

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NAAS**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **F**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	31
The Built Environment	40	34	33
Landscaping	40	32	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	25	25
Litter Control	40	24	22
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	26	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	219	213

NAAS, CO. KILDARE

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the 2002 Competition and thank you for your application. The adjudicator compliments the committee on its working relationship with the relevant bodies. Your outline for a three – five year plan is excellent and no doubt it will be an important working document for the town. All aspects of development appear to be covered in the outline and the adjudicator looks forward to its completion. Naas is a rapidly growing centre but pleasant in appearance and ambiance. Your comments regarding the competition structure have been noted. You are welcome to add extra sheets of paper to include with your application if you feel there is not enough space on the form.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Built Environment in Naas is well presented and your plan to take advice for town heritage and architecture enhancement has been noted. Many buildings were much admired including the Courthouse, The Town House, The Presbyterian Church and the Church of Our Lady and St. David, The Harbour Court Hotel, The Naas Court Hotel, Sarah Floods, Supervalu, The Ivy Inn, & The Five Lamps and the Cupboard. The hospital already looks impressive, as does Kildare County Council Head Office. The Mean School was well presented, but the boundary wall will be in need of repainting. The cinema still needs upgrading. Butt Mullins and Hayden's were admired.

LANDSCAPING

The Lakeland's Amenity Area is beautiful and was in high demand on the day of adjudication. The footpaths are a little uneven however and despite the presence of numerous bins, litter was a problem in this area. Flower tubs were admired in the lakes area as were hanging baskets and displays along the main street. Your plans to take advice on the approach road landscaping have been noted. Landscaping was admired in many residential areas.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

At The Lakes area many ducks and swans were admired. Your proposed plans for the promotion of wildlife are admirable and you are wished success with these proposals. The numerous mature trees and hedgerows in and around Naas are also a valuable source of habitat for many species. When taking advice under this heading try to identify any threats to wildlife and install precautionary measures if necessary. The Railway Walk is lovely and was enjoyed by the adjudicator. The Canal Walk will be an excellent wildlife area.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was good on the day of adjudication. Lots of bins were noted. Litter was present at the Lakes Area and also Main St. Your intention to involve so many groups in the Tidy Towns Five Year Plan is admirable. The key to litter prevention is education and encouragement.

TIDINESS

There were no major problems under this heading. Much building work was noted both in the town and on the boundary. Continue to encourage residents, businesses and developers to present their respective areas to the highest possible standards.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many residential areas were admired, and the amount of green spaces and tree planting is very much complimented. Residential areas were presented to very high standards. Most notably were Monread – all areas here were admired, around Poplar and Millbrook Grove, Ratasker Heights, Spring Gardens and many more. Children at Play signs everywhere are complimented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads are in need of maintenance and your plans to landscape certain areas have been noted. The Main Street is pleasant to look at with its wide expanse and well-presented buildings. Many signs were in need of cleaning or replacing.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression of Naas is very favourable. Your outline plan is excellent and if success is achieved in the areas identified it will no doubt greatly benefit the town. Keep the basics in mind – litter control and tidiness can be attained by paying attention to detail. All in all the adjudicator thoroughly enjoyed the time spent here in Naas.