

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 25-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	33
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	197	196

Scarriff, Co.Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is good to see that the Scarriff Tidy Towns Committee work closely with the Clare County Council and other bodies in order to implement their plans. Thank you for your entry form and detailed map. However, it is now a requirement of the Competition that a three year plan/work programme accompany the entry form each year. By providing same you are giving the Adjudicator a much more comprehensive picture of your endeavours.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The centre of the town is improving each year and the commercial premises on the main street were mostly looking well with a good use of colour in some instances which could be expanded. However, quite a number of inappropriate plastic signs are still in evidence and premises should be encouraged to replace these with more traditional signage. Buildings that were well presented on the day were the Medical Centre, the Teagasc Offices, the Church and the Bank of Ireland with its nice garden (although the fascia boards on this building needed painting). The fencing around the School also needed repainting. The black spot in the town in regard to buildings is the loop road to Mountshannon. A number of premises on this road, some unoccupied, are in very poor condition. An endeavour should be made to put a strategy in place, if at all possible, to alleviate this situation which has been the same for a number of years.

LANDSCAPING

The most exciting project in your landscaping programme – the picnic area on the Feakle road was greatly admired on the day. The provision of a landscaped car park at this area, including a slipway to the river should ensure that the area is more accessible. However, on the day, the rather rusty iron gate into the car park was padlocked. The landscaped area in the town centre around the Market House was looking well and the hanging baskets on a number of poles throughout the town were noted. In a year where the weather was very poor coming up to adjudication, the work of the Committee in regard to landscaping is commendable. The green areas and tree planting in and around the town were well maintained.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The planting you have undertaken contributes in this area but there is scope in Scarriff for other wildlife initiatives.

LITTER CONTROL

Scarriff was mostly litter free on the day of adjudication – well done. However, some of

the yellow litter bins could do with refurbishment.

TIDINESS

Again, Scarriff was mostly neat and tidy, except of the area on the loop road as mentioned. Also, the grass should be removed from the base of the stone wall on this road.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses in and around the town are contributing to the Tidy Towns effort in a positive manner. Some additional building is taking place around the town and no doubt the new residents will be encouraged to involve themselves in your endeavours.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road signage was mostly good throughout and the hedges on approach roads well trimmed back. However, there were some rough road verges throughout the town needing attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Scarriff has benefited from the presence of the Tidy Towns Committee and the FAS workers over the last number of years.

The town has the potential to progress further in the Competition and we wish you well in the years ahead.