

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	27
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	23	21
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	182	176

Mullagh, Co. Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your excellent submission, detailing work on hand and your plans for future development. The comprehensive illustration of photographs proved helpful on adjudication day. Your three year plan will make significant improvements. Most of your efforts seem to be divided to the care of the village, which had a great display of colourful window boxes. The work of Fás is acknowledged, but you have many environmental problems that will need the co-operation of many individuals. A

co-ordinated effort is now needed to tackle the problems outlined in this and previous reports.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

A lot of new houses have been built on the approach roads since the last visit of this adjudicator. The village would benefit from increased house building in the village centre and you should encourage such a development. The school looked very well and has an attractive display of window boxes. The church surrounds are well presented. The painting of the church itself would have a positive effect on the village and you might consider this.

LANDSCAPING

You need a programme of tree and shrub planting that would give you long-term benefit. These would complement the annual planting in the tubs and window boxes. You have a problem with overgrowth on the approach roads, especially the road from the cross is very overgrown.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

If you embark on tree planting you should select spaces that will give feeding to wildlife in the Autumn/Winter. A school project on the wildlife of the area would be beneficial also.

LITTER CONTROL

You have scored well in this section and the village was almost litter free on adjudication day. However, there is a litter trap on the entrance to one private house and the litterbin at the church was overflowing.

TIDINESS

Your problems here relate to a plethora of poorly presented open spaces, undeveloped

yards and unfinished developments. The sporadic nature of the village buildings is causing problems for tidiness throughout. The responsibility rests with owners to keep their premises to an acceptable standard.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The individual effort is good and many people have excellent gardens to complement their houses. The housing estate at the Cooraclare entrance needs grass cutting and it also needs an identity plaque. The health centre could be improved with a small amount of landscaping. PVC doors should be discouraged. An Post is excellent.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

In some areas on the village the road surface is much higher than the floor level of the houses. Road surface is poor and you should lobby Clare County Council for improvement. Some back and rear entrances are badly in need of a clean up. Next year you should concentrate on the two principal approach roads - also the erection of two Fáilte signs would prove visitor friendly.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is a welcome air of colour about the village and you are progressing. You are not getting the full backing of the community and you need a greater degree of commitment if you are to progress. The village has potential to do much better, but you need greater co-ordination. We wish you well with your plan.