

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	27	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	21	20
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	174	170

Mullagh, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your submission of photographs, map and completed from proved helpful on adjudication day. You mention that you have a three-year working plan and this is the way forward. You have done well from the Fás schemes of recent years and they have provided you with some valuable developmental work. However, you have problems beyond the norm and it is obvious you are not getting the backing of the whole community, and it must be said, of some traders in the village centre.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There has been little if any change since last adjudication day. This is unusual for the current climate of immense house and other property building. The public buildings looked well again this year and the church forecourt is well presented with some attractive flower tubs. The school as usual looks well and colourful. No progress on the replacement of plastic signs with more appropriate traditional type signs. Conways looked well again this year.

LANDSCAPING

There is a great deal of hanging baskets in the village centre and the treatment of the green wall opposite the Post Office is commendable. Excellent landscaping on the entrance to Finuremore housing estate and the treatment of the village pump is colourful. The feature in the square is very attractive and set the scene for the standard you should pursue throughout the village. You have several small open spaces that lend themselves to improved landscaping. You should create a Fáilte feature down at the cross and this would give greater entity to Mullagh.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You should embark on a tree and shrub-planting programme that would give food to wildlife. In this way you would be serving the environmental and wildlife needs of the village. Wildlife is now a valuable mechanism for raising your marks in the competition.

LITTER CONTROL

You were faulted under this section last year. There was a bundle of litter in one gateway that was very unsightly and the litterbin was overflowing in the village – but seemingly from domestic refuse being deposited in the bin. Otherwise litter was confined to the approach to the playing field.

TIDINESS

You have a serious problem here – principally from traders, abandoned cars, untidy yards and poor weed control. The rusty corrugated roof on the approach to the school, together with its overgrown forecourt needs attention.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

You have scored well here and the houses at Finuremore were well presented. Also, in the village centre houses were well presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads are very poor in presentation. This is due to excessive overgrowth on both approaches. If the council won't cut the grass you should procure a strimmers and do it yourselves. Approach roads give first impressions and are important.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Please refer to recent reports for suggestions on improvement. The village layout offers great potential for improvement, but you need the backing of the community if you are to progress. Try and get those who are not co-operating to show a greater interest. An improved Mullagh would be to everyone's advantage and would focus increased attention from locals and visitors alike. Good luck with your endeavours.