

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	32
The Built Environment	40	24	25
Landscaping	40	26	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>188</b>

## **Scariff, County Clare.**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for completed entry form and map. You appear to have a good working relationship with FAS and Clare County Council and also, most importantly, with the local Community.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Church (which is being worked on at present), the School and the Teagasc buildings were well presented. Most business premises also contribute to the Tidy Towns effort including the Post Office and the Bank of Ireland with their well tended rose beds. The Clare Lakelands Hotel is rather poorly presented and the old Cinema still has not been refurbished. The properties still for sale on the lower road to Mountshannon are an eyesore and Whelan's Garage, also on this road, is quite poorly presented. The stone riverside wall on this road is very well maintained. On the Feakle road the Scariff Co-Op Mart area is very stark and perhaps could be softened through planting. On the Portumna approach the Derg Credit Union is well presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The hanging baskets on the bridge are attractive and the planting undertaken on approach roads and especially at the harbour was admired. Your imaginative plans for the River Park on the Feakle road look very worthwhile. The work done to date at this site was admired on the day of adjudication, with the grass cut and picnic area looking well. The timberwork to screen the factory from those using the Park was also noted. Of course, in a few years the trees already planted should do this job effectively. The large pipe coming from the factory at the opposite side of the river is rather ugly and perhaps could be disguised with planting. The new stone walls in the town with seating apertures were noted. The planted area near the Church was quite weedy but we do realise that the weather has not been kind to these endeavours this year to date.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

We note that you have plans in regard to barn owls and the Water Tower on the Feakle Rd and would have liked to have more information on this. In fact, next year we would suggest that you send in additional details (as suggested) as well as the entry form as there is very little space on this to outline your plans.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

There was very little evidence of litter in Scariff during the adjudication. Well done.

## **TIDINESS**

Scariff mostly presented a tidy appearance except where unoccupied buildings are situated as mentioned. Many shops in the town seem to place a considerable amount of their merchandise outside their premises. However, whilst this does not lend to a tidy appearance it does give the town atmosphere. Most kerbs and wall bases were weed free.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most of the private houses in the town and on the approach roads are contributing to the Tidy Towns effort. The colour schemes for housing on the Feakle road and throughout the village are attractive and no doubt have been encouraged by the Committee. On the day of adjudication a house was being painted a cheerful bright colour next to the Derg Credit Union.

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

Signs at the junction to the Ennis road needed attention and there is no sign to the harbour. The sign for the R. Scarriff on the bridge appeared to be crooked. Some road surfaces and road verges were rather rough. Back areas and gables also need attention.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Scariff continues to embody the character of a typical Irish town. Situated in a beautiful rural area it has much potential in the competition in the years ahead.