

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MULLAGH**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	162

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning entry form and maintaining your interest in the competition. You should do a three to five year plan that would identify areas that could be improved. You should consider contacting Clare County Council and Shannon Development in Ennis with a view to formulating a phased improvements plan for the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This new section in the competition is aimed at promoting an awareness and interest in the wildlife of your area. You should contact the local Irish Wildbird Conservancy representative who would be willing to help.

LANDSCAPING

You have numerous areas throughout the village that lend themselves to some landscaping development. The small flower bed development opposite the school should be extended to other areas - this would add more colour to the village. Tree planing on the approach roads would also present a favourable image for the village. There are some good individual efforts of flower displays but a co-ordinated approach is called for in order to raise your standards in this section.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The three public buildings: school, church and community hall, were all well presented and the school is particularly attractive. You have a number of poorly presented buildings throughout the village and as a committee all you can do is continue to encourage people to keep their premises well presented. The many derelict sites and uncared for open spaces present problems for progressing in this section.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control needs to be improved, especially in the village centre. Make sure there are adequate litter bins and if not you should contact the local authority or encourage traders to supply their own litter bins within or outside their premises. However, litter control can best be achieved by persuading people to co-operate.

TIDINESS

Because of the many overgrown open spaces and derelict sites in and around the village an image of untidiness is presented. In particular you will have to try and tackle the approach roads and keep the long grass checked. The village name sign is missing from the approach road by the school.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard of housing is good throughout and the treatment around the septic tank at the housing estate is an improvement. Encourage residents in the housing estate to paint their houses regularly together with the boundary walls. In short more painting and colour will enhance.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

This additional new section offers valuable marks for improving back and side entrances. This is particularly relevant in the village core where owners of premises should be encouraged to present their side and back areas to a high standard. The garages on both sides of the road could be much improved.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village has potential for much improvement. You need a development plan and a good FÁS scheme which would really give the village a boost. Such a plan should be phased and have the approval of all the community - good luck for 1997.