

Letterkenny: 2nd out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

An excellent result for Letterkenny, placing it firmly towards the top end of the league. With so many top ranking sites there are a few which deserve a special mention. The first of these is Letterkenny Hospital – this had been a littered site in previous surveys – not so, this time around when it was very much deserving of the top litter grade. Letterkenny Retail Park wasn't just good with regard to litter – it was a very freshly presented and maintained environment. Letterkenny Bus Eireann Station was also very much a top ranking site. The Bernard McGlinchey Town Park wasn't just beautifully presented and maintained – it was spotless throughout.

Letterkenny Retail Park: Grade A. An exceptionally freshly presented and maintained retail environment. The paving, planted areas, signage, bollards, litter bins and shrubbery areas were in very good order. It was excellent with regard to litter.

Letterkenny Bus Eireann Station: Grade A. Apart from some cigarette butts, the bus station was a very clean site. The litter bins were very fresh in appearance, paving / seating / bicycle parking were in good order and the main station building was very fresh in appearance.

R245 Ramelton Approach Road: Grade A. There were no litter issues of note along this approach to Letterkenny.

N56 Dunfannaghy Approach Road: Grade A. A freshly presented route, lined with pedestrian / cycle pathway. Road surface, markings and signage were in good condition.

Letterkenny Hospital: Grade A. A huge improvement was noted at this site. All areas previously noted had been cleaned up and the overall impression this time around was of a clean and welcoming environment.

The Bernard McGlinchey Town Park: Grade A. A lovely 'town park' environment with attractive ironworks and signage at the entrance. It was very well presented and maintained with colourful brick paving, visitor information notices, picnic tables, cleverly designed litter bins, PE equipment, playground, planting etc. in excellent condition. It was spotless throughout.

Ashbrook – 1-32: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout this residential area. Overall impression was of a well-cared for environment.

Glencar Approach Road: Grade B+. This route just missed getting the top litter grade. Plastic bottles, fast-food wrappers, sweet papers and plastic bags took away from an otherwise well presented environment.

Upper Main Street: Grade A. Attractive streetscape with enhanced paved area, attractive wooden planter boxes and seating, solid street bins and the majority of the premises have resulted in a very pleasant shopping street environment. The former 'Pounds & Pence Discount Store' presents poorly and will require attention to prevent further deterioration.

Recycle Bank at Public Services Centre: Grade B. (Neil T Blaney Road) The large signage indicating '7 steps to reduce our waste & make Letterkenny, a cleaner, green town' presented well – the only problem was the location of same. It was behind the bottle units, with the majority of the text obscured by the bins. The blue clothing units were in good order but area surrounding the bottle / can units was less fresh in appearance. Main litter items were broken glass, sweet papers, plastic bags, broken crockery and face masks.