

**Cork City Centre: 20<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

Another strong performance by Cork City with almost half the sites surveyed getting the top litter grade, a large number just moderately littered and just a couple of poor sites. Some examples of the very good top ranking sites included Riverwalk and Lee Fields (a lovely riverside amenity which was excellent with regard to litter and presentation), Bishop Lucey Park (scoring very well compared to previous surveys), UCC (exceptionally good in terms of presentation and maintenance) and Grand Parade. By far the most heavily littered site was the Former Crow's Nest Victoria Cross which was a litter blackspot – it wasn't just littered but dumping had taken place.

**Carrigrohane Road approach: Grade A.** From Texaco Service station to Victorian Cross excluding Victoria Cross. Generally, very clean area with excellent road signage and surface. The environs of County Hall / Library etc. was particularly fresh in appearance. There was a virtual absence of litter in the area surveyed.

**Riverwalk and Lee Fields: Grade A.** A lovely riverside amenity which was excellent with regard to litter and very well presented and maintained. Autumnal colours added to the wonderful vista. Seating, bins, lifebelts, cycle path, railings etc. were all in excellent condition.

**Wilton Road / Victoria Cross Approach: Grade B.** (from Dennehy's Cross to Victoria Cross). Much of this road was good with regard to litter. However, the bus stops have attracted litter and small amounts were found on road and footpath, with significantly more thrown over walls and behind temporary advertising – a wide range of litter items were present. The boarded up green property with blue boarding and graffiti / advertising created a poor impression.

**St Francis Avenue: Grade A.** This residential road was deserving of the top litter grade with only very small traces of food related items. The overall impression was a good one.

**Magazine Road: Grade A.** There were no noticeable litter issues along Magazine Road. The individual gardens appeared in good order.

**University College Cork: Grade A.** An exceptional site in terms of presentation and maintenance – seating, lamps, bins, paving, railings etc. were all in excellent condition and there was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed – a credit to the users and those responsible for the maintenance.

**Donovan's Road: Grade B+.** Tree lined road on a hill with increasing amounts of buildings now occupied by UCC. Generally very clean, with one accumulation of litter on road spilling into the adjacent Dept of Applied Social Studies after that just the very odd piece of litter.

**Bishop Lucey Park: Grade A.** Bishop Lucey Park was improved considerably compared to a few years ago – this time around it was excellent with regard to litter. It is now a lovely city centre park environment. It was very well presented and maintained e.g. signage, bins, paving, seating, planted areas etc.

**Former Crow's Nest Victoria Cross: Grade D.** This boarded up premises has deteriorated to a terrible state. Weeds were 6ft tall in front of the buildings / behind the railings and the open area was subject not just to litter, but dumping e.g. mattress / bedding materials. There is a planning application notice for redevelopment by University College Cork at this site.

**Grand Parade: Grade A.** A lovely wide, tree lined street which was generally very clean throughout. The overall impression created here was a very fresh one with all aspects of the area surveyed in very good order. Care needs to be taken at the base of the ornamental trees where butts are beginning to collect in the grills.

**Western Road: Grade A.** A clean and tidy impression was created along this road – there was a virtual absence of litter throughout. Paving, bollards, railings, trees etc. were in good order but it was noted that plastic ties on poles were present.

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**UCC: Grade A.** An exceptionally good site in terms of presentation, maintenance and litter. The grounds were immaculate.

**St. Patrick Street: Grade B.** St. Patrick Street was not quite as fresh looking as the past and there was a wide variety of food related litter items, both along the street (under the trees and in cracks along the pavement) and at a construction site.

**Recycle Facility - Railway Street: Grade B.** The recycle bins and signage at this small facility (3 recycle bins) were freshly presented and in good order. Items had been discarded in the immediate environs of same.

**Oliver Plunkett Street: Grade B+.** With a little extra effort Oliver Plunkett Street could easily get the top litter grade. Apart from chewing gum which was obvious on the older road surface, there were small litter items in the cracks and the down pipes. The paving, bollards, street bins, signage etc. were in very good order.

**New Bridge – Harley's Street: Grade B+.** Signage calls it 'New Pedestrian & Cycle Bridge at Harley's Street. Nice bridge both functionally and aesthetically. Small amounts of litter under the seating in the centre of the bridge at the Northern end of the bridge – mostly fast-food wrappers, cans and sweet papers. This took away from an otherwise very freshly presented built environment.

**MacCurtain Street: Grade B+.** There were brightly painted shop fronts along this eclectic shopping street. Small amounts of well scattered litter prevented MacCurtain Street getting the top litter grade.

**Hardwick Street: Grade B.** There was a definite litter presence along this graffiti lined street. Main litter items were coffee cups, plastic bottles, cans and sweet papers. The overall presentation of Hardwick Street was quite a poor one.

**Horgan's Quay: Grade A.** Major re-development project taking place here with shiny boarding surrounding the construction site. A new entrance to Kent Station has been created, creating a positive first impression of the city. The whole area was excellent with regard to litter.

**Bowling Green Street: Grade C+.** A poorly presented narrow street with accumulations of litter – beer cans plastic litter and other items were present. This created a poor impression.

**North Main Street: Grade B+.** Much of the street presented well (e.g. paving, signage etc.) but there was a very definite litter presence at the construction site – this will need to be addressed to prevent further deterioration. Graffiti was also present along North Main Street.

**Meade Street: Grade A.** A long stretch of Meade Street was covered with green hoarding on one side – this was clean but much of it was covered in graffiti. The remainder of Meade Street was fine with regard to litter

**Douglas Street: Grade A.** Long, well maintained approach road lined with a mix of houses, shopping areas and a hospital. Excellent road surface with a functional bike lane painted on just one side of the road. Plastic ties on poles is an issue throughout the entire road.

**N40 South Link Road: Grade A.** The area surveyed was from Kinsale Road to Mahon. It was very good with regard to presentation, and clean throughout.

**St Patrick's Hill: Grade B.** Litter was obvious on the pavement steps of this steep road. Weeds were pronounced and broken glass was an issue.

**N8 Connecting Road to Fermoy: Grade B.** A moderately littered route, with concentration of litter from Dunkettle roundabout to approximately 1km north and again at other junctions to Fermoy. The return journey to Cork was cleaner with a notable increase in litter after Glanmire to Dunkettle roundabout.