

**Kilkenny: 8<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.**

**Kilkenny is consistently high-ranking and this takes a lot of work on the part of many within the community. All approach roads got the top litter grade, creating a positive first impression. This high standard was maintained for many of the remaining sites surveyed, including the Train Station (Exterior and Interior), the Riverside Walk and Parliament Street – the latter scored well, despite plenty of activity within.**

**N712 Paulstown Approach Road: Grade A.** This route presented very well, creating a positive first impression of Kilkenny with cycle paths, roadway and adjoining grasslands clear of litter.

**Kilkenny Train Station – Exterior: Grade A.** A very welcoming environment with colourful planting and a virtual absence of litter throughout. The area could be further improved if cigarette butts weren't allowed to gather at the base of the planted areas.

**Kilkenny Train Station – Interior: Grade A.** All aspects of the interior of the station were in pristine condition e.g., seating, signage, litter bins, visitor information notices etc. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

**Riverside Walk: Grade A.** A wonderful riverside environment which is very well presented and maintained. Planted areas were in good order and the overall impression created was a very positive one.

**Derelict buildings at 'The Ring' beside Rothe House: Grade A.** There was a notable improvement in the overall presentation and litter situation at one of these buildings. A new coat of paint has made a big difference here. This time around, there was minimal litter to be seen.

**Recycle Facility at St. Canice's; Grade B.** Casually discarded litter / items associated with recycling took away from an otherwise freshly presented 'Bring Facility'. This could easily be top ranking with a little extra care and attention.

**Friary Bridge, by City Walls: Grade B.** The most obvious litter items were sweet papers and plastic bags with lower levels of fast-food wrappers and cigarette butts.

**Parliament Street: Grade A.** This busy shopping street has scored very well with regard to litter. It is well served by litter bins and the overall presentation was a very good one.

**Bennetsbridge Approach Road: Grade A.** There was a complete absence of litter along the stretch of road surveyed. Grass boundaries had been carefully mown. It was an excellent site, overall.

**Durrow Approach Road: Grade A.** As with the other approach roads into Kilkenny, this was very much deserving of the top litter grade. It was well presented and immaculate throughout.