

An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 1, 2018

Killarney: 6th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

A great achievement for Killarney to score so high during the peak tourist season. Clearly great care is taken with the overall presentation of the town. Street bins on Beech Road had a sign indicating 'Dry Recyclable Litter Only'- the addition of such bins should encourage more recycling with very little effort on behalf of the public. Some examples of the top ranking sites included Bishop's Lane, New Road, Main Street and Recycle Facility at Main Street – the latter was spotless and it is quite a rare occasion in IBAL surveys that Recycle Facilities are deemed to be spotless.

Approach from Cork: Grade B+. Overall, this road was in quite good order with regard to litter. With a little extra effort this could easily be a top ranking site.

Approach from Killorglin: Grade A. The overall impression created along this road was an excellent one with minimal litter.

Beech Road: Grade A. A fresh impression is created along Beech Road and street bins were in good condition. Signage on street bin 'Dry Recyclable Litter Only' should increase recycling with very little effort required on behalf of the public. Care needs to be taken with cigarette butts and chewing gum along Beech Road.

Bishop's Lane: Grade A. The mural on the white wall took the bare look off this narrow laneway – it also added a splash of colour. Colourful planter boxes and flower boxes were in very good condition. Overall, Bishop's Lane was a top ranking site.

Former derelict site at Park Road Commercial Park: Grade B+. This site is no longer derelict and is being used as a car park and storage area. As well as some weeds there were low levels of occasional litter items. Not much effort is required for this site to get the top litter grade.

Main Street: Grade A. The Main Street in Killarney was in excellent order. There was some lovely paving, for both the footpath and road surface, along one stretch of the street. The area was also enhanced by large planter boxes, seating, bollards etc.. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good condition.

New Road: Grade A. Another excellent site in Killarney. Not only did it present well with substantial greenery but road surface, signage, markings and dog fouling notices were all in very good condition.

Recycle Facility – Main Street: Grade A. This facility wasn't just good with regard to litter but spotless. It is a credit to those responsible for the maintenance.

Jarvey Park: Grade B+. A very well managed green space in the centre of Killarney, incorporating jarvey taxis and facilities for horse waste and public toilets. The Tidy Towns have planted flowers along the perimeter of the area. Cigarette butts were a problem and there was some litter in bushes e.g. sweet papers and fast-food wrappers.

Killarney – Tralee Connecting Road: Grade B+. Scattered amounts of litter – sweet papers, fast-food wrappers, plastic bags, plastic bottles and coffee cups. A stretch of road halfway between Farranfore and Killarney harboured much of this litter.