

## **An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 2, 2018**

**Killarney: Overall 2018 result: 3rd out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.**

**An outstanding performance by one of the country's busiest tourist attractions. Some top ranking sites deserve a special mention e.g. the Recycle Facility was excellent, (rare for such facilities generally); the Main Street wasn't just very good with regard to litter but overall presentation e.g. paving, seating, bollards etc.; the same applied to the Jarvey Park – this was a very attractively presented and maintained environment. Some of the bins in Killarney provided the opportunity for 'dry recycling' and this is a very welcome feature.**

**Approach Road from Cork: Grade A.** The overall presentation of this route was a good one with a virtual absence of litter throughout.

**Beech Road: Grade A.** The overall presentation of Beech Road was very good with paving, bollards, trees, etc. all in very good condition. Road markings were somewhat worn away (especially the double yellow lines). The litter bins provide the opportunity for 'dry recycling'. It was excellent with regard to litter.

**Bishop's Lane: Grade A.** This narrow laneway, very much the rear access to commercial properties was in very good order. There was a colourful mural on a white wall at the end and some planter boxes were a welcome feature.

**Park Road Commercial Park: Grade A.** This site was formerly derelict but is now much fresher thanks to two companies now claiming 'ownership' by operating car parking in one and storage in the other. There were no litter issues to report.

**Recycle Facility at New Street Car Park: Grade A.** An excellent recycle facility. The bins were flush against the wall, leaving no opportunity for 'stuffing' of items behind the units, as so often happens at such facilities. There was a complete absence of litter.

**New Road: Grade B+.** New Road presented well and just missed getting the top litter grade – a variety of food related items were present (coffee cups, plastic bottles, fast-food wrappers and sweet wrappers). There was attractive road signage.

**Approach from Killorglin: Grade B+.** Much of this route was in good order with regard to litter but there were enough items to bring down the grade to B+ - all food related items.

**Jarvey Park: Grade A.** The presentation of this environment was excellent – lovely brick work and wood panels, paving, benches, visitor information notice, railings, planted areas etc. Clearly it is a very well managed and respected environment. The tie in with the 'Tidy Towns' planed area also contributes to the great impression created here.

**Main Street: Grade A.** The road and paving surface create a very fresh impression along the Main Street in Killarney. This is further enhanced by attractive shop fronts. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order e.g. seating, tree planting, signage etc. The street was very festive in mid December with a dedicated 'Santa Post Box' and 'Santa Sleigh'.

**Killarney – Tralee N22 Connecting Road: Grade B+.** The main litter items along this road were fast-food wrappers, plastic bags, sweet papers, coffee cups and plastic bottles.