

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 10-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	26	24
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	20	24
Tidiness	20	12	13
Residential Areas	30	19	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>170</b>

## **Mullagh, County Clare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Mullagh is very welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition. It is good to know that your Local Authority is putting together a development plan for the community. We look forward to receiving details of this. Marks have been lost under some headings, notably litter control and tidiness. However there have been gains made in other areas, but in effect the total mark remains the same as last year.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The new stone work in the village centre around the pump looks well. The church and most buildings are well presented, particularly the national school house. 'Sextons' and 'Meanys' should both have their plastic signage replaced with more traditional handpainted signs. 'Conways' pub looks well. 'Turbridys' could be improved in its roadside presentation.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The new pump with the stone wall surround looks quite well. The village would benefit greatly with a planned approach to landscaping. No doubt this will be covered in the proposed plan being prepared by Clare County Council. Refer to the Tidy Towns Handbook for advice / guidelines.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Again the committee is referred to the Tidy Towns Handbook as a source of ideas, advice and guidelines. As suggested in last year's report, a wildlife survey could be undertaken and the broader community involved in the initiative.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was good overall. The only real litter problem was in the ditch approaching the village from the 'Lahinch' entrance to the village.

### **TIDINESS**

The garage beside 'Moroney's bar which features many car wrecks to its side area looks grossly untidy and presents a problem under this heading. Weeds had been recently sprayed but had become discoloured and look poor. Try to prevent this problem.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The green areas marking the entrance to the small residential

development at the national schoolhouse are very well presented and are probably one of the best features of Mullagh. Finuremore Park, the residential development at the school looks very well. Some walls have been weatherstained but this is not a serious problem. The boundary walls of some properties towards the village centre are in need of attention (bungalows). A good overall presentation under this heading.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The entrance to the village at the Lahinch end should be landscaped around the nameplate. A rock garden might be created here (or other feature). A new stretch of footpath has been noted. The small carparking area beside the national school could be nicely developed as it affords a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside. Approach roads have not been trimmed. The nameplate is missing from its frame at the opposite end of the village. Some road signs need to be refurbished. The wirescape is quite visually obtrusive, in particular the pole at the garage beside 'Moroneys' bar.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall presentation of Mullagh is reasonably good but there is considerable room for improvement. The magnificent view of County Clare from the village is an important asset.