

Naas: 1st out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

With a blemish-free report card, Naas has managed to sustain, indeed improve on, the great work of recent years. Naas has certainly come a long way compared to a number of years ago – this didn't happen overnight and is very much the result of a sustained community effort – well done to all concerned. With so many top-ranking sites, a few deserve a mention. Moat Mall was exceptionally well presented and maintained; Well Lane & Well had some lovely illustrative signage; The Canal Bank & Environs were very much deserving of the top litter grade – the former derelict building has been earmarked for 'Age Friendly Apartments' – this should further enhance the overall appearance of the area.

Poplar Square: Grade A. The outdoor seating areas and large planter boxes looked very well. The litter bins were in very good condition. This area was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

North Main Street: Grade A. A very clean and tidy shopping street with a virtual absence of litter throughout. Only minor items were chewing gum and cigarette butts but not in large quantities. Street bins were in good order.

Moat Mall: Grade A. An exceptionally freshly presented and maintained shopping / café environment. Outdoor dining areas / planting were in very good order. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Ballymore Eustance Approach Road: Grade A. New paving / bicycle path create a freshness on the outskirts of the town - looked very well. Residential developments underway and all was in good order with regards to litter.

Derelict site at Fair Green / New Row: Grade A. Clearly a careful eye is kept on this derelict site as there was no litter directly associated with it. Planning Permission sign appears to be over a year old. Colourful (temporary) signage took away the bare look along one stretch.

Well Lane & Well: Grade A. Good signage illustrates the historic nature of this site. The 'Well' feature was in good condition and surrounding grass area was spotless - a lovely environment for all to enjoy.

Canal Bank & Environs: Grade A. All aspects of this waterside feature were in very good order e.g. seating, signage, life-belt, etc. A large site close by has been earmarked for change of use to 'Age Friendly Apartments'. The redevelopment of this site could further enhance the overall impression at this area.

Friary Road Car Park: Grade A. The strip of grass along the base of one wall was rough / stony but it wasn't littered. A raised bed along the base of railings also appeared rough – but it wasn't littered either. The car park surface and markings were excellent.

Dublin Road Approach: Grade A. The overall impression created along this route was a very good one – despite heavy volumes of traffic.

Sallins Road Approach: Grade A. This road created a positive first impression of Naas. Seating area close to recessed parking spaces was in good condition.