

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Naas**

Ref: **668**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **224**

Category: **F**

Date: **12/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	34
The Built Environment	40	34	34
Landscaping	40	32	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	25	25
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	26	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>219</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission that included two maps of the town and an excellent Mission Plan. The Mission Plan would, however, benefit from a time table or programme. The submission should have included a schedule of work completed in the town during the past year. The work completed schedule will allow you to monitor your achievements on a regular basis.

The Naas Tidy Towns Committee is strong in number and have been working in co-operation with the local community and with the local authority.

### The Built Environment:

The development of Naas dates from the medieval period. The town plan consists of extended linear Main Street, around which the town fabric is arranged. This fabric includes a splendid range of domestic, commercial and public buildings – mostly from the 18th and 19th centuries. In addition, the town is currently experiencing dynamic growth in terms of housing, industrial and commercial development.

## **Landscaping:**

The town has four main areas of successful landscape. The town centre looks very impressive with trees, hanging baskets, tubs, and street furniture. The ponds and lakes are equally attractive with their supporting flora and fauna. The canal is similarly attractive but could benefit from some weed management. As noted earlier, the landscaping along the approach roads is attractive and inviting.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The four main landscaped areas offer considerable potential for the development of wildlife and natural amenities. These areas are excellent. The Wildlife Promotion Aims set out in the Mission Plan are excellent and well worth working for.

## **Litter Control:**

The Group have made progress in litter management. However, isolated instances of litter were noted in Main Street, the pond area, the approach roads and some of the residential areas.

## **Tidiness:**

The town generally was neat and tidy. The implementation of the Streetscape Aims in the Mission Plan would impact wonderfully on the town.

## **Residential Areas:**

Naas has an extensive body of residential areas. Most of these are well managed and maintained, with neat houses, attractive gardens, grassed open spaces, flowers, shrubs trees and entrance signs.

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

The main approach roads to the town are very inviting, with trimmed grass verges, neat hedges, trees, stone walling, and good signs. The town streetscape with its tall vernacular architecture and landscaping looked very attractive.

## **General Impression:**

The community of Naas clearly has a strong Pride in Place. This is reflected in the attractiveness of the approaches, the town centre and the main landscaped areas.

The visit to the town was delightful, thanks to the efforts of the Tidy Towns Committee and the community. The new Mission Plan will ensure the continuing improvements to the town environment.