

Letterkenny: Joint 8th out of 40 Towns / Cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms

Maintaining its year on year improvement of recent years, Letterkenny has scored very well with eight out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade and no heavily littered sites. With so many top ranking sites, a few which deserve special mention. Letterkenny Shopping Centre and the Car park of same were exceptionally good with regard to litter and presentation. The residential area of Ballyraine Park and Church of Irish Martyrs were also top ranking – the latter was particularly well presented and maintained.

R245 Milford /Ramelton Approach Road: Grade A. A clean and tidy approach to the town with well tended grass verges and fresh properties. This positive first impression of Letterkenny was sustained for almost of all the remainder of the sites surveyed.

Letterkenny Shopping Centre: Grade A. An absolutely pristine site. Extremely clean and tidy with all areas in excellent condition. The overall impression was a fresh, bright and welcoming one.

Car Park, Letterkenny Shopping Centre: Grade A. A very clean and tidy area, very large and very busy. The car park was virtually litter free with the exception of a couple of small pieces of litter and some old chewing gum.

Letterkenny Bus Station: Grade B. Letterkenny Bus Station was a somewhat mixed environment in terms of presentation and litter. First impressions of this site were good but the area to one side of the station (where there is a small hut) had discarded litter behind it and old buckets and bins etc. Also, there was 'chopped up litter' where strimming had recently taken place i.e. grass was not cleared of litter before strimming.

Ballyraine Park: Grade A. A small residential area, along a cul-de-sac -semi detached houses all in very good order and with well tended front gardens. There were no litter issues at this site.

Residential area from Junction with R245 to junction with Ashlawn and Sylvan Park: Grade A. The individual gardens along this stretch of road were very well tended and the overall impression created along here was a positive one.

Church of the Irish Martyrs: Grade A. This was an excellent site in terms of overall presentation, maintenance and litter. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order e.g. building, paths, grass, planting etc. The whole area was very well maintained.

Letterkenny Hospital: Grade A. Care needs to be taken that there isn't a build-up of cigarette butts, as is often the case in the immediate environs of hospital environments. The grounds were somewhat tired and unloved with poorly maintained shrubbery areas.

L1134 Kiltroy Approach Road: Grade B. A moderately littered route into Letterkenny with coffee cups, plastic bottles, sweet papers and plastic bags present.

N13 / N15 Letterkenny – Sligo Connecting Road: Grade A. Over the entire length of this road, covering three separate local authority areas (Donegal, Leitrim (for about 2 miles) and Sligo) there was a virtual absence of litter. Overall, this was a very pleasant route.