

**Castlebar: 4<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.**

**Another excellent result for Castlebar, which makes it one of the cleanest towns in the country. Nine out of the ten sites surveyed got the top litter grade and there were no seriously littered sites. Examples of these included Castlebar Courthouse, Castlebar Library, the Main Street and Market Square – these sites were not just good with regard to litter but were exceptionally well presented and maintained with all aspects associated with same in very good order e.g., paving, signage, street bins, planted areas etc.**

**N5 Dublin Approach Road: Grade A.** This route created a positive first impression of Castlebar and this was sustained for almost the remaining sites surveyed. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

**N60 Approach Road: Grade A.** (into Kilkenny Cross Roundabout). Road surface / markings / signage were freshly presented, and current roadworks will increase the overall presentation of same. It was a litter free and very well-tended route.

**L1704 Belcarra Approach Road: Grade A.** While this road was less 'manicured' than the other two approaches, it was in no way littered.

**The Mall – town centre park: Grade B+.** A very attractive town centre park with lovely 'olde' style street lamps (adorned with hanging baskets), seating, litter bins, picnic tables, sculpture etc. – all aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order. The main litter items were fast-food, with lower levels of plastic bottles, cans and sweet wrappers. With a little extra effort this could easily be a top-ranking site.

**Castlebar Courthouse: Grade A.** The built environment and the immediate environs were in excellent order. Lovely paving and colourful flower boxes lined the front of the building. The overall impression was a very good one with regard to litter.

**Castlebar Library: Grade A.** This was a very clean and tidy site. Planting, bicycle parking, cigarette butt units, litter bin and paving were well presented. It was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

**Market Square: Grade A.** An exceptionally freshly presented town centre environment with lovely paving, wooden seating, ornamental trees, colourful flower beds, 1798 sculpture and parking for the new e-bike share scheme. The outdoor dining 'pods' were also spotless. The whole area was very clean and tidy throughout.

**Main Street: Grade A.** There were several vacant / closed down premises, some in better shape than others. Clearly a careful eye is kept on them as there was no litter directly associated with them. Paving, planting, street bins, ornamental trees etc. were in good condition. Overall, this was a very worthy Grade A site.

**St. Gerald's College: Grade A.** All appeared in good order with regard to litter within the grounds of the school.

**Garryduff Park: Grade A.** There were no visible litter issues throughout this residential area. It was well presented and well maintained.