

Letterkenny: 15th out of 37 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

It is pleasing to note how Letterkenny has established itself as a consistently clean town. Over half of the sites surveyed got the top litter grade. These included the residential area of Hawthorn Heights, the grounds of Church of Ireland (Conwal Parish Church) and Upper Main Street – what sets these and other top-ranking sites apart is not just the absence of litter but the overall presentation and maintenance of the environment. The residential area of Ard Adhamnain and the Recycle Bank at Donegal County Council Offices both suffered from heavy accumulations of litter.

Grounds of Church of Ireland, Conwal Parish Church: Grade A. Not only was there a complete absence of litter throughout the grounds of the church / graveyard, but it was also meticulously maintained, right down to the neatly trimmed headstone surrounds.

Hawthorn Heights: Grade A. There were no litter issues at this residential area. Individual properties were well tended – the overall impression created here was a positive one.

Aura Leisure Centre: Grade B. The area immediately surrounding the leisure centre building presented well and was good with regard to litter. Tree planting and low-lying shrubbery were in good order. Shrubbery further removed from this harboured a wide variety of litter, much of it food related.

R250 Approach: Grade A. The road surface / markings created a fresh impression along this road. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

Recycle Bank at Donegal County Council offices: Grade C. On first impressions all appeared in good order at this recycle facility. However, the signage relating to the use of same was somewhat obscured by the actual recycle units and had some graffiti. The area to the rear of the bottle / can units was characterised by a carpet of broken glass and other miscellaneous items. Food related litter was also present.

N14 from Polestar Roundabout to junction at M&S and Grand Central - Station Roundabout: Grade A. A very fresh impression was created travelling along this road. It was clean, tidy and well tended.

Upper Main Street: Grade A. Upper Main Street presents well with wooden seating and planter boxes, replete with colourful planting in good order. There were no litter issues to report but there were a couple of properties / premises which presented poorly – clearly a careful eye is kept on them as there was no litter directly associated with them.

Castle Street: Grade B+. (from Cathedral to College Row) Most of this route presented well and was good with regard to litter. One isolated area brought down the litter grade – a lay-by type area at the outer end was run down, neglected and littered.

Scoil Cholmcille: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter at this site which was well presented and maintained.

Ard Adhamnain: Grade C. The area close to the building was freshly presented and maintained but this high standard didn't pertain throughout this residential development. Heavy accumulations of a wide variety of food and alcohol related litter lined the base of the low wall. The grassy area also harboured litter.