

Cavan: 7th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

Not only has Cavan again scored very well, it was great to see that three previously littered sites were being addressed: Laneway between Main St. and Tesco Car Park, 1-8 Church View and Derelict site and steps from James Connolly Street. A newly included site is the Green Lough Nature Area – this is a wonderful natural amenity which was appropriately presented and maintained – it was spotless throughout. The Main Street looked very well, with excellent streetscape, particularly at Townhall Square.

Laneway between Main St. and Tesco Car Park: Grade B+. A hugely improved site. For many years this small area had been heavily littered – not so this time around. Not only was there far less litter, the overall presentation was markedly better with painted walls creating a freshness to the area. The only issue this time around was the commercial storage area / areas – presented poorly and likely to attract litter from the general public.

1-8 Church View: Grade B+. This is another area which has seen a marked improvement in terms of both litter and overall presentation. Abundant colourful flower boxes were a welcome feature. There were loose litter items (plastic bottles, plastic bags, fast-food wrappers and cans) in the low-lying shrubbery and the bin storage area presented poorly.

Derelict site and steps from James Connolly Street: Grade B+. The derelict buildings have been boarded up, several 'anti-dumping' / CCTV signs were erected, and large-scale dumping issues have been removed. There were just loose litter items on the steps.

Bring Centre adjacent to Lakelands Retail Park: Grade B+. A very freshly presented 'Bring Facility' with the individual units and signage relating to the use of same in good condition. If it wasn't for the minor items to the rear of the units, this would have been a top-ranking site.

Main Street: Grade A. The new road surface / markings and attractive paving create a very fresh impression along the Main Street. Townhall Square looked very well with all aspects in very good order e.g., paving, 'olde' style street lamps, seating, colourful flowerbeds etc. There were no litter issues along the street but small presence in the basements of The Sports Shop and Krav restaurant – the level was such that if not addressed, it risks bringing down the overall litter grade.

Green Lough Nature Area: Grade A. A wonderful natural amenity which has clearly been appropriately presented and maintained. All aspects of the presentation were in very good order e.g., excellent visitor information notices, dog-fouling facilities, litter bins etc. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

N3 Ballyshannon Approach Road: Grade A. This route created an excellent impression - this was sustained for many of the remaining sites surveyed in Cavan.

N55 Athlone Approach Road: Grade A. There were no visible litter issues associated with the road works (hard shoulder closed). The brand-new road surface creates a very fresh impression. It was spotless throughout.

N3 Dublin Approach: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this route but not enough to bring down the grade. Evidence of recent attendance e.g., freshly cut grass verges.

Lakelands Retail Park: Grade A. Not only was this site very good with regard to litter, the overall presentation and maintenance was excellent.