

**Midleton: 15<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

**A good result for Midleton, which was brought down by a couple of heavily littered sites. Top ranking sites included Midleton Town Park (a beautifully maintained town park environment), Market Green Shopping Centre and The Main Street – these sites were not just clean but were well presented and maintained. The Clothing Recycle Facility at Distillery Road Car Park and John Gray Autos were seriously littered.**

**Market Green Shopping Centre: Grade A.** A freshly presented environment with some attractive tree planting. Car parking areas, trolley bays, footpaths and shopping entrance were all clear of loose litter, but chewing gum was obvious at the entrances. It is often the case that when other litter is present that chewing gum is not so obvious and this is a good example of that situation.

**Owenacurra Business Park: Grade B+.** Older industrial / business park with some vacant sites. Signage was in good order. The majority of the business park was very clean, both individual premises and interconnecting roads. The nature of the 'Managed for Wildlife' area is such that grass isn't manicured, but there was mild litter.

**John Gray Auto: Grade C.** Significant accumulation of litter under and along the green fence that runs parallel to the road. The most obvious litter items included fast-food wrappers, cans, sweet papers, plastic bottles and coffee cups, with lower amounts of other litter. Litter was also found at the entrance on the gravel surface.

**Main Street: Grade A.** The new footpath / paving creates a great impression, with the older style looking 'tired' and besmirched by chewing gum. Many individual properties were well presented and clearly a close eye is kept on any vacant / 'to let' properties as there was no litter directly associated with them.

**Clothing Recycle Facility at Distillery Road Car Park: Grade C+.** A small facility, solely for clothing – and therein lies the problem. Bags of other items had been discarded to the rear of the units, some contained bottles and other random items. The units themselves were freshly presented. There was loose litter in the immediate environs.

**Connolly Street: Grade A.** This short street connects Main Street and Dungourney Road. Older buildings of various heights and levels of maintenance, some verging on derelict. However, there was no litter directly associated with these buildings. While not as freshly presented as 'Main Street', it was deserving of the top grade with regard to litter.

**Dungourney Approach Road: Grade A.** Road surface, signage and markings were in good order, along this mature tree lined road. It was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

**Midleton Town Park: Grade A.** A beautiful town park environment, in a mature setting. Reference to historic items of interest e.g. Midleton Lodge 1790 signage was in good order. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good condition.

**Link Road between Cork Road and R626: Grade A.** Road surface / markings, bicycle path and grass area were in very good condition. It was excellent in terms of presentation, maintenance and litter.

**N25 Connecting Road to Cork: Grade A.** The overall impression created was a positive one, with a virtual absence of litter throughout.