

Newbridge: 4th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

An excellent showing by Newbridge, with only one site failing to make the grade. Several top ranking sites deserve a special mention. The riverwalk at Bad Lippsinge Way was not just excellent with regard to litter but also in terms on presentation and maintenance – it is a wonderful resource for the local inhabitants. Other top ranking sites included the Train Station and the approach roads. Both the Main Street and Eyre Street got the top litter grade but it was noted that there were vacant / shuttered / derelict properties at both – these create a poor impression and can easily become magnets for litter. The only littered site surveyed in Newbridge was the Recycle Facility at Lidl – the area to the rear of the recycle units had been ‘stuffed’ with a myriad of litter items.

Newbridge Train Station – Exterior: Grade A. A freshly presented ‘olde’ style station. Plenty of signage relating to car parking. Apart from some chewing gum there were no litter issues in the area surveyed.

Newbridge Train Station – Interior: Grade A. Little has been done to enhance the overall environment but it was fine with regard to litter. Signage relating to eh station was in good order.

R445 Approach Road (from Naas): Grade A. This road passes by mature homes (house-proud) and neat and tidy hedges. Road surface, signage and markings were in good condition and all was in good order with regard to litter.

Eyre Street: Grade A. This side shopping street got the top litter grade, but only just. Most of the individual properties were in good order – see separate site for corner boarded up property.

Series of 3 boarded up properties – Eyre Street: Grade A. (At junction of John Street) These properties will need to be tended to prevent further decay. Woodwork is falling off and paint at the base of the façade is peeling away.

Bad Lippsinge Way: Grade A. A wonderful riverwalk environment which has been beautifully laid out and maintained. There was plenty of signage relating to nature throughout. Paving, signage, railings, planting, seating, ‘olde’ style lamps etc. were in very good order. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

Main Street: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout this extensive stretch of main street. Paving was in good order and ornamental trees are a lovely feature. There were several vacant / shuttered properties which presented poorly – little effort has been made to reduce the impact of same.

Approach with Ballymore Park / Moore Field Park: Grade A. A very good impression was created along this route into Newbridge – colourful flower beds and hedges were in good order. There were no visible litter issues.

Recycle Facility at Lidl: Grade C. Interesting signage at this facility from Kildare Co Co ’12 Litter fines issued at this site in 2019 so far’. Unfortunately, this hasn’t been enough to deter future offenders. On first impressions all appeared in reasonably order. However, further investigation to the rear of the recycle units revealed a different story – there were heavy accumulations of all manner of litter items stuffed between the rear of the units and green fencing.

M7 Link Road to Kildare: Grade A. The overall impression created along this route was a positive one with verges well maintained and no visible litter issues.