

Maynooth: 10th out of 37 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

Some slippage after a great result last summer, but Maynooth has again done very well to claim a top ten spot in the rankings. Seven out of the ten sites surveyed got the top litter grade. These included the approach roads, residential area of Moyglare Meadow, Main Street and historic site of 'Maynooth Pound' – these were not just good with regard to litter but well presented and maintained. By far the most heavily littered site was the Recycle Facility at Aldi – huge volumes of bottles and other miscellaneous items had been discarded to the rear of the units.

Maynooth Railway Station: Grade A. A clean and tidy impression was created at this train station. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good condition.

Pound Lane: Grade A. This site got the top litter grade, but only just. Cigarette butts were very obvious. There was a virtual absence of other litter items.

R148 Kilcock Approach Road: Grade A. A well presented and maintained route. Road surface, markings and signage were in good order and there were no notable litter issues.

The Maynooth Pound: Grade A. Historic site with excellent signage. An attractively presented area – well cared for and very good with regard to litter.

Main Street: Grade A. The streetscape looked very well with paving, seating, bollards, ornamental trees in good order. Beside the regular street bin there was the opportunity for 'recyclable' materials – an easy solution for the separation of waste.

APCOA Car Park on Leinster Street - Canal Place: Grade B. Substantial 'No Dumping' signage at this site – while there wasn't any dumping per se, there was a definite litter presence around the perimeter of the car park. All items were food related.

Recycle Facility at Aldi: Grade D. On first impression this appeared in reasonably order. Closer inspection revealed significant accumulations to the rear of the units - huge swathes of bottles and other miscellaneous items.

Aldi: Grade B. A more thorough approach to the cleaning of shrubbery would make a difference here. The litter in the shrubbery takes away from an otherwise well presented environment.

Moyglare Meadow: Grade A. A very freshly presented residential area – it wasn't just good with regard to litter, but all aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order.

R406 Straffan Road: Grade A. A clean route, creating a positive first impression of Maynooth – this standard was maintained for the majority of the remaining sites surveyed in Maynooth.