

Ronnie Ball Award

Name	Thomas Skill
Location	Derbyshire
Award Granted	Silver
Date	November 2006

Summary of application

Thomas has demonstrated an enthusiastic attitude to the craft of dry stone walling. He attended numerous short, formal training events and also a five-day intensive course at the end of which he was successful in gaining the Level 1/Initial Craftsman Certification Scheme qualification in March 2006.

Thomas carried out a number of churchyard walls surveys in his area and produced a brief history of dry stone walling in the Derbyshire area. He also helped out at local agricultural show displays with the Derbyshire Branch and gave a walling demonstration to young school leavers at an event in Warwickshire.

He has recognised the importance of progression through experience, and has expressed his desire to aim for the next level of certification in the near future.



Thomas is seen receiving his award with Andrew Brown-Jackson (Derbyshire Branch), Mrs Skill and Richard Love (DSWA Chairman).