

Letterkenny: 18th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

Another strong performance from Letterkenny, with over half the sites surveyed getting the top litter grade - examples included IDA Business Park and Little Angels Primary School and all appeared in good order at the Managed Recycle Centre. By far the most heavily littered sites in Letterkenny were Long Lane and the grounds of Letterkenny Hospital.

R245 from Roundabout out to Roundabout at Great Gas / Thomas Keys and Sons: Grade A. An excellent first impression of Letterkenny with road surface, markings, signage and footpaths particularly fresh in appearance. The verges were well tended, with attractive trees / planting at the roundabout. Roadway is further enhanced with good visitor information noticeboard.

Letterkenny Recycle Centre: Grade A. All appeared in good order at this 'managed' facility which was closed at the time of the survey. Signage, fencing and facilities seem to be well managed with roadway / grass well maintained.

Long Lane: Grade C. The area surveyed was from lower end of road uphill to the top at A McGovern Joinery. The very upper end of this steep street was less littered than the rest which had scattered litter all along the length. – much of it was at base of shrubbery and some was outside a shop called Jay Cees. All manner of litter was present - sweet papers and fast-food wrappers were most pronounced, with lower levels of cans, plastic bags, coffee cups, glass and plastic bottles.

IDA Business Park: Grade A. This business park operates on sides of the road – they were both pristine. It is an exceptionally freshly presented business environment with all aspects in excellent order – paving, fencing, road surface / markings etc. Area was further enhanced by some striking modern architecture. There was plenty of mature planting throughout. One premises was less well presented than the others, but there was no litter directly associated with it.

R250 Approach to Roundabout at Oldtown Road: Grade A. Road works were taking place along this route but they didn't impact in any negative way on the litter situation. Road was enhanced by attractive tree planting and hedges, 'olde' style street lamps and the grass was well maintained. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout the stretch surveyed.

GAA Pairc Ui Dhomhnaill: Grade A. The overall impression created here was a positive one with car park surface, signage, fencing and grounds well presented and maintained. It was very good with regard to litter.

Letterkenny Hospital Grounds: Grade C. This site was something of a contradiction. Some areas appeared well tended, with neatly trimmed grass and litter free e.g. the end furthest from the entrance and the large car parking area to the fore and the emergency entrance area. However, the area at the main entrance was dirty. There was 'dust graffiti' all along the glass frontal shelter / drive through at the main entrance - it was so dusty and dirty it was difficult to see through it. Despite many 'This is a tobacco free site' signs there were very heavy levels of cigarette butts at the entrance, frequently right beneath the 'Tobacco Free' signage.

Glencar Shopping Centre: Grade B+. This small development was generally well looked after - however, scattered pieces of litter throughout the site prevented a top litter grade. There was a noticeable cigarette butt presence at the doorway / frontage of The Glencar Inn.

Little Angels Primary School: Grade A. This was an excellent site in terms of litter and overall presentation. The brightly painted tin shed is a very good illustration of how something as utilitarian can actually be a feature. Planted areas were in very good order. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

N15 / N13 Sligo - Letterkenny Connecting Road: Grade B. Overall a Grade B but noticeable differences along the length of the route. The area closest to Letterkenny was heavily littered. This very dirty section carried on for quite a few miles and it was possible to count some new litter every second.