

An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 2, 2020

Killarney: 2nd out of 37 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

Always a top-ranking town, things were no different this time around in Killarney. It is a great credit to the local authority, traders and residents that the high standards of cleanliness have been maintained in these trying times. The Bottle Bank in the car park on Plunkett Street was exceptionally clean and freshly presented; Other top-ranking sites included Knockreer Playground and Deenagh Woodland Trail, High Street / Main Street and Dr Hans Liebherr Road. The Jarvey Parking and surrounds is beautifully laid out – it was also excellent with regard to litter.

Bottle Bank in car park opposite Killarney Towers Hotel, Plunkett Street: Grade A. This small facility was excellent. Not only was there a complete absence of litter at the bottle bank and in the area immediately surrounding it, the whole environment was very freshly presented.

Cork Road Approach: Grade A. There were no litter issues of note along this route which was freshly presented and maintained.

High Street / Main Street: Grade A. A very long stretch of street, incorporating both High Street and Main Street. They were very well presented with paving, sculpture, seating, bicycle parking, street bins etc. in excellent order. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

Jarvey Parking and immediate environs: Grade A. This is a lovely environment with all aspects in very good order and an absence of litter throughout. The surrounding building, paving, seating, signage etc were in very good order, with a dedicated area for horse fouling.

Killarney Train Station: Grade A. The 'olde' style station building and area directly outside were in excellent order, with a virtual absence of litter. Station signage, bicycle parking and waiting room were freshly presented.

Knockreer Playground and Deenagh Woodland Trail: Grade A. This is a wonderful expanse of parkland just minutes from Killarney town centre. Playground equipment / PE facilities, signage etc. were in excellent order and the area was enhanced by wooden sculptures of owl, squirrel, otter and other animals. It is clearly a very much enjoyed and respected amenity, getting plenty of use at time of IBAL survey.

Lidl: Grade B. (Dr Hans Liebherr Road). The area immediately surrounding the main shop entrance was fine with regard to litter but there was a corner site (to the left of the car park entrance and up in the right corner) which had a notable litter presence – much of it was food and fast-food related.

Dr Hans Liebherr Road: Grade A. (from Cleeny Roundabout to Ballydowney Roundabout). The attractive landscaping at either roundabout is a lovely feature along this route, creating a welcoming impression for any visitors. Road surface, markings, signage were in excellent condition and the cycle path to one side and footpath to the other were in very good order.

Miscellaneous site on St. Anne's Road: Grade B. Somewhat of an anomaly along a residential road, this site is like an open field, which had some noticeable litter. Care needs to be taken to ensure that it doesn't deteriorate to a seriously littered site.

Tralee – Killarney Link Road: Grade A. The overall impression of the route between Tralee and Killarney was generally a good one with regard to litter.