

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MAYNOOTH**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **E**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	37
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	24	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	21
Litter Control	40	22	24
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	206	200

MAYNOOTH, CO. KILDARE

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition of 2002 and thank you for your application. Your submitted plan is excellent and fully comprehensive. Well done on its completion and good luck with the completion of all in the plan! As a rapidly growing centre many challenges face you over the next number of years. You have identified these and also threats & opportunities for the town. Your plan for the two action areas of the Harbour and Carton Avenue is admirable. Congratulations on your Endeavour Award in 2001 and well done on this years presentation.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Maynooth is a beautiful town with many fine buildings along its lovely Main Street. The maturing trees along the street area are much admired for adding a lovely ambiance and softening the streetscape. The development at the Square is very good – simple and tasteful. The Coffee Mill and The Roast were very well presented. The Leinster Arms looked well as did the Bank of Ireland. Some newly refurbished buildings were complimented for their retention of the towns heritage. The Railway Station was well maintained & presented and the Maynooth Business Park is a very fine development. St. Patrick's College and NUI Maynooth were both beautifully presented and complimented on their maintenance. The Church was also admired as was The Citizens Advice premises and Hegarty Solicitors. The adjudicator was pleased to learn of the impending developments at the Kavanagh Mills property and at the Mart. The committee is complimented for their activities under this heading and for the amount of work undertaken in association with other groups. Good luck with work on the Geraldine Hall – a very worthy project, and indeed with all other work noted under this heading.

LANDSCAPING

A very lovely array of boxes, baskets and tubs were admired along the Main Street during adjudication this year. New tree planting along the Straffan Rd, Kilcock Rd, Maynooth Business Park, are complimented. The Harbour Area looked well except for the presence of litter. The area along the Church and School was well maintained and presented. Your tree survey is an excellent idea. The area at the Joan Slade River is very beautiful.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The amount of natural amenities in and around Maynooth are no doubt home to a great number of species. The development of the amenity walks are an excellent way to introduce the area to residents and visitors alike. The small

wildlife areas in your estates are also complimented. The Harbour area was home to ducks, moorhens, heron and swans on the day of adjudication. Providing information to the schools is complimented. Again you have a very extensive active plan under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

Unfortunately for Maynooth litter control on the day of adjudication was not good. Along Main Street there was a lot of litter especially outside the newsagents. On the Leixlip Rd more litter was noted. Along the road after emerging from the station litter was excessive. In the Harbour Area there was some litter and in the field beside this, litter was excessive. Your activities and plans are very good but perhaps they need to be looked at again.

TIDINESS

There was no major problems under this heading. Be diligent where weeds and litter are concerned.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential areas were very well presented & maintained. Those noted were; Castlebridge, Railpark, Manor Park, Parson Lodge, Parson Court, Parklands & Old Greenfield. Landscaping was admired in many estates – well done to all involved.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads from Naas was very well presented. Stone walls were admired in many areas. The Kilcock Road verges needed attention and also on the Leixlip road. Many side areas around the Main Street have been refurbished and look very well after been resurfaced. Your five historic walks in the town are an excellent amenity and walking & cycling routes are complimented e.g. on Rathcoffey Road.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression of Maynooth is very favourable – good luck in reaching your targets over the coming years.