

Killarney: 13th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

Killarney has consistently been a strong performer over many years of IBAL litter leagues – things were no different this time around. The many top ranking sites included Main Street, Kenmare Place, Main Street and Maurice O'Donoghue Memorial Park – the latter is a recently laid out / opened park environment which was attractively presented and maintained. There were no seriously littered sites in Killarney.

N72 Dr Hans Liebherr Road: Grade A. An exceptionally clean, well presented and maintained road with all aspects of the area surveyed in very good condition e.g., road surface, markings, signage, pathways and tree planting.

St. Margaret's Road: Grade B+. The presence of food related litter and face-masks prevented this mixed-use road getting the top litter grade. It was most obvious along the stretch between Ballydowney and Millwood with no visible items between Millwood and Rock Road. A construction site appears to be well managed from a litter perspective as there was no visible litter associated with it.

Rock Road: Grade B. A more through approach to cleaning the base of the shrubbery, in particular, the hydrangea, based on the volumes of litter items found there. Other scatterings of food related items were present throughout. The Grotto is a lovely feature which was well presented and maintained.

Deerpark Retail Park: Grade A. A very freshly presented retail park environment with substantial parking and paving. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout the area surveyed. The area is well served by litter bins and plenty of warnings about littering and CCTV. Ornamental tree planting is a welcome addition in the vast car park area.

Park Road: Grade A (from Park Road Roundabout to junction with Countess Road) There were no litter issues of note along this route, lined with older residential houses.

Maurice O'Donoghue Memorial Park: Grade A. This newly opened (June 2021) walking and cycle path facility was very much deserving of the top litter grade, just minor litter items at the base of the seating areas. It has been very attractively presented. A lovely feature was the green wrought iron seat.

Car Park at Beech Road: Grade A. A large street level car park, with a 'Bring Facility' within. The car park surface, markings and signage were in very good order and the bring centre was exceptionally clean. Well done to all concerned.

Kenmare Place: Grade A. A very freshly presented and well maintained town centre environment. Visitor information notice board, wooden seating, tree planting, etc. were in very good order. It was excellent with regard to litter.

Main Street: Grade A. This attractive main shopping street has frequently been a top-ranking site – things were no different this time around. As well as the usual street furniture, an area of outdoor seating had been adorned with colourful flower pots.

Barry's Lane: Grade B. Barry's Lane could easily get the top litter grade with a little extra care on behalf of smokers. Significant accumulations were present throughout but most notably near the drain opening. Lower levels of sweet paper and other items were also present.