

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	32
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	198	194

Ruan, Co. Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your submission proved helpful on adjudication day. We still await your three to five year plan which would chart the way forward for staged improvement. Such a plan would prove very beneficial to your committee and act as an effective discipline for your work programme. We would urge you to formulate it for next year.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

You have a good mix of public and private buildings in the village. The church dominates the area and is very well presented with attractive traditional features. The school, though a bit removed from the village centre is well presented. The service station is fair in presentation and would benefit from fresh painting. The Dalcassion Ruan is an attractive building at this focal point in the village. The old school is attractive and nicely embellished with some floral displays. In general the built environment is well presented.

LANDSCAPING

You have been busy in previous years under this section and every approach road is showing evidence of great effort e.g. stone walls, grass margins, tree and shrub planting and some amenity development. The little park on the Ennis approach is well presented and provides a welcome introduction to Ruan. The nest of trees in the corner needs some attention - these are a valuable asset to wildlife and will further enhance with the passing of time. The layout of the village offers plenty of opportunity for improving the landscape. You have done well with grass cutting, despite the adverse weather conditions leading up to adjudication day. The tubs outside the school need attention, together with the entrance gates to the G.A.A. field.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The attractive array of tree planting, hedgerows and village park offer an opportunity for the promotion of wildlife. You might consider listing the local prevalent wildlife and have it illustrated on a display board in the park.

LITTER CONTROL

Although the litterbin at the school was overflowing on adjudication day the village was nevertheless free of litter.

TIDINESS

The well kept approach roads project an air of tidiness and you have scored well in this

section. The few untidy areas arise from some dereliction and unattended open spaces. Some of the good work of previous years is now in need of improved presentation.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The individual effort here is praiseworthy and many residents have worked hard to present their premises to a high standard. Some boundary walls at the housing estate need painting - this small estate could be made into a showpiece with little effort.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surface around the village square is poor, although the approach roads are good. You still have some unfinished works on the road up to the school and the development at the Ennis approach seems to be at a standstill. The shrubbery development on the Ennis approach is excellent and provides high colour at this spot.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The well kept approach roads, the attractive traditional features of many of the old buildings, and the recently developed landscaping areas combine to present an attractive village. Do consider a phased plan for further improvement