

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **RUAN**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	28	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	191	182

Ruan, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completed application form including map – we note that your five year plan was submitted last year. The work in co-operation with Clare County Council, FAS, Eircom and the Local Schools is evident throughout the village. Some projects are still in the implementation stage and we look forward to seeing their completion in the future.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Business premises in the village and also the old National School and the Church are well presented. Also the new School on the Dromore Road. It was noted that work has commenced on one of the derelict buildings in the village and this is to be welcomed. Perhaps the adjacent derelict building will also receive attention shortly. Stone walls throughout the village are well kept and work in progress on some of these was noted.

LANDSCAPING

Throughout the village and on the approach roads your work in this regard continues and in the area of tree planting is maturing nicely. In all areas the inclement weather this year has not assisted in these endeavours. The flower beds were noted on the Ennis approach but planting had not commenced here on day of adjudication. At the Park project being assisted by FAS, the stone sculpture was noted, also the rose and tree planting and what appeared to be an outdoor chess or draughts board – however, this area was rather overgrown and neglected. Work on the entrance and surround wall needs to be finalised and some indication of what the project is about also needs to be put in place. The area opposite Morty Kelly's Pub with the display map for the Mid-Clare Walking route had heaps of gravel and stones – this area also needs to be completed. In the village, the planting at the pump feature and in front of the filling station was noted and the planting at the rear of the Village Inn also makes a contribution. On the Tubber road the tree planting and green areas were noted – unfortunately some of the trees planted appeared to have been damaged and poles had been erected to prevent further damage. The tree planting, rose beds and green fenced areas were noted on the Corofin road. Here also people were taking ivy off walls and repairing same. At the housing estate the planting on the way in is attractive. However, the landscaping mentioned on your map for the back of the estate had not commenced and there were only heaps of stones and long grass to be seen on the day of adjudication.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your work in planting and tending to green areas contributes in this regard.

LITTER CONTROL

There is a good distribution of litter bins in the village and no litter was in evidence on the day of adjudication. The clean up evenings you organise and the awareness regarding littering in the national school is obviously paying off.

TIDINESS

All kerbs were weed free and an overall appearance of tidiness pervaded the village. However, the itinerants camp on the Dromore Road, with its old pool table and other items spread around including abandoned clothing on the opposite hedge is unfortunate.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most private houses are contributing in a positive manner to the tidy towns effort and the housing estate is well presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were presented very well and signage throughout is quite good with just a need to repaint one or two. Back areas in the village did not present a problem on the day of adjudication.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Committee are to be commended for the difference they have made to date in Ruan. Much has been achieved and the initial steps have been taken towards making further improvements in the years ahead.