

Tidy Towns 1997

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **SCARRIFF**  
County : **CLARE**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	--
The Built Environment	40	23	--
Landscaping	40	23	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	--
Litter Control	40	24	--
Tidiness	20	14	--
Residential Areas	30	18	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	--
General Impression	10	6	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Scariff, County Clare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The village has improved as a result of the work carried out since 1996. The completed entry form reported on an impressive list of activities for 1997 and a lot has been achieved. However, it would be advisable to draft a 3 - 5 year plan with work programmes set out for each year of the planning period. This will ensure that progress can be monitored, that there will be continuity of effort and that the statutory bodies, local community groups and voluntary bodies will be encouraged to maintain their efforts, with clearly defined objectives set out for them. Funding could come easier with planning on a long term basis, rather than year to year.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The business premises along the main street are making a commendable effort to improve this area, e.g. the Bank premises, Di Boutique, Hogan's Bar, McNamara's, Ryan's Restaurant and Bar, The Ould Cod, The Courtyard Cafe to mention just some. The Church and surrounds are very well maintained and the shrubbery and new stone walls along this road were noted. The area around the Mart is very untidy and the proposed project in conjunction with the County Council is welcome. The continuing work to screen the effects and scale of the Finsa plant and talks with the GAA to improve their property are to be commended. The market house is a most attractive feature in the centre of the village and the refurbishment of the interior for use as a community office is a worthwhile project. The Moyne Kiln project is an interesting 'built' industrial heritage project.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The area around the square is looking very good and, with the market house, this area is a fine focal feature in the village. The shrubbery on Church Hill and Mountshannon road and tree planting were noted. The projects to improve the area along New Line are equally commendable. The area around Scariff Harbour is an excellent example of how an open space can be maintained. Removal of abandoned vehicles near the cemetery has improved this area.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The area around the harbour and the riverside link with Reddins quay at Tuamgraney could present an opportunity in this section. The plans to develop a community park on the Feakle Road incorporating a wildlife awareness project and wildlife boards at Carrowmore pier and the Feakle road riverside area should be progressed and the local schools should be involved.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The involvement of community voluntary groups and primary

school children and the provision of additional litter bins has contributed to an improvement in this regard. Further efforts should be encouraged.

## **TIDINESS**

The village is beginning to look more neat and tidy and this is noticeable along the main street and the square around the market house. Tidying up back lanes would greatly improve the overall appearance of the village.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most private houses in the village and housing estates are making an effort to contribute to the community council's tidy towns work and there are some very attractive front gardens and good use of flower baskets and window boxes.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The approach roads into the village are mixed - on the approach from Feakle, the location of the roadside picnic area is marred by the unsightly area opposite the Mart; the Mountshannon road and Church road are both good and the approach from Tuamgraney, almost a continuation of the neighbouring village, is being well-maintained. Scariff has a problem with back lanes and link roads which need a greater effort to improve.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The Community Council is making a commendable effort to involve the various community groups and voluntary organisations in their tidy towns plans and the financial support forthcoming as reported on the entry form is commendable. Working with the County Council and FAS is also evident. The overall appearance of the village is being improved by all of this co-operation and augurs well for the future.