

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	20	21
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	20
Litter Control	40	23	26
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	20
General Impression	10	7	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>184</b>

## **Scotstown, County Monaghan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for the map and the notes about the Wild Life Park. The village consists of a number of different segments. The green area, the shops, developments on the Tydavnet road and the lower area of the village. It would be wise to make an itemised list of goals for the village and to develop an action plan and time scale.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The school and church are attractive. The entrance to the church and cemetery and the manner in which it is laid out sets a lovely picture. The large copper beech trees are a lovely asset. There is a need for some upgrading of shop premises. The post office also needs attention. The butchers shop looks smart as does the pub at the top of the green and the supermarket. The storage of materials outside the supermarket gives an untidy appearance. The old petrol pumps and surrounds are a little grotty.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The village green offers a great showcase opportunity for the village. The care and maintenance could be upgraded. Being at the central viewing point such a green has to look pristine, many of the shrubs plantings have a tired look. The entrance ( as above ) to the church is spectacular. The hedges to the side and the mature trees are wonderful. These trees were planted by previous generations who could not have hoped to see them mature. We need to plant similar trees somewhere for the next two or three generations to appreciate. Individual gardens contribute also to the overall landscape.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The Wild Life park is a wonderful feature and a great tribute to Fr. Jackie Gilsean (may he rest in peace). It is a pity that he could not see the results some years into the future - but that is the nature of the generosity of tree planting. This area is nicely sign posted. The trees are well labeled and the mown paths give access with softness. The pond is also a very naturised one and all of this area is a great asset to the town.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was good. There was some litter at the houses along the green on the Knockatallon road. And in the area between the two pubs on the street.

### **TIDINESS**

Tidiness could be improved by greater attention to roadside kerb weed grasses and the painting of railings and gates

where needed. The building in progress which necessitates roof trusses being laid out is not helpful but this is only temporary and understandable. Attention to detail is the essence of tidiness in whatever forms that take within a village.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Individual houses are well cared for - this gives a pleasant appearance along roadsides. The terraced houses looked well. Attractive homes on the Tydavnet Road add further to the residential properties of Scotstown.

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

The roadside vegetation is attractive and stone walls contribute well to the appearance of the roads. Road surfaces in places need attention around and about the town. As stated last year the addressing of derelict farm buildings could become a problem and an assessment of this is needed.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Scotstown is a town where further improvements are within reach. More attention to the green and the areas around the shops will help. The areas by the school, football grounds and church and cemetery are especially well maintained and the Wild Life Park is a gem.