

Leixlip: 4th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

Another superb showing from Leixlip, which is consistently near the top of the IBAL rankings. With eight out of ten sites getting the top litter grade, a few deserve special mention. Arthur's Way (Heritage Trail) was not only excellent with regard to litter, but the whole lay-out and maintenance impressed. The Mall, Captain's Hill and all three approach roads were excellent. By far the most heavily littered site was the Bring Facility at Lidl.

Approach from N4: Grade A. The newly paved footpath creates an extra freshness to what was already a very clean, tidy and well-presented route into Leixlip. This high standard was sustained for almost all of the remaining sites surveyed.

Arthur's Way – Heritage Trail: Grade A. A beautifully laid out riverside environment. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order (e.g., pathway, seating, visitor information notices etc.) and the use of a former canoe as a large plater box was very effective. This site was spotless.

Derelict Premises, No. 12 The Mall: Grade A. Clearly a careful eye is kept on this property as there was no litter directly associated with it.

The Mall: Grade A. The Mall was very much deserving of the top litter grade. It was noted that a series of derelict properties on a previous IBAL visit have since had a coat of paint and the overall presentation of same has improved markedly.

Captain's Hill: Grade A. Paving, outdoor dining (and associated shrubbery), seating, street bins etc. were all in very good condition. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

R148 Clonee / Clonfey Approach Road: Grade A. Not only was this a functional route in / out of Leixlip, but the provision of a nice range of benches / small garden / colourful flower box were lovely features. There was minimal litter in the area surveyed.

Leixlip Train Station: Grade A. The car park surface, markings, signage and bins were in very good order. The station platforms were spotless. This site was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

Celbridge Approach Road: Grade A. This was an excellent route in terms of presentation and litter, creating a positive first impression of Leixlip. All aspects appeared to be in very good order e.g., visitor information signage, road / pathway etc.

'Bring' Facility at Lidl: Grade C+. An extensive range of opportunities for recycling with the bin units presenting very well. With the units flush against the wall there was no opportunity for the 'stuffing of items to the rear of the units. Instead, items have been discarded to the side.

Lidl Car Park: Grade B+. The main litter items to be found were food related (e.g., plastic bottles, sweet papers, mineral cans and fast-food wrappers), along with cigarette butts and face-masks. The majority of this litter was around the perimeter of the car parking area and on the grass.