

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	25	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	24	25
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	5	6
TOTAL MARK	300	170	169

Mullagh, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning to completed entry form. You do not say if you are working to an agreed plan. If not, you should draft a list of suggestions for improving the village and get agreement on same from the community. You need to get the community involved directly - leaving development to Fás is only shortterm and will not offer sustainable effort over a long period. You need to enlarge your committee and make it as representative as possible.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The village has some fine buildings, many with interesting features. Some are not maintaining the traditional features and the use of plastic signs is no longer winning favour, if ever it did. Darcy's is well presented with a great colour scheme. The school and church are well presented with an excellent display of flowers and tubs. Conways and Centra are well presented. The Post Office, which is an important trading place would benefit from painting. Tubridys garage is poor in presentation at this focal point.

LANDSCAPING

The treatment of the two village pumps is excellent and sets the scene for what can be achieved with some of the village's traditional features. You need to concentrate on the approach roads and select appropriate locations for landscaping. The improvements in this section since last year are acknowledged.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is no evidence of work being done in this category. Perhaps the school pupils could be encouraged, with some help, to list the wildlife of the area.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was evident throughout the village and there seems to be a tolerance for litter in the village centre, which is a pity. Traders have a responsibility to provide adequate litter bins and to keep the environs of their premises free from litter.

TIDINESS

You have a problem here and there are many uncared for open spaces, together with untidy yards keeping your mark down in this section. The yard with the plethora of old cars is puzzling and needs to be improved. Farm gates can look well if painted and as a committee you should tackle this for next year. You also need to pay attention to many rusty roofs that are quite visible from the

approach roads.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

On an individual basis houses are well presented, and many have well developed landscaped gardens. Collectively, you need to concentrate on Finuremore Estate, which needs a painting blitz that would include boundary walls. Winterhaven is a gem on this important approach. The community hall is poorly presented and would make an ideal project for a committee to tackle.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

You have scope for improvement here and the points made in last year's report are still relevant. Access to the side and rear of the premises is very much a decision for the owners, so your role is to encourage a high standard. Signage is poor and some obsolete frames should be removed. You should also consider a "fáilte" sign at the principal approaches.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village, which commands a splendid view of Co. Clare has potential to become a high scorer in the competition. Your task is one of organisation and close liaison with the local authority and other agencies. Try and get a three year improvements plan drafted and agreed. This will chart the way forward and show people what can be achieved.