

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Maynooth**

Ref: **431**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **214**

Category: **F**

Date: **02/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	39
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	26	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	22
Litter Control	40	21	22
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	22
General Impression	10	8	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>206</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your very detailed submission that included an update of your long term plan, maps and details of the Groups activities and achievements during the past year. This is an excellent presentation.

The Tidy Towns Group has been extremely active and has cooperated successfully with other community bodies and the local authority.

### The Built Environment:

Maynooth is an 18th century estate village laid out on a closed axis format, with Carton Gates at one end and Maynooth Castle at the other. This axial format and the recently renovated square still forms the main morphological structure of the town. The streetscape is extremely attractive with a range of 18th and 19th century houses and buildings. In addition to the main axis, the town has a splendid body of architecture from the medieval, Victorian and Modern periods. The university, in particular, makes a major contribution to the built environment of the town.

## **Landscaping:**

Landscaping plays a major part in the form and success of Maynooth. The trees lining the Main Street and the array of baskets, flower presentations and street furniture is outstanding. In addition, the landscape management elsewhere around the town is very impressive, particularly work around Carton and the Pound Park.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

As previously pointed out the town, the canal, and the surrounding landscape contain an extensive body of flora and fauna. The groups work in encouraging and extending the wildlife areas is praiseworthy.

## **Litter Control:**

Litter management remains one of the major difficulties in Maynooth. Heavy litter was noted in the Main Street, but to a considerably lesser degree on the approach roads and in the residential areas. There was considerable litter around the Harbour, particularly broken glass. This is such a shame.

## **Tidiness:**

The approach roads to the town, the town centre and the residential areas all offer a neat and tidy appearance. The new street signs are very successful. The work on the secondary streets will be most successful when completed.

## **Residential Areas:**

There are a number of housing estates around the town. These are generally well presented and cared for. These all display grassed open spaces and excellent landscape features. The winners of the housing estates competitions are to be congratulated.

## **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The main approach roads to the town are very attractive and inviting. These have well maintained stone walling, trimmed verges, colorful planting, and good signs - as well as a range of new and mature trees. The concentrated work of the Group on this aspect has certainly produced excellent results.

## **General Impression:**

Maynooth is intrinsically a very attractive town, very well maintained and presented. Great credit is due to the Tidy Towns Committee and the community for attaining this high standard.