

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Scarriff**

Ref: **327**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **206**

Category: **B**

Date: **06/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	
The Built Environment	40	27	
Landscaping	40	28	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	
Litter Control	40	30	
Tidiness	20	15	
Residential Areas	30	22	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	
General Impression	10	7	
TOTAL MARK	300	206	

Overall Developmental Approach:

Scarriff is welcome back to the National Tidy Towns Competition 2005 after an absence of one year. Thank you for your one page 5-Year Plan, which had been requested in previous reports. The Map was most useful on inspection day. We congratulate on raising €14,000 through the local monthly collection.

The Built Environment:

The town has an interesting streetscape, including the Market Square. Some premises were well presented - Medical Centre; The Look Out; Teagasc and the National School and grounds The Church is a fine building but needs painting, as does the Fensa premises, although the grounds were well presented. Glad to note that you have plans for upgrading the wall opposite the Church. The new Ambulance Centre building is in pristine condition, but the old outside wall needs painting. Again the Post Office; O'Sheas; Cinema and building beside Newsagent all need refurbishment. The Co-Op, Whelan's Garage are eyesores, and the old farm buildings at the end of Connaught Road are unsightly, and P J McNamara's. premises does not present well.

Landscaping:

The floral displays in the market square looked good, and the window boxes/hanging baskets at the

Look Out Off Licence were much admired. The herbaceous planting by the Riverside Park is wonderful - the verbascum plants striking, and the broad leaf trees, neat paths and picnic benches were admired. And the roses by the Bank of Ireland were in full bloom. However, the shrubbery below the church is very unkempt, and the plants in the window boxes outside The Scariff Court premises were almost dead.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The Riverside Park is a lovely natural amenity, and visitors from the UK were noted enjoying angling pursuits. We wish you success with the completion of Phase three of the Riverside development.

Litter Control:

There was a small sprinkling of litter noted during adjudication, and some of the litter bins on Bridge Street are in poor condition. Well done to the National School on their involvement in the Green Flag Project. The Scariff Civic Amenity Centre and Waste Transfer Station on the Feakle Road must provide a invaluable service to the people of East Clare.

Tidiness:

As already mentioned, some of the business premises have a very untidy/unkempt appearance, and it is noted that you have plans for redeveloping the Old School House. Most of the green areas around the town need tidying up. Many of the gables and outside walls of properties throughout the town need painting.

Residential Areas:

Most of the private dwellings are well presented, but the standards in the House Estates varies considerably but particularly in Church Street. The new development on Church Street has a very tasteful colour scheme.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Lough Derg sign and other signs on the approach roads were good. Road surfaces were generally poor, but hopefully this will improve after the installation of the planned sewerage scheme upgrade mentioned in your form. The town approach entrance to Riverside Park is very narrow and needs repair. Many of the sites backing on to the Mountshannon Road are very neglected.

General Impression:

Scariff has much to offer visitors to the East Clare area, and we would encourage you to continue with your endeavours to improve your standing in future competitions.