

Longford: 8th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

Another very strong performance by Longford with seven out of ten sites getting the top litter grade. These included the Harbour Row Shopping Centre, Longford Train Station (Exterior and Interior) and some of the approach routes. The Bring Bank (opposite Bottleneck bar) was in very good order, clean and tidy. There were no heavily littered sites in Longford.

Harbour Row Shopping Centre: Grade A. A very freshly presented and maintained shopping environment which was excellent with regard to litter. Car park surface, paving, bollards, bicycle parking etc. were in very good condition.

Vacant site – former motor tyre premises: Grade A. (across from €2 car park) Clearly a careful eye is kept on this site, with no litter accumulations, as can so easily happen with closed down premises.

'Bring Bank': Grade A. (opposite Bottleneck bar) With the recycle units flush against the wall, there isn't the same opportunity for 'stuffing' of items to the rear, as so frequently happens at other Bring Banks around the country. The overall impression here was of a clean and well-maintained environment.

Longford Train Station and Bus Terminal - Exterior: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter at this freshly presented environment. Car park surface, markings and signage were in good order along with litter bins, bollards and cigarette units.

Longford Train Station and Bus Terminal – Interior: Grade A. The waiting room was spotless, with minimal litter on the station platforms, just cigarette butts at the base of the bins.

'Noel McGeeney; Green Space: Grade B. The seat plaque dedicated to Noel McGeeney was a lovely feature by Harbour Point. There was a definite litter presence in the surrounding green space, mostly food related and some plastic items. There were no visible litter bins / litter awareness notices, perhaps the installation of same may create more awareness?

Main Street: Grade B. As well as the typical food related (e.g., fast-food wrappers sweet papers etc.), other litter items included a few incidents of broken hard-boiled egg shells and a chicken carcass. Cigarette butts were very much in evidence, with lower levels of face-masks.

R194 Ballinalee Approach Road: Grade A. There was an absence of litter throughout the stretch of road surveyed.

R393 Edgesworthstown Approach: Grade A. Road surface, markings and signage were in good order and there was no litter noted.

N63 Approach by Johnston Business Park: Grade B. The main litter items along this route were food related and alcohol related e.g., fast-food wrappers, sweet papers, alcohol bottles and cans, with some other miscellaneous items. Many of these appeared 'long-lie' indicating a lack of thorough cleaning for some time.