

Limerick City Centre: 24th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

Two litter blackspots - at Cecil Street and an area on Ellen Street - let down an otherwise excellent result for Limerick City, which regains its 'Clean' status. Street name signs were in very good condition and created a positive impression. Many of the riverside sites were not just good with regard to litter but also very well presented and maintained e.g. Bishop's Quay, Honan's Quay and Clancy Strand – they were not just good with regard to litter but also exceptionally well presented and maintained. Some other top ranking sites included King John's Castle and the shopping areas of Roches Street and William Street. Clare Street was seriously littered. Chewing gum was very pronounced at many of the city centre and riverside sites.

Approach to N18, N19, N69 and M20 from City Centre: Grade A. A virtual absence of litter contributed to a good impression overall. The grass verges were well maintained.

Mallow Street Lower and Shannonbridge Roundabout: Grade A. This site was deserving of the top litter grade, but only just. The environs of Shannonbridge Roundabout was excellent (nice planning and good road surface / markings) but care needs to be taken at entrance to Ballisimo / Car park at Limerick City Hotel

Bishop's Quay: Grade A. This riverside environment was excellent with regard to litter and very freshly presented e.g. paving, seating, ornamental trees, bicycle parking, railings etc and there were plenty of bins.

Car Park at Michael Street: Grade A This street level car park was in good order. Apart from some chewing gum it was very good with regard to litter.

Cecil Street: Grade D. There has been no change at this litter blackspot since the previous survey. The boarded up properties create a very poor impression but the real problem lies, as before, in the basements of some premises.

Charlotte Quay: Grade A. A clean and tidy impression was created along this riverside environment, with no visible litter in the water either.

Clancy Strand: Grade A. An excellent impression was created along this riverside environment. Signage was in very good order and paving, seating, litter bins, life-belts etc. were in very good order – it was very good with regard to litter, both along the pavement and within the water.

Clare Street: Grade C Clancy Street wasn't so much littered as suffering from accumulations of rubbish, particularly to the rear of electricity boxes (heavily graffitied). The overall impression was a poor one, especially around the vacant site at the corner of Clare Street and Saint Lelia Street. If not addressed this could quickly become a litter blackspot.

Cornmarket Row: Grade B+. Cornmarket Row just missed getting the top litter grade. With a little extra care and attention on behalf of smokers and chewing gum users this could be quickly top ranking. Areas outside fast-food outlets / various businesses were most pronounced.

Dock Road: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along Dock Road. The paving presented well along some stretches. Chewing gum and cigarette butts were an issue but given the length of the road it wasn't enough to bring down the litter grade.

Henry Street: Grade A. (at Lower Mallow Street). The road surface / markings and paving were somewhat mixed along Henry Street – some stretches were much fresher in appearance than others. Level of chewing gum / cigarette butts was such that it could easily slide to Grade B status.

High Street: Grade A. Overall, High Street was deserving of the top litter grade. It created a good impression, apart from the chewing gum and cigarette butts, most notably close to the bars. There was negligible other litter.

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Honan's Quay / Harvey's Quay: Grade A. This was an very good site, not just in terms of litter but also in terms of presentation e.g. paving, railings, bins etc. and the environs of Terry Wogan Memorial was in excellent order – exceptionally fresh in appearance.

King John's Castle: Grade A. The entrance and immediate environs of King John Castle were in beautifully laid out and very well maintained. The paving, planting, grass areas, signage were excellent – there was a complete absence of litter throughout.

O'Connell Street: Grade A. A long street which overall, was deserving of the top litter grade, despite a definite chewing gum / cigarette butt presence. Much of the road surface was in good order with fresh markings. The footpath presented poorly along some stretches.

Sarsfield Bridge: Grade A. Road surface, markings and signage were in very good condition and it was very good with regard to litter. A positive first impression of Limerick for anybody arriving along this route.

Lock Quay: Grade A. There were no visible litter issues in the water and the immediate environment. The vacant properties were an eyesore.

Area surrounding Molly's Late Bar on Ellen Street: Grade D. Litter blackspot - Apart from the litter on the street it was the significant litter problems behind the gates and fence beside the bar which really brought down the litter grade – it looks like a build up over a period of time, indicating a lack of thorough cleaning.

Meat Market Lane: Grade A. Meat Market Lane got the top litter grade, but only just. The vacant site / waste ground needs attention as it creates a very poor impression and is liable to become a magnet for litter / anti-social behaviour.

Sheep Street: Grade A. A clean and tidy environment with no litter issues to report, Entrance to car park presented well.

Nicholas Street: Grade A. A very good impression was created along Nicolas Street. The paving and road surface / markings were in particularly good order. It was excellent with regard to litter.

Steamboat Quay: Grade A. Overall, a good site in terms of litter, but care needs to be taken at the base of the trees to ensure that litter doesn't build up. Steamboat Quay created a tidy and welcoming impression.

William Street: Grade A. Road surface / markings and pavement presented very well along this shopping street. All aspects of the area surveyed were in good order and it scored well with regard to litter. There were plenty of bins throughout.

Roches Street: Grade A. Paving, bins, 'olde' style streetlamps, bollards etc. were in good order along Roches Street. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Connecting Road to Ennis: Grade A. Very good impression. Well attended grass verges. Very busy and litter-free nonetheless. Grade A on both sides of the county borders.