

Maynooth: 6th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

A very strong performance by Maynooth with almost all of the sites surveyed getting the top litter grade – these sites were not just good with regard to litter, but very well presented and maintained e.g., residential area of Newtown Road, Leinster Street and the large expanse of space at Carton Demesne, Maynooth University and St. Patrick's College. By far the most heavily littered site surveyed was the Bring Facility at Aldi.

R406, from Motorway: Grade A. A very clean and tidy impression was created along this route, creating a positive first impression of Maynooth. This high standard was maintained for almost all of the remaining sites surveyed.

Leinster Street: Grade A. Apart from cigarette butts, this was a very clean street. Bollards, paving, planter boxes, etc. were in good order. Some of the blue seating was old / worn away. Street bins were solid, with the provision for cigarette butts on top – there were several throughout the street.

Bring Facility, at Aldi: Grade C. All appeared in good order at this well presented facility. Further exploration revealed a series of miscellaneous items discarded in the corner, not just casual litter but larger items. A more thorough approach to the cleaning of the facility will address this.

Maynooth University: Grade A. The 'Heritage Wall' feature was spotless. This very much set the tone for the remainder of the area surveyed. Apart from cigarette butts, it was spotless throughout. The grounds were very well maintained.

St. Patrick's College: Grade A. There was a complete absence of litter throughout this campus. Grounds have been immaculately maintained, it was pristine throughout, a model Grade A site.

Newtown Road: Grade A. Immaculately kept terrace of residential housing. Apart from some dog fouling, it was excellent with regard to litter.

Derelict site at Geraldine Castle / College Gates: Grade A. Clearly a careful eye is kept on this site as there were no visible litter issues associated with it. Wild-flowers added a welcome splash of colour to this site.

Carton Demesne Park: Grade A. A wonderful park space, being enjoyed by many and still very good with regard to litter. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good condition e.g., pathway, signage, 'Maynooth Local History' notice board, wooden seating etc – it was spotless throughout.

Charter School Lane: Grade A. This road was very much deserving of the top litter grade. It was freshly presented, with a complete absence of litter throughout.

R148 Kilcock Approach Road: Grade A. A tree-lined route, in mature setting. All appeared in good order and there were no visible litter issues throughout the area surveyed.