

Ronnie Ball Award

Name	Matthew Berry
Location	Cumbria
Award Granted	Silver
Date	July 2001

Summary of application

Matthew (17, has recently left school. For his age he has shown outstanding work in the craft of dry stone walling.

Over the last few years he has competed in many competitions within a fifty-mile radius of his home, demonstrating his ability to use a variety of stone types. He has often been elevated to a higher class, for example amateur, because of lack of entrants to a junior class. His results have been good and improving - excellent for his age.

As well as walling on the family farm he has set up a business with several clients on neighbouring farms who give him repeat business for repair work. This work is to a good standard considering that his instructions usually constrain the extent of job that he is allowed do. He has approached this endeavour in a business-like way.

Matthew gained his Initial dry stone walling qualification in 2000.

