

Castlebar: 11th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

An excellent result for Castlebar on its return to the League with half of the sites surveyed getting the top litter grade, four just missing it and no seriously littered sites. Top ranking sites included Mayo Peace Park Garden of Remembrance, Castlebar Train Station and the residential area of Lakeshore Drive. With a little extra effort, others could easily get the top litter grade e.g. Ellison Street, Lough Lanagh and Bring Facility at Tesco / Dunnes Stores.

Castlebar Train Station: Grade A. Castlebar Train Station was very much deserving of the top litter grade. Not only was it very clean but also very well presented and maintained. Colourful flower boxes, and an Irish Rail historical information notice board 'Turtle Bunbury Histories' were attractive features. tidy train station, in all areas. Some bags of sand were left in a corner and some plant pots waiting for freshening up.

N84 Approach Road – from Cois Locha: Grade A. Road surface, markings and signage were in good order and the overall impression created along this approach route was a good one. It was spotless throughout.

Lakeshore Drive: Grade A. There were no visible litter issues at this residential development. 'Welcome' signage indicates children at play / community text alert / CCTV in operation. Large expanse of grassland was in good order.

N5 Westport Approach: Grade A. A fresh and welcoming approach. Apart from some plastic wrapping there were no litter issues. All aspects of the area surveyed were in good order.

Lough Lanagh: Grade B+. A lovely open, riverside amenity with plenty of visitor information signage relating to the Lough Lannagh Environmental Enhancement Scheme / Castlebar Community Clean Up / Great Western Greenway / No Dumping. Litter bins, seating and picnic tables were in good order. Some food related items and dog fouling prevented an otherwise good site from getting the top litter grade.

Mayo Peace Park Garden of Remembrance: Grade A. A pristine site! This area has been attractively laid out and very well maintained – it was spotless throughout.

Mayo University Hospital: Grade B. There were extensive works taking place in the grounds of the hospital – the litter didn't appear to be directly associated with these works. The most obvious litter item were cigarette butts (signage indicates that the use of Tobacco / E-Cigarettes is prohibited), with lower levels of disposable face masks and food related litter.

Ellison Street: Grade B+. With a little extra effort, Ellison Street could easily get the top litter grade. There were too many random food / coffee related items and cigarette butts for the top litter grade. A couple of derelict houses presented poorly and clearly a careful eye is kept on the larger boarded up premises as there was no litter directly associated with it. Paving, bicycle parking, tree planting, bollards and street bins (with opportunity to 'recycle') were in good condition.

Recycle Bank at Dunnes / Tesco: Grade B+. This facility just missed getting the top litter grade. Some items had been deliberately stuffed between the units. The units themselves were freshly presented and in good order.

L1719 Turlough Approach Road: Grade B+. Dog fouling and food related litter were visible along this route. This was mostly a clean, tidy and freshly presented route.