



Naas Tidy Towns



Naas Tidy Towns Plan 2018-2021





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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Naas Tidy Towns 3-Year Plan!

This plan is to be used the guide the work of Naas Tidy Towns for the next 3 years. The plan was drawn up following consultation with members of the Tidy Towns group and a number of surveys undertaken in Naas in 2018.

The plan does not set out to include all of the excellent work carried out by Naas Tidy Towns but to provide direction for the group over the next few years. First of all we set out the Key Projects - major projects that will have greatest impact on Naas. Then we have a yearly schedule of tasks that will address all of the aspects of the Tidy Towns categories.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Naas Tidy Towns would like to thank all of the businesses and individuals who support their work. Thanks to Kildare County Council and our local Councillors for their ongoing belief in our town and our environment. Special thanks though, to all of our volunteers who work so selflessly for the benefit of our town and all its residents. This plan is dedicated to you.

This Tidy Towns Plan was created for Naas Tidy Towns by Billy Flynn of Flynn, Furney Environmental Consultants Ltd. The author would like to thank Naas Tidy Towns Committee for their helpfulness and good humour in the completing of this project.



KEY PROJECTS

These are the Key Projects for Naas Tidy Towns for 2018-2021. These are the projects that will have the greatest impact on the town and its landscape and natural environment over this time. They are also the projects that will demand the greatest time and resources of Naas Tidy Towns and its supporters.

KEY PROJECT 1: GREEN SPACES & LANDSCAPING

NAAS HARBOUR REGENERATION

This will be NTT's biggest project to date and will see great enhancements to our Harbour - one of the finest areas of the Naas landscape. With great support from Kildare County Council, we will have new lighting, restored locks, signage and amenity areas. Waterways Ireland will be a key partner.

Project Period: 2018-2021



KEY PROJECT 2: SUSTAINABILITY - DOING MORE WITH LESS



NAAS NEIGHBOURHOOD GREENWAYS

This NTT project seeks to connect all schools, sporting clubs and estates by Greenways apart from roads and traffic. NTT - the lead project partner of this project - will work to establish an integrated and seamless network of paths and ways that will allow pedestrians and cyclists to travel safely and efficiently in and around Naas. A Greenway Art Project featuring recycled bicycles will be rolled out.

KEY PROJECT 3: COMMUNITY - YOUR PLANNING & INVOLVEMENT



TIDY TOWNS SEMINAR: LANDSCAPING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS & ROADSIDES

With a high proportion of its residents living in housing estates as well as an excellent track record of well-planned residential areas, Naas is an ideal host for this event - the first of its kind in Ireland. Tidy Towns groups from all over Ireland will be invited to a very active seminar that will explore how we finish our living spaces and travelling routes for use, aesthetics and biodiversity.

KEY PROJECT 4: NATURE & BIODIVERSITY IN YOUR LOCALITY

THE OLD TOWN WETLAND PROJECT

A wetland has existed to the north of the Naas Canal for many years. This is in County Council ownership. An area of high conservation value, this is an ideal site for management for biodiversity. This project will include enhanced access (possibly by boardwalk), interpretation and potential for creation of additional habitat areas. It is located directly adjacent the canal and Greenway. LEADER funding will be sought.



KEY PROJECT 5: STREETScape & PUBLIC PLACES

THE NAAS STREETScape ART COMPETITION

It is proposed that a competition will be held for the best designs for addressing hoarding, disused shop-front and other built areas on the main streets of Naas. A panel of artists will assess entries and 'a street artist in residence' will be appointed to ensure that the winning entries become art installations on the Naas streetscape.



OUR PLAN: PROJECTS PLANNED FOR YEAR ONE (2018 - 2019)

PROJECT	CATEGORY
Fair Green - a Sensory Garden and Outdoor Gym will be developed with the support of NTT	Green Spaces & Landscaping
A Pop-Up Repair Café - will be hosted in the Town Hall in conjunction with the local Men's Shed and photographic group	Sustainability - Doing More with Less
Car-Free Canal Days - A number of car-free days are planned on the canal.	Sustainability - Doing More with Less
Bottle Refill Centre - a public drinking water fountain will be located at the town centre to reduce plastic waste.	Sustainability - Doing More with Less
Bug Hotels - to be constructed and installed at the wildlife area at Corban's/Friary Road	Nature & Biodiversity in your locality
The Wall at Blessington Road - will be repaired by Kildare County Council.	Approach Roads, Streets and Lanes
Ivy on Walls - Expand area of walls covered at Monread Park	Streetscape and Public Places
Tree-planting Opposite Odeon on Dublin Road - will help to screen signage	Approach Roads, Streets and Lanes
Wild Food Festival - to be held in September will focus on Stop Food Waste in 2018	Nature & Biodiversity in your locality / Sustainability - Doing More with Less
Secure Equipment Base - is to be sourced by NTT with help from KCC	Community Involvement & Planning
Hawthorns Will be Replaced - where required on the Kilcullen Road	Approach Roads, Streets and Lanes

OUR PLAN: PROJECTS PLANNED FOR YEAR TWO (2019 - 2020)

PROJECT	CATEGORY
Fair Green - a Sensory Garden and Outdoor Gym project to be completed this year	Green Spaces & Landscaping
Car-Free Canal Days - A number of car-free days are planned on the canal. By 2019 there will be a 'CFD' every weekend.	Sustainability - Doing More with Less
Recycled Bicycles - will be made into sculptures for the Greenways Art Project	Sustainability - Doing More with Less
Flower Beds at Canal Locks - with perennial plants of value to pollinating insects used.	Nature & Biodiversity in your locality
Hedgehog Hotel - will be constructed and installed where suitable.	Nature & Biodiversity in your locality
A Footpath Cleaning Machine - will be purchased by NTT and KCC	Tidiness and Litter Control
Floral Display Irrigation System - extended to all shops from Maxol to Fair Green	Sustainability - Doing More with Less
Native Gorse Planting - will be carried out on Ballycane Hill	Nature & Biodiversity in your locality
A Wildflower Strip - may be added to the upper tier of hill at Millenium Park	Approach Roads, Streets and Lanes
Trees Will be Replaced - at copse at Bellingsfield	Residential Streets and Housing Areas
Recycling Area Relocated - from junction of Kilcullen and Ballymore Eustace Road	Tidiness and Litter Control
Green Area Opposite Monaghan's Hotel - to be redone	Green Spaces and Landscaping

OUR PLAN: PROJECTS PLANNED FOR YEAR THREE (2020 - 2021)

PROJECT	CATEGORY
An Air Quality Monitoring Station - will be set up in the town. Transition Year students will assist in this, possibly as a Young Scientist project	Sustainability - Doing More with Less
Wildlife-friendly Lighting - to be designed and installed on canal bridges where suitable. Solar power will be used for these	Nature & Biodiversity in your Locality / Sustainability - Doing More with Less
Wildlife Grassland Management - such as a 'low-mow' regime is to be proposed for part of the grounds at Millenium Park	Nature & Biodiversity in your Locality
Company Tree-planting - The companies at Millenium Park will be invited to support tree-planting (e.g. by Elm House)	Green Spaces and Landscaping
Renewable Energy Watering Systems - are proposed for the canal area	Sustainability - Doing More with Less
A Major Sculpture - will be sought as part of the redevelopment of The Square. A 'recycled snake' could be considered for this	Green Spaces and Landscaping / Sustainability - Doing More with Less
Greenway Murals - should be considered for the Leinster Mills buildings	Streetscape and Public Places
Excessive Signage Removed - from the McCormack Centre in consultation with businesses.	Streetscape and Public Places

ANNUAL & ONGOING PROJECTS

These are the projects that are either multi-annual or are ongoing

PROJECT	CATEGORY
School Visits - we will continue to carry out school visits each year. These are one of the most important regular tasks.	Community - Your Planning and Involvement
Graffiti Survey - to be carried out every year and reported back.	Tidiness and Litter Control
Good Friday Spring Clean - is an annual event and is the largest participatory event in our calendar.	Tidiness and Litter Control
Tree-planting at Fair Green - this will be continued in Autumn/Winter each year over the span of this plan.	Nature & Biodiversity in your Locality
Wild Food Festival - to be held annually, will focus on Stop Food Waste in 2018.	Sustainability - Doing More with Less / Nature and Biodiversity in Your Locality
Roundabout Maintenance - will be carried out at Monread Road. The 'Dawn Meats' roundabout will be a priority.	Approach Roads, Streets and Lanes



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