy Towns group, community centre and in the wider community.	2022 – 2024	Tidy Towns Wider community GAA Business owners Residents Galway County Council Irish water.
8	To promote food waste reduction management strategies with businesses and seek to make annual improvements in waste generated reductions.	2022 – 2024	Tidy Towns Businesses Galway County Council Social media
9	Kinvara Earthkeepers have a number of immediate term goals to increase beach cleans from 2 to at least 4 – 5 in 2023. Other medium term initiatives are a new logo, refillable water cups ty project, single use plastic policy relaunch and an art single use plastic waste receptable. The projects will be cross community collaborations.	2023 – 2026	Kinvara Earthkeeper team Cuanbeo Seamount College Schools greenschool teams TY Business project team
10	Kinvara Trellick Community Garden development and inclusion of the wider community through awareness and knowledge sharing initiatives – talks, visits.	2023 – 2026	Trellick Community Garden group Kinvara Tidy Towns Community Residents
11	Development of the Kinvara Earthkeeper Programme with schools (green schools programme), cubs, beavers and scouts. Including collaborations with schools on common green school goal and running of regular programmes initiatives.	2023 – 2026	Kinvara Earthkeeper group, Schools, Cubs, Beavers, Scouts.
12	Sustainability Awareness – Tips, Strategies and information via social media and organised talks	2023 – 2026	Kinvara Tidy Towns Various resources
13	Continue to support Kinvara Climate action with common initiatives.	2023 – 2026	Kinvara Tidy Towns Kinvara Climate Action
14	Continue to work and get involved with the Kinvara and District Sustainable Energy Community group	2023 – 2026	Kinvara Tidy Towns Kinvara & District Sustainable Energy Community group

	From awareness, joint initiatives such as the Energy efficiency project for the Community centre and the Energy management master plan for the village.		
15	Continue to look at composting opportunities to support our planting and green projects.	Ongoing	Kinvara Tidy Towns
16	Promotion of eco packaging and plastic free solutions and look for local are ongoing social media campaigns.	2023 – 2026	Kinvara Tidy Towns Business owners on their own social media.
17	Sustainable planting strategy with self sufficiency is a strategic goal of our five year planting plan. This includes upskilling of volunteers in plant propagation and overall plant knowledge and gardening skills.	Ongoing	Horticulturist Tidy Towns
18	Promotion of electric cars and cycling is promoted through education and awareness. Initiatives being developed in village are the N67 cycle track, the red route cycleway and the addition of cycle racks in the village.	2023 – 2026	District Sustainable Energy Community group Tidy Towns Social media Local Councillor.
17	Install of water filter tap on the Quay near the slip way. Kinvara Tidy Towns are now facilitating the completion of the install phase of the water filter tap project initiated by the Kinvara Plastic Free group.	2023 - 2024	Kinvara Plastic Free group Kinvara Tidy Towns Area engineer Galway Country Council Irish Water.
18	Seed & Plant swop café to schedule for March 2024 to support a community of growers share event.	2024 to trial	Kinvara Tidy Towns Horticulturalists Environmental groups within village Community
19	Climate Ambassador – Tidy Towns chair has become a climate ambassador to learn, develop and lead climate change initiatives working across our community. Short term goals are to install the water filter tap and start radio show in 2023. As role evolves to focus on a sustainable communities plan for the wider Kinvara area.	2023 – 2026	Kinvara Tidy Towns Sustainability officer, Galway Co. Co. Kinvara and South Galway Environmental and Community Groups.

Tidiness and Litter Control Actions List

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Tidy Towns Score Trends

2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023
50	50	52	52	54	54	56

	<i>Projects / Initiatives/Actions</i>	<i>Time Frame</i>	<i>Community Involvement & Enablers for Projects</i>
1	<p>Run a litter awareness and action campaign among our community, schools & businesses. This will be led by Kinvara Tidy Town and our youth group Foroige. Continue with social media and working with businesses to improve tidiness and litter control.</p> <p>In 2022, this was enabled through our Leave no Trace national award and our community awareness day on April 10th (prize from wining facilitated by the Leave no Trace training team).</p>	Ongoingly	<p>All businesses, Organisations, Foroige & Tidy Towns, Schools, Kinvara Earth keepers.</p> <p>Social media highlighting black spots and personal responsibility has helped us with the Bottlebank in the village.</p>
2	<p>Look at increasing our team of litter pickers within the community to support and increase our weekly pick up effectiveness. Progress in 2022 has been the set up of Litter Squads on our approach roads to promote responsibility and ownership for looking after your own area. Two litter squads clean ups have taken place in 2022.</p> <p>Continue to promote two minute cleans amongst our community and Kinvara Earthkeepers (primary school children). Including the distribution of bags, gloves and litter pickers.</p>	2021 - 2024	<p>Led by Foroige Residents Community groups Tidy Towns & new community volunteers CE Workers Galway County council. Environmental section of Galway Country Council. Dolmen Centre Youth groups under supervision</p>
3	<p>Continue to run annual 'Bin Your Butt' campaigns working with Businesses and Community.</p>	2023 – 2026	<p>Businesses and community groups.</p>
4	<p>Examine ways of addressing litter during festivals and busy weekends in our village. Potentially this could be a team or extended festival team just working on litter picking or an enhanced litter management plan. So that we would have help and indeed coverage when we have festivals or large events.</p>	2023 – 2026	<p>Tidy Towns, Festival Committees, Businesses</p>
5	<p>Continue to run awareness campaigns to promote a sense of responsible dog ownership.</p>	2023 – 2026	<p>Area Community Warden, Tidy Towns, Businesses, Community groups</p>
6	<p>Gum litter awareness campaign.</p>	2023 – 2026	<p>Foroige Tidy Towns Galway County Council Schools Businesses Community</p>

7	Strive to implement the principles of leave no trace in our communications, education, and awareness campaigns, Kinvara Earthkeeper programme and in running our festivals.	Ongoing	Kinvara Tidy Towns Wider community groups.
8	Ongoing review of bins (segregation and compactor) and improved waste management practices working with community, area engineer, community members and councillors.	2023 – 2026	Tidy Towns Wider Community Area Engineer Joe Byrne local councillor.
9	Undertake training in Leave no trace principles to support initiatives and projects.	2023 - 2024	Kinvara Tidy Towns Kinvara Earthkeepers.
10	Spring clean ups scheduling on Saturdays and engagement of the community each year.	2023 – 2026	Kinvara Tidy Towns Community groups Residents Youth Groups – various
11	Beach cleans are one of the Earthkeeper activities. Strive to complete four to six beach cleans a year.	2023 – 2026	Kinvara Tidy Towns. Kinvara Earthkeepers Cuan Beo. Galway County Council. Community Beach lovers Swimming groups

Residential Streets & Housing Areas

Tidy Towns Score Trends

2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023
27	27	27	29	31	31	33

Residential Streets & Housing Areas Action List

	<i>Projects / Initiatives/Actions</i>	<i>Time Frame</i>	<i>Community Involvement & Enablers for Projects</i>
1	Seek to increase the collaboration and supports the Tidy towns group offers to estates and new residents.	Ongoingly	Tidy Towns, Estates Resident Associations, Community council, new residents, Local auctioneers.
2	Share learning on best practices in planting, biodiversity and sustainability practices within the estate surrounds and households through social media, workshops and showcases.	Ongoingly	Kinvara Tidy Towns
3	Potentially in the medium to long term consider the introduction of an award/competition to develop the already pride of place among our resident associations.	2024 – 2026	Tidy Towns
4	Tidy Towns to seek to influence low maintenance suggestions for areas such as Clare View (variation of mowing on grass/design imprint) and other estates where and when possible.	2023 – 2026	Tidy Towns Individual Estates.
5.	Nuns orchard residents are working on their own three year plan to develop the visual impact of their estate and with a focus on biodiversity and sustainable planting. Including the design of a plan for the lane from the main street access to Nuns orchard.	2023 – 2026	Nuns orchard residents Tidy Towns
6	Arvough plan to develop an amenity space and potentially raised beds. Tidy towns will support in respect to expertise and funding where applicable and possible.	2023 – 2026	Arvough Residents Tidy Towns
7	Bothar na Mios plan to develop their hedgrows and grow more trees. Tidy towns will support in respect to expertise and funding where applicable and possible.	2023 – 2026	Bothar Na Mios Residents Tidy Towns
8	Seek to engage and support all our estate developments including Convent park.	2023 – 2026	Estate Residents groups Tidy Towns

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes Areas Actions List

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes Areas

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2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023
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	<i>Action</i>	<i>Phase/Time Frame</i>	<i>Community Involvement</i>
1	Review the approach to signage on approach roads, streets and lanes in Kinvara with a view to partnering with the community, businesses and all stakeholders to make continual improvements.	2023 – 2026	All businesses, Organisations & Tidy Towns, Galway County Council & Area Engineer.
2	Strive for sustainable management of approach roads to allow for a balance between biodiversity, wildlife corridors, safety, visual attractiveness and planting of native species to the Burren.	Ongoingly	Tidy Towns, County Council
3	Through our regular clean ups , seek to enhance the visual impact on our approach roads and ongoing basis through the set up of litter squads that are active all year round.	Ongoingly	Tidy Towns, Foroige, Community, Organisations, Businesses, Area Engineer, Galway County Council.
4	Clean up and sandblasting of Welcome signs	2022 – 2024	Stone mason Local Councillor
5	Revisit grass management on verges near the castle welcome bed on the N67 road as part of the new plant and design plan for this area.	2022 – 2024	Tidy Towns Galway County Council Area engineer. Horticulturist.
6	Castle Welcome sign and Gort road welcome beds will re vamped in 2023 & 2024. A boat will be added to the castle welcome bed on the n67. A new kerb and edging will be added to the gort road welcome bed.	2022 – 2025	Tidy Towns Galway County Council. Community groups
7	Increased pollinator and biodiversity planting will be undertaken in all beds and boats on approach roads.	2023 – 2026	Tidy Towns Horticulturalist