



SAVING SCUDSWORTH

20 minute movie

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Characters

Goths

Eco warrior

Neds

Plastics

Youth Workers

Teachers

Establish **School shots**

Opening Titles **Through scene**

Sc 1 Allocation **INT School - classroom**

Teacher Ok folks. Settle down please.

 You all know that this class has been chosen to represent the school at the National Conservation and Heritage Festival in June...Thanks Amy... Sit down please...

 There will be three other schools involved and pupils will spend a day working with conservation teams in either Dundonald Castle, Kilwinning Abbey or Scudsworth Manor... not far from here...

Pupils But Miss we've all been to...
 That'll be a pure laugh man...
 My Auntie stays in Kilwinning...

Teacher Yes. I know you've been to Scudsworth, so we've pulled names from a hat. Listen to your groups please.
 Group A going to Dundonald...

Pupil What's the betting we get Scuddie...

Teacher Jordan Bell, Lindsay Bennet, Maggie Hislop, Morven McNair, John McAllistair, Amy McGroarty, Jamie Neilson and Heather Wilson.

 Group B going to Kilwinning...
 Kevin Andrews, Leslie Bailey, Stephen Callaghan, Sarah Fletcher, Frazer MacAulay, Tammy McIvor, Kayleigh Nisbet, Kirsty Reid and Patrick Todd.

 Group C going to Scudsworth...
 Morag Adams, Gail Baird, Hazel Corbett, Sonya Harrison, Ross Laing, Tulloch McCulloch and Gemma Sharpe.

(Bell goes. Chairs scrape)

 I've got forms here that you need to get returned by Friday.
 Stephen and Heather I need to speak to you before you go... What is it?...

Establishing shots **EXT** **Scudsworth Manor**

Bus arrives

Sc 2 Arrival at Scusworth **EXT** **Bus**

Goth 1 Can't believe I'm doing this.

Goth 2 What?

Goth 1 This conversation thingme.

Goth 2 ...You mean conservation.

Goth 1 Whatever. It's pants.

Goth 2 Better than going to some boring museum.

Goth 1 I mean... what's the point? We're all going to die.

Goth 2 How?

Goth 1 Just are. That's how.

Bus arrives EXT Car Park

Youth workers confer as pupils get off bus.

YW 1 In for a rough ride?

YW 2 See if we can't get them to get that fire escape cleaned.

YW 3 And the downstairs windows.

Elsewhere

Goth 1 Anyone you know?

Goth 2 No. You?

Goth 1 No...*(recognises someone)* Oh great.

Goth 2 What?

Goth 1 She was at my primary. C'mon.

Goth 2 Where are we going?

Goth 1 Away from her. C'mon.

Goth 2 Ok.

Plastic enters

Plas 1 *(Off)* Hiya!

Goth 1 Nightmare. Keep walking. *(Plas 1 "skips" into view)*

Plas 1 Hi! Remember me?

Goth 1 Aye.

Plas 1 How come you're here?

Goth 1 ... Get to miss Maths, English and RE.

Plas 1 ...I thought it might be a laugh.

Goth 1 Right.

Elsewhere.

Teacher 1 *(To colleague who is frantically checking the register)* Dry them. Least it's a day off school.

Ned 1 Think I'm in the wrang group miss. I was supposed to go to Kilwinning.

Teacher Oh ha ha!.

Crazy ringtone. Teacher 1 answers phone.

Teacher 1 Hello... Yes. Hi Maureen...That's right. Gordon Douglas and Drew McFadden... Aye. Them again. We left them at the service station with Mrs Andrews... Did you send someone over?...Great. Thanks.

Sc 3 Welcome to Scudsworth EXT Front steps

Youth workers welcome the pupils

YW 1 Hi. I am Rab. This is Maggie and Angela.

YW 2 We're from Saving Scudsworth Conservation and Protection Project

YW 3 Or SSCAPP if you prefer...

YW 2 ...and we're going to make sure you have a right good laugh...

YW 3 ...but see if you get on the wrang side of us...

YW 2 Don't go there girlfriend.

YW 3 If you could follow me.

Pupil reactions suggest contempt and disbelief

Sc 4 The Guided Tour INT Stair case / corridor**Loc 1**

YW 1 Scudsworth House was built in 1831 and named after the 11th Earl of Scudsworth...

YW 2 ...It stayed in the Scudsworth family until 1978 when they all upped sticks to Portugal...

YW 3 ...leaving the house and grounds to the local community who set up a trust in 1998...

YW 1 Last year the trust was awarded a grant. And SSCAPP was set up.

The inner thoughts of the pupils are heard

Ned 1 This for real?

Plas 2 He's quite cute.

Goths I wish I was dead.

Loc 2

YW 1 ...This painting here is of Lucinda Scudsworth.

YW 2 Youngest daughter of the 11th Earl.

YW 3 There's a wee mystery about her.

YW 1 She disappeared from the house the night before her thirteenth birthday.

YW 2 Which just happened to be a Friday the thirteenth.

YW 3 And was never seen again...

YW 1 But there are rumours of a teenage girl seen wandering about in this passage.

YW 2 And some think it's the ghost of Lucinda.

Ned 2 Is that her miss?

(Pupils notice Goth in background. Laughter)

YW 2 Excuse me. I don't think you're supposed to be in there.

Goth 2 Looking for the toilet.

YW 2 Down there. To the right.

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