

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

A very strong performance by Letterkenny with six out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade and no heavily littered sites. Top ranking sites included Central Library, Upper Main Street and Ballymacool Park – what sets these and others apart is not just the lack of litter but the overall presentation and maintenance of same. Ballymacool Park deserves a special mention as it covers an extensive area and it was completely spotless throughout.

Central Library: Grade A. The built environment and immediate environs were freshly presented and maintained. Bicycle parking, paving, visitor information signage etc. were in very good order, with an absence of litter throughout.

Monument / Sculpture (town centre): Grade B+. A small area in the town with large sculpture and a series of plaques, seating, planting and litter bins, all of which were well presented. Despite the presence of two litter bins there was some litter underneath the wooden seating – food and alcohol related items.

Upper Main Street: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this busy main shopping street. Wooden planter boxes, seating, hanging baskets, street bins, paving etc. were in good condition – a fresh and welcoming environment.

Ros Suilighe and McNeely Villas: Grade A. The properties and the central open area of this residential development were well tended with no visible litter issues.

Crieve Road: Grade A. Despite some road works taking place, there was no litter directly associated with same. Footpaths and properties were well maintained.

Loreto Secondary School: Grade B+. Litter was mainly confined to one small area behind green fence / over a low wall, buried within the leaves – mostly food related items. Apart from this isolated area, the remainder of the open areas visible from the entrance was litter free. Not much effort is required for the top litter grade.

Recycle Bank: Grade B+. There was good signage associated with the use of this facility, including a notice indicating where other 'Bring Banks' are located in Letterkenny. One of these signs, located on the side of a recycle unit, had been defaced. The overall presentation and maintenance appeared good with minimal small items and one larger bag placed beside the purple unit.

L5944 Kingstown Approach Road: Grade B. There was a variety of food related items (coffee cups, plastic bottles, fast-food wrappers and mineral cans) along with alcohol cans visible along this stretch of road – they didn't exist in large quantities but there was a very definite presence of same.

Ballymacool Park: Grade A. A wonderful expanse of parkland with attractive stone walled entrance, mature planting, extensive grasslands, attractively paved area, playground, astro turf area, 'Dogs Allowed within this play area' signage, bicycle parking etc. – all aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order and there was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed – a credit to the users and those responsible for the maintenance.

R250 Glenties Approach Road: Grade A. A freshly presented route with road surface / markings / signage and pavement in good order – there was minimal litter throughout.