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TRÁCHT was first published to celebrate the creativity, enterprise and scholarship which exists in our community. We hope you agree that this edition follows faithfully in that tradition.

Those of us who live in this area appreciate how fortunate we are to be able to do so. We are blessed in having the sea, the mountains, some good land and many historical, literary and archaeological links with the past. Above all, we have a vibrant, caring community where many different sports are voluntarily and enthusiastically promoted and within which many aspects of the arts flourish – creative writing, music, art and Irish dancing to mention but a few.

We send greetings to our exiles. We hope that TRÁCHT helps them to recollect many happy memories of their years in Kinvara. Now might be an opportune time for some of them to consider re-locating back to this area. Kinvara Community Council would be very happy to give any help it can to such people by putting them in contact with the appropriate state agencies for advice on grants and training and other incentives.

We also welcome and value the many visitors who come to us from all over the world. We enjoy having them with us and value their friendship and their diversity. They enrich us socially and culturally and we hope that they feel enriched and refreshed from coming to this area.

We welcome your views, your suggestions and your active participation in our community life. As we rapidly approach the beginning of the new millennium we should renew our faith in our community motto – ar aghaidh le chéile.

The Community Council wishes to thank most sincerely all who helped to get this edition of TRÁCHT published – our workers on the FÁS Community Employment Project, all who contributed articles, photographs and information, the advertisers and the committed editorial committee that gave direction and drive to the publication. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

May all the blessings of Christmas be on all the readers of this edition of TRÁCHT, and may the first year of the New Millennium be one which brings you ever increasing peace, happiness and fulfillment: and may all the years that follow it be likewise.