

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 13-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	28	26
Landscaping	40	26	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	21	21
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	176	174

Mullagh, Co. Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The Committee is to be congratulated for their very fine presentation. A first comment would be that the Committee should produce a three-year programme, which is one of the core requirements of the Competition and allows for the Committee to concentrate on one section of the village at a time. There is a lack of direction at present.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Some buildings have been repainted but there should be a more co-ordinated approach with advice, possibly from one of the paint companies, and under the requirements of the Council's Village Paint Scheme. Possibly in this way more people within the village will participate in the Competition. Both the Church and School buildings and grounds looked very well, especially the School, which is a delightful building. Though the garage is pleasantly finished, the repair works on the opposite side of the street undermines this section of the street. Possibly screen planting of ivies or vines could be successfully used here.

LANDSCAPING

There is a great reliance on window boxes which do give a few months of colour, but tree planting would be a more permanent contribution, especially to the Square, the Church and School sites.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Very limited approach to this aspect. The Committee should consider the planting of indigenous trees such as thorn, ash and fuschia, which would be attractive to wild life.

LITTER CONTROL

Much litter outside O'Kelly's public house and the litterbin beside was over-flowing adjoining the telephone kiosk. Possibly an additional litter bin is needed at the playing field. The school children should be given a talk by a Committee member and encouraged to help in the monitoring and collection of litter.

TIDINESS

There was a general air of untidiness on the day of adjudication, which can only be overcome as more of the village becomes involved in the Competition and consider their own particular building.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are some very fine front gardens in the village and these are to be congratulated. Finnuremor housing is similarly well looked after.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Much more attention should be given to grass cutting on the approach roads to the village. Again, this problem could reflect on a limited number of people involved in the running of the Competition.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Though there is an air of some untidiness, the main impression relates to a lack of attention to small details that give a village its particular quality. The Committee should consider some of the suggestions offered and the creation of a three-year Development Plan.