

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NAVAN**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **F**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18
Landscaping	40	28
The Built Environment	40	29
Litter Control	40	30
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	203

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The adjudicator would like to thank the Committee for the very informative questionnaire, maps and supporting documentation which was submitted, all were extremely helpful. Your Committee has certainly established a very good working relationship with Meath County Council, the benefits of which are to be seen in the town. As part of the new format of the competition you will need to submit a 3/5 year work programme/plan which should set out clearly your objectives for each year covered. Do not adopt unrealistic objectives, a limited number of targets which are achievable each year is far more likely to yield results. Please note that the plans will be part of the marking system.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is potential for greater nature conservation in and around the town. With the river Boyne and Blackwater both flowing through Navan there is scope to utilise these natural amenities. Your park development up at Boyne Road is a starting point where visitors can view the majestic river Boyne. Another starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats of your catchment area and see what species of animal, bird and fish these attract. Why not invite your local environmental experts and groups to get involved to advise you and provide you with the specialist information you will require. You could also involve the schools in this project.

LANDSCAPING

Your choice of trees, shrubs and flowers and where they have been sited are to be commended. Flower pots located throughout the town were all well presented and very colourful. The landscaped area on both sides of the road down to the exhibition centre and Beaufort College was very disappointing as weeds had literally taken over. The grounds around the library were beautifully presented and well done to the Council for the presentation. The new hanging baskets in Railway Street, Infirmary Hill and in Ludlow Street all added colour and enhanced the areas. The roundabout opposite the library was again well maintained and the floral area was also well presented.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There is a large variety of small retail outlets located throughout the town of Navan. The most impressive of these would be located on Trimgate Street, Market Square and also the revitalised Ludlow Street. Premises such as Versatile Bath Fittings and Spicers Shop on Market Square had lovely traditional shop frontages. The Church, and especially the Navan Community Centre with the new planting and fine selection of colourful hanging baskets, are to be commended. McGranes Butchers and the adjoining TSB Bank were also well presented. The new footpath beside the GAA ground was nearing completion and a welcome addition. The shopping centre was clean and tidy and a hive of activity with shoppers. New developments continue to be built along Kennedy Road and gradually the waste sites are being developed. The Credit Union building and the Post Office opposite were very well presented. Improvements could be made to the Exhibition Centre as letters were even missing off the name. The frontage of the greyhound track also looked a bit dull. The addition of the Tourist Office at the library was noted and is welcomed.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in general throughout Navan was quite good. Some litter was evident in the waste areas opposite the Shopping Centre and at the new riverside park on Boyne Road. Litter bins were well located throughout the town and appeared well maintained.

TIDINESS

Navan is an administrative town and an important shopping town. The small businesses located throughout the town assist in presenting a tidy image. Weed control was well taken care of in the centre of the town. The derelict areas along Kennedy Road were quickly vanishing with new developments going up. Improvements could be made at areas like the Exhibition Centre, the Greyhound track, the overflow car park at the Ardboyne Hotel and in and around the Beechmount Hotel grounds.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The adjudicator visited practically every estate in and around Navan. Residents should be congratulated on the presentation of their estates, all appeared very well with only one or two minor exceptions. It is not possible to list them all, but well done to all involved.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The majority of the approach roads were presented to a very high standard. The Dublin and Kells Roads were well kept with approach signs very visible and verges neatly cut. The Kingscourt and Slane Roads were also well kept and the junction had a nice landscaping feature. The Drogheda/Donore approach had some neat verges and a lovely feature all the way in on your right-hand side, the wall was unfortunately broken in a couple of places. Constant attention to the approach roads will reap rewards.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The adjudicator enjoyed his visit to Navan and was amazed at all the work that had been undertaken in the town over the last couple of years. The town has come a long way and will do well in the future. Good luck and well done.