

## An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 1, 2020

**Killarney: 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.**

In such a difficult year for the town, Killarney has maintained its exemplary cleanliness. All the approach roads got the top litter grade and this high standard was sustained for well over the majority of the remaining sites surveyed. Among many top ranking sites, some deserve special mention – the Jarvey Parking & Environs was spotless throughout and beautifully presented and maintained; Killarney National Park is a wonderful natural resource which has been lovingly tended and very well respected. Main Street was another site which wasn't just good with regard to litter but a very freshly presented environment.

**Main Street: Grade A.** An exceptionally freshly presented main shopping street with the paving, substantial planting, bicycle parking, bollards, street bins, sculpture etc. in excellent order. It was spotless throughout. It was great to see the decommissioned P&T telephone box was being used to house the defibrillator.

**Killarney Train Station: Grade A.** An exceptionally fresh and welcoming environment for any visitors arriving to Killarney by train – it was excellent with regard to litter. The Waiting Room, entrance and car park area were very well presented.

**Jarvey Parking & Environs: Grade A.** The 'Tourist Information' notice was freshly presented and in good order, with the adjoining grass / shrubbery areas excellently maintained. The built environment, including the very fresh looking paving, looked very well. It was absolutely spotless throughout.

**Aldi: Grade B.** There was a distinct litter presence at the entrance / trolley bay, in an otherwise very freshly presented car park environment. The car park surface / markings / signage were in very good condition.

**Bring Centre at New Street Car Park: Grade A.** The overall impression created at this facility was a positive one. Signage indicates that if the recycle bins are full, there is the option to bring recyclables to the bins at High Street Car Park.

**N71 Approach from Killarney National Park: Grade A.** A very clean and tidy impression was created along this route – there were no litter issues to report. Road surface, markings and signage were in very good order.

**Approach from Fossa: Grade A.** All aspects along this road were in very good order – there were no visible litter issues and the overall impression was a welcoming one.

**Innishfallen Shopping Centre / Mall: Grade A.** This facility appears to be operating as a pedestrian link between New Street Car Park and the Main Street – there were no shops open within the facility. Clearly a very close eye is kept on this site as it was clear of litter, despite the empty premises throughout.

**Killarney National Park: Grade A.** A very extensive natural resort which has been lovingly tended and very well respected, as evidenced by the lack of casually discarded litter. Killarney National Park wasn't immune to Covid-19 litter as there were a couple of disposable face masks, the only items to be seen throughout the entirety of a large area surveyed.

**Connecting Road from Tralee to Killarney: Grade B.** A mixed route in terms of litter with some parts cleaner than others. Farranfore to Killarney was very good but Farranfore to Tralee was somewhat littered – fast food wrappers, plastic bags, plastic bottles and coffee cups.