

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **SCOTSTOWN**  
County : **MONAGHAN**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	21	20
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	9	10
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>163</b>

## **Scotstown, County Monaghan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for the completed questionnaire. Scotstown has increased its marks this year thanks to the Committee taking on board some of the recommendations contained in the report which the Committee had prepared. Your relationship with County Council, FAS and Cavan Rural Development is also benefiting your efforts and you are commended for this. Next year when completing your application form be a bit more specific in terms of work carried out. It is important to complete the entry form in full and provide a map.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The centre of the village looked extremely well on adjudication day. In general, business premises were well presented as were Churches and the G.A.A. Park. The adjudicator would suggest that you encourage greater attention to forecourt areas and boundary walls. The new stone walls were eye catching and your committee should encourage bilingualism in signage where appropriate.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The care and attention given to the village green is highly commended. Well looked after green areas and the sensible use of granite stone is a striking feature of your work programme. Do encourage greater use of stone for boundary walls, ornamental features etc. and the use of shrubs and perennial flowers will enhance further the presentation of Scotstown. You have again performed well under this heading - well done.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Hollywood Amenity area is a major attraction and a location of great interest for wildlife enthusiasts. You should identify wildlife habitat by way of on site observation and signpost accordingly. Some of the facilities need up-grading, e.g. jetty, seating, litter bins etc. The re-opening of Bog Pass is something to look forward to. Conservation and preservation is of primary importance under this heading.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Scotstown was free of any significant litter on adjudication day obviously due to regular gathering of litter as mentioned in Section B of your entry form. This is a very positive approach on the part of your committee and is worth all the time and effort. Keep up the good work.

### **TIDINESS**

Except for the poor road surface (outside the GAA park) and forecourt areas in need of better presentation the village had a well cared for appearance which impressed this adjudicator greatly. An increase in marks under this heading has been

awarded accordingly.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

In general, residential properties were well presented and in many cases attractive well landscaped gardens were a colourful feature. Again the private houses on the Tydavnet and Smithboro roads deserve special mention.

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

All approach roads were presented to satisfaction and the planting on the Knockatallan Road was eye catching. Do freshen up the presentation of signposting where necessary and continue to trim verges on a regular basis. Weeds in gutters are not acceptable. The granite village name signs are a nice and welcoming introduction to the village.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

You are progressing steadily - your town report is obviously of great help and attention to detail is now of great importance if you are to expedite progress. An encouraging performance this year.