

**Newbridge: 7<sup>th</sup> out of 40 Towns / Cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms**

**An excellent result for Newbridge with eight out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade and no heavily littered sites. Particularly good sites included the river walk at Bad Lippspringe Way (excellent in terms of presentation and maintenance), Main Street and Eyre Street. Main Street scored particularly well as it is a very long street and thus presents more opportunity for littering. The Clothing Facility at Dunnes Stores could quickly deteriorate if not addressed.**

**Newbridge Train Station – Exterior: Grade A.** A fresh and tidy impression was created at this 'olde' style train station. Care needs to be taken to ensure that train tickets don't build up beside the ticket machines (there was a litter bin right beside the machines). The remainder of the station was very good with regard to litter.

**Newbridge Train Station – Interior: Grade B.** There was one isolated area which was responsible for bringing down the litter grade – directly beside the stairs there is a narrow area to the left (behind some fencing) which had heavy levels of plastic bottles, cans and fast-food wrappers. If this area was tackled the Interior of the Station could easily be a top ranking site.

**Approach from Milltown: Grade A.** The road surface, markings and signage create a good impression. Grass verges were well maintained. Overall, this route created a positive first impression of Newbridge.

**Main Street: Grade A.** A long and wide main street with freshly presented pavement and ornamental trees. Despite length of street and level of activity it scored very well with regard to litter. Seating, bins, signage etc. were in very good order.

**Jacob's Well – Closed down Site: Grade A.** Not so much a littered site (bar a dead bird at the base of the drain) but a poorly presented one - scuffed paint and cracked cement. Care needs to be taken to ensure that this doesn't deteriorate.

**Bad Lippspringe Way: Grade A.** This waterside amenity was beautifully presented and maintained. Paving, seating, planting, signage, visitor information notices, railings etc. were all in very good condition – it was excellent with regard to litter.

**Eyre Street: Grade A.** Some of the premises along this shopping street were better presented than others. There were a few boarded up properties and clearly a careful eye is kept on them as there was no litter directly associated with them.

**Clothing Recycle Facility at Dunnes Stores: Grade B.** Despite plenty of opportunities for clothing recycling (i.e. the clothing units didn't appear to be full / overflowing) there were discarded items, along with other food related litter and a child's buggy. This could quickly deteriorate to a Grade C site if not addressed.

**R413 Kilcullen: Grade A.** The overall presentation of this route was an excellent one with road surface, signage, markings in very good order and recently cut hedges / grass. It was impeccable.

**M7 Connecting Road to Portlaoise: Grade A.** A very clean impression was created along this route. Despite plenty of 'road works' taking place along some of this route, this didn't impact in any negative way on the litter situation.