



# Ruby and Feisty shine on big stage at **Cork Summer Show**

## RONIN SCUFFINS

12-year-old Fermoy rider, Ruby O'Flynn, enjoyed a standout weekend alongside her pony, Kilminchy Feisty, at the **Cork Summer Show**, winning her class before taking the reserve champion

prize.

The **Cork Summer Show** featured a wide range of competitions, from equine classes to cattle, goats, pigs, vintage vehicles, horticulture and many others categories. The local duo's success came in the 'Open Shows and Local/Family Pony' category, where they

impressed judges at the widely attended agricultural showcase, despite only being partnered together for a matter of weeks.

### CONFIDENCE BOOST

The result was a massive achievement for the young rider, who got involved in the event with little to no expectation beyond gaining

experience. Speaking to *The Avondhu* this week, her mother, Evelyn, said the family were thrilled with how the day unfolded.

"She actually ended up winning her class, and then she went on, and that entitled her to be entered for the championship, and then she got the reserve champi-

on, so we're thrilled for her," she said.

The success was made all the sweeter by how quickly Ruby and Feisty had formed a partnership

"We only have him a few weeks," Evelyn said. "The two of them just seemed to click together, and they took the day by storm."

Ruby was naturally delighted with the result, with the award coming as a major confidence boost. More used to show jumping, she found the showing class a more relaxed experience; nevertheless, she rose to the occasion on the day.

"No jumping... you have to be able to walk, trot and canter, showing your pony from both sides," Evelyn explained.

It came as a surprise just how well the duo just seemed to bond, with Evelyn noting how the two are "very much in harmony".

Ruby's first-ever appearance at the Cork show won't be forgotten anytime soon, with the young equestrian rider demonstrating maturity and skill beyond her years in a field of experienced riders, to earn a well-deserved and prestigious award.



**DYNAMIC DUO!** Ruby O'Flynn and her pony Kilminchy Feisty, enjoying their award as reserve champion as part of the Open Shows and Local/Family Pony category in this year's **Cork Summer Show**. (Pic: Blue Raven Photography)