

Tidy Towns Competition 2026

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Naul - An Aill** Ref: **1166**
County: **Dublin** Mark: **325**
Category: **B** Date(s): **27/06/2026**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2025	Mark Awarded 2026
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	35	37
Streetscape & Public Places	80	47	50
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	45	48
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	80	38	40
Sustainability – Doing more with less	80	20	22
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	46	48
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	41	43
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	35	37
TOTAL MARK	600	307	325

Community – Your Planning and Involvement / An Pobal - Pleanáil agus Rannpháirtíocht:

Fáilte go Comórtas Bailte Slachtmhara SuperValu 2026. Go raibh maith agaibh as bhur n-iarratas a chur isteach. Maith sibh as an obair atá déanta agaibh in bhur gceantar go dtí seo - guíonn muid gach rath oraibh in bhur dtionscadail amach anseo. Naul is welcome to the Supervalu Tidy Towns Competition for 2026. Thank you for your application and maps which were very helpful, and your action plan for the future. Naul continues to complete projects that develop and enhance the area. These superb projects would not take place without the work undertaken by the committee of five core members and a number of residents who are working diligently, to improve the amenities of the area. There is also an ongoing network between other groups in the area, which is of great benefit to the committee. Meetings continue throughout the year, planning on projects and keeping the area neat and tidy. Fundraising is a big part of your work and there is also great support from the businesses, with advice and funds. Fingal County Council are also very supportive with advice and funds for various projects. Communication to the wider community on your projects is through newsletters, local newspapers, social media, and of course public meetings. It is a close-knit community with all groups working together so word of mouth is also a good way of getting the word around. There is great interaction with the youth, particularly the GAA and the school. There are projects that the school and the Tidy Towns work on together, each helping one another. Taking part in the competition has greatly helped to create a better community spirit with more members of the community getting involved, with youth a great strength on the committee. The projects which have been developed have greatly enhanced the area, making the village a better place for people to visit and live in. You are also commended that you honour and don't forget the work that past members have completed, with the memorial tree planted to one of your members, that sadly passed away during the year.

Streetscape & Public Places / Sráid-Dreach & Áiteanna Poiblí:

The village is rich in heritage, with many heritage sites within the village and in the surrounding areas. There is a mix of modern and older buildings and like most towns and villages today there are some buildings unoccupied, but you are doing good work in helping to revitalise and make the streetscape better. The Community Centre, which is an important amenity for the community, looked fresh and bright on adjudication day. This is a place that is used by the wider community. The Church and surroundings were very well maintained and looked fresh and bright on the day. The school is also a credit to the community and a welcoming place for pupils to attend. The Arts Centre was greatly admired with good landscaping, brightening up the exterior. The old, detached cottage also got a facelift and looks fresh in its bright and red facade. The house with the Virginia creeper on the entrance must look superb during the autumn months and would certainly be worth a visit back to view. Killian's pub, which is a terrific facility for the community and for those visiting, was greatly admired with its well-painted facade and bright surroundings. Your main project at the moment is the Naul Village Park, which will certainly enhance and greatly improve the whole area, both in appearance and facilities for the community.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

There is great variety within the landscape and green spaces of the village, with many areas of both ground and container planting noted. There are a lot of pollinator-friendly plants included in all your planting schemes, which is good to see, and the use of plants against walls to soften the appearance is greatly admired. The Virginia creeper on the entrance road was also noticed and admired. The area around the church and graveyard has also good planting in beds. When planting of pots try to use just one or two large pots rather than a number of smaller ones. This can be more effective and less time-consuming. The butterfly bed was definitely buzzing with both bees and butterflies on the day of adjudication and was greatly admired. The trees within the village were also admired. Not sure if planting around the base of the trees is a good idea. The trees have their own beauty, and the planting of flowers should be separate. Hanging baskets, bug hotel and the Lady Birds all added greatly to the overall brightness and colour of the streetscape.

Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality / An Dúlra agus an Bhithéagsúlacht i do cheantar:

The village is rich in biodiversity, with mature trees and hedging forming the border lines of the village. Protecting and managing biodiversity is important. You continue to grow plenty of trees, hedging and pollinator-friendly plants, that are building on the existing biodiversity of the area. The area has a lot of wildlife with the school involved in bird watching, which is great to see. Bat Conservation Ireland also monitors bats in the church belfries, while the community manages the cleaning and habitat care. There is also an abundance of bird and swift boxes to support nesting. Naul's Delvin River is also monitored with the assistance of Fingal County Council, and this includes the careful watching for invasive species, which can be dealt with, should they exist with the help of the council to eradicate. Groups are also encouraged to host walks and talks and show an appreciation of the nature and habitats that are in existence in their midst, as oftentimes they can go unnoticed and people are not aware of them.

Sustainability – Doing more with less / Inmharthanacht - Mórán ar an mbeagán:

Groups are encouraged to make their areas more sustainable by their activities. Naul are certainly trying to achieve this with the many projects that they are undertaking. The use of left over wood, for the making of street furniture is one example of how reusing can be put to good use. The three main areas where savings can be made are water, transport, and energy. Walking, cycling and using public transport are encouraged where possible and where it is safe to do so. More homes are now using solar panels, and community buildings are also doing so with the help of grant assistance. LED lighting is being used in most lighting, which also helps to save on energy. There is also harvesting of rainwater with the use of water butts for collecting water and this can be adapted by the wider community. Sowing seeds and taking cuttings of plants is another way of saving. Reusing and recycling are also very popular, particularly recycling now as the Return scheme has definitely encouraged people to do so. The village are doing many projects in these areas. Keep up the good work and do continue to document all projects otherwise they may go unnoticed.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

There is a good plan in place around the whole area of litter control and litter eradication within the village. There is also good work being done on weed control, which can be a troublesome job, particularly along kerbs. You have noticed a reduction in the amount of litter collected and this is positive. This shows that the community are adhering to your plan and it is working. All material collected during litter picks is segregated and recycled where possible. In achieving this result there is an ongoing litter management plan in place, with litter picking taking place on a daily basis. Dog walkers are also encouraged to clean up after their pets and ensure the village is kept neat and tidy. The work that you do to brighten and enhance unoccupied buildings along the streetscape also helps with the general tidiness of the village.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:

There is a good mix of houses along the approach roads and throughout the streetscape all blending together and bringing their own colour and charm to the area. Facades are well painted and gardens are neat. Unoccupied houses are being brightened with landscaping and seating to enhance their appearance. The residential estates are also well maintained with good signage and well-presented green areas. There is one estate still unfinished but thankfully this is in progress and will shortly be completed. It is good to see that the residents are working so closely with Tidy Towns, helping one another to ensure that all houses and all projects throughout the village are being monitored and maintained. The residents are commended on the work that they do in the presentation of the area.

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:

Approach roads to the village are very well maintained with neat verges, while retaining an area for wildlife. Stone walls, trees and hedging were noted along all approach roads. There is also good signage, indicating and defining the village area. Landscaping was also admired. This landscaping brings interest and colour to the village, which continues throughout the year. There are some areas where more hedging could be planted, particularly on the road leading into Killian's pub. Footpaths are good and well maintained. Parking within the village is good and made more accessible to all members of the community. The village pump, part of the heritage of the area was also admired.

Concluding Remarks:

Naul was a pleasure to visit and adjudicate. Your new Village Park will certainly bring great enhancement to the

whole area and provide plenty of amenities for the community to enjoy. You are wished well with this project and keep up the good work.