

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	31
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	188	182

Scarriff, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Scarriff is welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Committee. It is good to note your awareness of the unique features of Scarriff and the way in which you celebrate these. The annual mass at the mass rock at Cappabane is commendable as is the highlighting of other unique qualities in your monthly magazine. It is hoped that your efforts with Clare Mart and the GAA to improve their premises will be successful. Thank you for the information supplied in your work programme. We wish you luck in its implementation and look forward to experiencing the fruits of your work in the coming years.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Medical Centre and adjoining properties are very well painted. The amenity areas in the village centre look well with the attractive stone work and landscaping. Now that the old cinema is sold, its redevelopment should enhance its streetscape (with careful design). The Bank of Ireland premises and its grounds look well. The village centre is a successful mix of landscaping, recreational use and carparking. The streetscape is very nice with its rise in the level of the road as one approaches from Tuamgraney and the stepped footpath to the town centre.

LANDSCAPING

The small park and landscaped riverside area (FAS project) is a welcome addition to the village. Well done! It was good to note the young trees planted around the Finsa Forest Products development. A nicely landscaped area behind the stone wall on the way down to the village from the church works well together with the nice view of residential properties and other parts of the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Well done on tree planting and hedging at the New Line road to aid nesting. The community park might also be used to raise awareness of the value of wildlife. The new Tidy Towns Handbook contains excellent advice and is a good source of ideas for wildlife projects. However we note with interest your current ideas and wish you well in their implementation.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is a little weak in some areas. Perhaps additional litter bins would be helpful together with the weekly clean up which seems to be paying dividends. Some dead weeds noted in places.

TIDINESS

A number of properties along the lower road, e.g. Bing's General Store, Scarriff Motor Works, the Clare Hotel, and others are all rather untidy in their presentation and there are a lot of untidy side areas. The view of the back of the town from this road has potential to be a positive element in the townscape however considerable redevelopment / refurbishment is necessary.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residential properties with their neatly maintained green areas at the entrance to the village coming down from the church look really well. Most properties are presented to a high standard. Encourage householders to maintain their roadside areas to boundary walls together with walls and side areas and indeed any area which can be viewed by the public.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Be vigilant regarding the presentation of street furniture and signage. Well done on stone wall redevelopment. Good luck with the planned footpath to Carrowmore Harbour.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Scarriff is most favourable. The town centre, new town park and other works completed have made an important contribution to the overall integrity of Scarriff. Perhaps the most important task for the future is the redevelopment of properties along the New Line road.