

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **SCARIFF**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 27-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	170

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for submission detailing work completed and work on hand. You do not mention if you are working to a three to five year plan. If not you should try and commission such a plan that would chart the way forward for phased improvement. If you are likely to benefit from a FÁS Scheme you should ensure that all schemes are accompanied by a well thought out plan.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is a new category which presents you with an opportunity to promote the environmental advantage of wildlife. You should consider contacting the schools with a view to running a competition that would focus an interest in different types of wildlife. It is suggested that you contact your local branch of the I.W.C.

LANDSCAPING

The development works on the square are excellent. The market house is a gem. The market house surround should be free from car parking; perhaps a double yellow line would help. The extra tree planting is commendable and will further enhance the square with the passing of time. Try to get the abandoned vehicles at the cemetery removed as they are an eyesore. The stonewall development from the RC church is good and should be finished to a high standard. The many hanging baskets, flower tubs and barrels add significantly to the appearance of Scariff.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

In general, public buildings, schools, church etc. are well presented. The Scariff Co-op Mart is poor in presentation. The Finsa plant is overwhelming in scale and part of it at least should be screened where feasible. The G.A.A. forecourt is very poor - surely a meitheal could be arranged to improve this important sporting location. Many shop fronts have been freshly painted, especially in the town centre.

LITTER CONTROL

You have improved in this category and the town for the most part was litter free. Traders should be encouraged to provide adequate litter bins in areas where required.

TIDINESS

You have several badly kept commercial buildings that are keeping you down in this sector. Some back lanes and side entrances need attention and would benefit from a clean up and from weed spray in some cases. It is important to pay attention to these areas as they are now included in adjudication.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Housing estates are well presented and many individual houses are excellent. The old school near the library is still very badly presented. You have many link roads in the town and houses on junctions of such roads need to be well presented. Try to organise the residents in the various areas to look after their own area.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

As mentioned these areas are now important and should be given equal attention to approach roads. Corrugated roofs in particular look very shabby if they are not kept painted. Some of the side lanes in the main street are very well presented and set the standard for the rest of the town.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have quite a challenge for a small committee and you need to involve more people and work to an agreed phased plan. You have improved since last year and the square in particular is a show piece, but should not be spoiled by excessive car parking. Try to tackle some of the above recommendations for next year. Good luck.