

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	21	22
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	9
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	22	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	23
General Impression	10	8	6
TOTAL MARK	300	184	171

Scotstown, County

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is some years since your adjudicator had the opportunity to visit Scotstown and was most impressed by your plans, by your detailed map and with the determination with which you have improved in the intervening years. Well done to all concerned.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Your village is characterised by local shops and public buildings and factories. The factories are very well presented and are in keeping with the spirit of the Tidy Towns Competition. The Church grounds, public buildings, the Garda Station and schools are uniformly well kept and reflect your community. Unfortunately your built environment is marred by a preponderance of plastic signage on all of the shops in the village centre – you really should improve this since it detracts from the other positive aspects.

LANDSCAPING

It was wonderful to see the beech hedges remarked upon some years ago and maturing into full screens. Also the growth of deciduous trees on the approach roads laying down a fine landscape architecture for years to come. Planted boxes on the Tydavnet Road and on the village green were very pretty on adjudication day.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Well done particularly in this section. You are uniquely taking on the challenge of this category in the Tidy Towns Competition and your wildlife part as planned is simply wonderful. On the day of adjudication work was being progressed and it was delightful to think that within a few years you will have a resource unique to your village and indeed unique in the county. Signpost it now and produce an information leaflet on same and celebrate with other national schools and communities the opening which I note from your church notice took place on 4th July. Well done to all concerned!

LITTER CONTROL

There was no appreciable litter problem whatever on the day of adjudication and was heartening to note that Monaghan County Council road sweeper was cleaning and edges even as I adjudicated.

TIDINESS

As already noted your public buildings and streetscapes are very well maintained. However, detail is all in terms of tidiness – for instance there was grass growing on the bridge wall on the Tydavnet Road and the galvanised sheds opposite McCaigue's continued to be an eyesore. The elimination of these problems will bring you more marks.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses on the Tydavnet Road and the Roslea Road continued to impress. It was heartening to see the improvement in the terraced housing on the Monaghan Road where now all the gardens and the landscaped area in front were uniformly well maintained and contrasted to some years. In addition the landscaped area on the opposite side of the road was also noted there.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On the day of adjudication the Tram Way Lane needed trimming and tidying but your adjudicator remarked that the Smithboro Road was absolutely beautiful. An emerging problem is the number of agriculture buildings that are becoming derelict off the main street to the rear of buildings. This would have to be addressed or it would become a very negative issue within quite a short time.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Scotstown has matured dramatically within the Tidy Towns Competition and continues to do well. Keep up the good work, pay attention to the derelict areas especially encourage the County Council to resurface some of the side roads that need attention and you can only do better in the years to come.