

**Limerick City: 35<sup>th</sup> out of 40 Towns / Cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.**

A disappointing slip in cleanliness after much improvement in 2018. Litter blackspots were identified at Cecil Street (due to the dumping in the basements); a Lane off Parnell Street (subject to long-term abuse and neglect) and a site off Upper William Street and High Street (subject to huge levels of dumping).

There were some streets where paving had been replaced (e.g. part of O'Connell Street) and these areas created a very fresh and clean impression. Apart from the top ranking approach roads some of the very good sites within the city included O'Callaghan Strand, Little Catherine Street, Bishop's Quay and People's Park – these were not just good with regard to litter but also very well presented and maintained.

As a general observation in Limerick City, the street signage was very good. Also, many of the street bins have 'gum disposal' option at the top, beside cigarette butt disposal.

**Con Colbert Train and Bus Station: Grade B.** Much of this station environment presented well but it was let down by food related litter at the base of the seating to the front and heavy levels of cigarette butts, especially at the bicycle parking area. With a little extra care and attention this could easily be a top ranking site.

**Little Catherine Street: Grade A.** An attractively paved city centre street with outdoor seating and planting. It presented very well, with a virtual absence of litter throughout. An adjoining laneway (Limerick Lane) had significant levels of cigarette butts.

**Roches Street: Grade B.** There was a definite litter presence along Roches Street, most notably at the Coca Cola Bicycle parking station. A variety of food related items and newspapers were strewn about. The overall impression was of an untidy street.

**O'Callaghan Strand: Grade A.** This riverside environment has been attractively landscaped with paving, railings, seating, bollards, bins etc in very good order. Signage saying 'Stop Limerick Dog Litter' on lamp-post and graphic image indicating not to feed the birds. It was an excellent site with regard to litter.

**Boherbuoy: Grade B.** There is no doubt that this was a littered site and graffiti was also a feature on several separate surfaces. Some of the bins had a 'Gum Bin' facility at the top, beside the 'Stub It out'.

**Cecil Street: Grade D.** The street level belies the huge litter levels in the basement of several premises along Cecil Street. Where does responsibility for these lie? They were characterised by all manner of food related litter and dumping.

**Shannonbridge and Condell Road: Grade A.** Shannonbridge was a fresh environment with road surface / markings and railings in good condition. The grass verges were freshly cut on Condell Road. The overall impression was a clean and tidy one, with a virtual absence of litter.

**R527 Ballysimon Road: Grade A.** This road got the top litter grade, but only just. While the main stretch of road was good with regard to litter, care needs to be taken outside the various industrial / business premises throughout.

**R445 Dublin Road Approach / Clare Street: Grade A.** A clean and tidy first impression of Limerick was created along this route. There was no noticeable litter and some bus stops had litter bins. Parkway Roundabout was well presented and maintained.

**Chapel Street / Cruises Street: Grade B.** This shopping area was generally untidy with overflowing industrial green & blue bins, the contents of which were spilling out on to the street. It certainly didn't present as freshly as other city centre sites in Limerick.

**Charlotte Quay: Grade A.** There were no litter problems along this approach road. The overall impression was a tidy and well maintained environment.

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**Dock Road: Grade B.** Much of the litter along this road was close to the apartment buildings and at railings beside the underground car parking. Closer to Shannonbridge Roundabout there were heavy levels of cigarette butts.

**Miscellaneous Site at corner of Annes Street and Thomas Street: Grade C.** A small public park, with seating, this needs attention. Litter was trapped beneath the green fencing and within the park itself there was a black sack. Where does responsibility for this site lie?

**M7 from Castletroy to Ballysimon Exit: Grade A.** A well attended site and overall a good impression was created here. Recently cut grass verges and road surface, markings and signage were in very good condition. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

**M7, from Castletroy Exit, Dublin direction: Grade A.** A fresh and clean route with well attended grass verges. Overall, it was deserving of the top litter grade.

**Henry Street: Grade B.** Casually discarded litter took away from an otherwise well presented street – the built environment was in generally in good order. Plastic bottles were the most prevalent litter types with lower levels of sweet papers and cans. With a little extra effort this could easily be a top ranking site.

**O'Connell Street: Grade A.** The style of paving varied along O'Connell Street with some stretches attractively paved and others less so – on the older style chewing gum was particularly pronounced. There was a virtual absence of litter along the street – care needs to be taken beneath the stone seating.

**The Bishops Quay: Grade A.** Overall, The Bishops Quay presented well and created a positive impression. The wooden decking beside the river was in good condition. Paving, bollards, bins etc. were all in good order - there was a virtual absence of litter.

**Upper and Lower William Street: Grade B.** There was a variety of food related litter, much of it at the Upper William Street end, creating an untidy impression. The level of litter along some stretches was such that it was a poor Grade B site.

**People's Park: Grade A.** This was an excellent site in terms of presentation and litter. Grounds were well maintained, seating, bins, visitor information notice, etc. were all in very good order. There were plenty of bins at the seating area and this appears to be having the desired effect.

**Steamboat Quay: Grade B+.** With a little extra effort this site could easily be top ranking. Some litter at the parking area and cigarette butts bring down an otherwise well presented environment.

**Miscellaneous Site off Upper William Street and High Street: Grade D.** This lane off Upper William Street connects to Pikes Row and also to High Street. It wasn't so much littered as subject to dumping e.g. pillows and duvets were strewn amongst a pile of cardboard boxes and rubbish. Further along the laneway there was a large piece of furniture. A black sack had been discarded behind a metal railing, with more black sacks amongst overgrown greenery. The whole area was filthy, one of the worst sites in a city / town centre environment.

**Lane off Parnell Street: Grade D.** This laneway has been subject to long-term abuse and neglect. There was no improvement on the previous IBAL litter survey.

**Honans Quay: Grade C.** A very casual attitude to litter has prevailed at Honans Quay – as well as heavy levels of food related litter there was a discarded shopping basket. The area is well served by litter bins.

**Connecting Road from Castletroy Exit onto M7 to N52: Grade B.** There were moderate levels of litter on both sides of the limerick county border and Tipperary council border. This takes away from the very good motorway maintenance.