

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **NAVAN**  
County : **MEATH**  
Category : **E**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 28-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	32	32
Landscaping	40	32	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>207</b>

## **Navan, County Meath**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your submission which included, a town map, photographs, and a detailed schedule of works completed during the year. The submission should have included a brief development plan. Such a plan would be of considerable benefit to the group in formulating a long term plan for the town. It will also help you to monitor progress on a yearly basis. The Committee have been extremely active and have co-operated with a range of local community and business interest groups, and with the local authority.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The origins of Navan lie in the medieval period, although the great bulk of the town fabric dates from the eighteenth century onwards. The main axis of Trimgate Street and Ludlow Street contain an important range of eighteenth and nineteenth century vernacular houses, most of which are now used for retail and commercial purposes. The buildings are for the most part extremely well maintained and presented and contain a range of good Victorian shop fronts. The secondary streets of the town contain significant vernacular housing as well as a range of Victorian public buildings – most of which are well maintained. The newer shopping sector of the town consists of a series of retail centres with accompanying car parking facilities. A reference to the medieval history of the town – such as at the motte-and-bailey site - would make an interesting attraction.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Landscape plays a major part in the presentation of the town. The presentation of the private and community landscaping, roundabouts, and the sculptural elements along the approach roads - particularly along the river front - is excellent. While along the central axis, the planters, tubs and boxes add significantly to the intrinsic quality of the historical streetscape. In addition, the landscaping around the shopping centre is highly successful.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The river offers a wonderful opportunity to develop a significant wildlife/nature trail for the town. A development plan for this area would be most welcome.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control remains a problem for the town. On the day of the inspection litter was in evidence along parts of the approach roads, in the main street axis, in the secondary streets, and in a number of the open spaces within the residential areas.

## **TIDINESS**

The town generally is neat and tidy. However, the street furniture in many areas is extremely dusty. Most of the lamp-posts, signs, bollards, and litter bins could benefit from cleaning or painting.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The residential areas were, for the most part, attractively presented with well maintained houses and gardens. Most areas had attractive greens and small open spaces with trees, planters and flowers. However, some of these seem to have attracted only token maintenance.

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

The approaches to the town are generally very attractive with well managed hedges, trees, shrubs, planters, boundaries, margins, footpaths, green areas and sculptural elements. The Dublin road in particular presents a most impressive entrance to the town. The approach roads are flanked by attractive houses, some with spectacular gardens. There were, however, a number of isolated stretches along some roads - such as the Kells Road and the Athboy Road - with poorly managed margins, rough edges and extensive weeds. A concentrated approach to the presentation of all the approach roads would qualify for more marks.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Navan is a delightful town with a vibrant and attractive core area. The presentation of the town is very good and much of the credit for this must accrue to the hard work and consistency of the Tidy Towns Group.