

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **NAUL**  
County : **DUBLIN**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 04-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	20
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	23	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	10
Litter Control	40	29	30
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	20	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	7	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>162</b>

## **Naul, County Dublin**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Naul is very welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed application form and map. You do not mention the existence of a three to five year work programme and once again, we must recommend it. Naul enjoys a sylvan setting amongst gently rolling hills. Entrances to the village are marked by neatly managed hedgerow and stands of mature trees. The gentle rise and fall of the main road into the village is a nice feature also. Heritage features in the village are a strong part of the character and identity of Naul, well done!

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Some farm outbuildings at the southern entrance to Naul need to be whitewashed. Quite a number of buildings were in need of painting. The 'Naul Motor Company' needs special attention and its curtilage could be refurbished also. 'Killians of Naul' looks especially well and the 'Seamus Ennis Cultural Centre', marked by the sculpture outside, is a handsome feature of the village centre. Do try to retain the remaining traditional timber sash windows. The Health Board premises needs to be painted.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The school grounds looked quite well and young trees here are establishing themselves. The mature chestnut tree at the Cultural Centre exhibited a fine array of pink flowers during adjudication and was admired. The incidental green corner area located opposite 'Killians' presents an opportunity for further landscaping. This area is an important focal point in the village centre.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Being a rural village, enjoying a rural setting, Naul and its environs is rich in wildlife. Perhaps a survey might be undertaken to identify species present and measures to be taken for their protection. The new Neighbour Wood initiative might be considered as a project. Displays of wildflowers in the old graveyard were very pleasing to the eye.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Your weekly litter patrol is paying dividends. Litter control was quite good in the centre. Some litter was noted in verges on the outskirts of the village. We wish you well with organising a daily litter patrol.

### **TIDINESS**

Well done on your Spring Clean Day in early March. Derelict buildings and outhouses are a problem under this heading.

No doubt this will be resolved in time with redevelopment. In the interim, try to keep them as tidy as possible.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The Bun-a-Knock estate looks particularly well, especially its expansive green areas marking the entrance. These displayed a 'sea' of daisies on the day of adjudication which was a visual treat. A new flower bed appeared to be in the process of development. Don't waste time planting flowers at the base of trees, they are not necessary, however the base of trees should be kept weed and litter free. Some properties in the village centre need to be painted and / or whitewashed. Work in progress was noted at two gardens. Overall the village enjoys a successful mix of old and new residential developments.

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

A set of old gates at the southern entrance to the village needs to be replaced and some litter bins could be upgraded or replaced also. Stretches of stone wall give the village its character and are worth refurbishing. Work to date on keeping these clear of excessive growth has been noted, well done! A nameplate at the Drogheda entrance needs upgrading. Well done on the footpath from the school to the village centre. The wirescape at the school is particularly visually obtrusive as is that in the village centre. Hopefully this will be eliminated over the coming years. A set of old gates in the village centre could be refurbished and featured.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall appearance of Naul is very favourable. As noted above, one of its best features is neatly maintained hedgerow marking entrances together with stands of mature trees. Thank you for your continued participation, we look forward to many repeat visits to your lovely village.