

Carrick-on-Shannon: Joint 13th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms

A very strong performance by Carrick on Shannon with seven out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade and just one seriously littered site. Shannonside Prom / Quay was an exceptionally good site in terms of overall presentation / maintenance and was excellent with regard to litter. All aspects of Costello Memorial Chapel were in very good order, it was spotless throughout. Other top-ranking sites included the Main Street and Quays Car Park. By far the most heavily littered site surveyed was the R280 Leitrim / Manorhamilton Approach Road – there was significant litter along the grass bank of the stream and within the water itself – this was in sharp contrast to all of the other sites surveyed in Carrick-on-Shannon.

N4 Sligo Approach Road: Grade A. Apart from some plastic wrap, there were no litter issues of note along this road. It has been maintained in a more 'natural' style. Commercial premises along the route were in good order and well-tended. This high standard was maintained for the majority of the remainder of the sites surveyed.

Shannonside Prom / Quay: Grade A. A wonderful waterside amenity which has been very lovingly presented and maintained. Large signage 'Cigarette Butts Are Toxic' is positioned beside the very colourful mural – this is quite an eye-catching piece of work. Litter bins, paving, street lamps, seating, signage relating to natural features and various amenities, tree planting etc. all in very good order. The entire site was devoid of litter – a fantastic tribute to the users and those responsible for the maintenance of same.

Quays Car Park: Grade A. This small car park environment was very much deserving of the top litter grade – it was spotless throughout. The planted area at the base of the wall is a welcome feature in a car park environment.

Costello Memorial Chapel: Grade A. There was a complete absence of litter at this tiny chapel, area of historical significance. Signage associated with this was in excellent order. Planter box awaiting planting.

Main Street: Grade A. The Main Street in Carrick-on-Shannon was a particularly attractive one with all shops / premises freshly presented, some bright window displays. The area was much enhanced by attractive paving, bollards, tree planting, window boxes etc. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

L3400 Cootehill Approach Road: Grade A. The overall impression along this was a positive one with very minimal litter noted. All properties were well cared for.

R280 Leitrim / Manorhamilton Approach Road: Grade C. This was by far the most heavily littered site surveyed in Carrick-on-Shannon. While the pathways / road were generally fine with regard to litter it was the grassy banks of the stream and waterway which harboured heavy levels of litter – mostly alcohol cans, plastic bottles and mineral cans with lower levels of other food related items. Levels of litter were very pronounced and quite unlike any of the other sites surveyed.

Carrick-on-Shannon Bring Facility: Grade B. This was a freshly presented 'Bring Centre' with large signage relating to the usage of same. On first impressions, all appeared in good order. However, there was broken glass, plastic tops on the ground and plastic bags stuffed between the recycle units. With a little extra effort, this could be a top-ranking site.

Carrick-on-Shannon Train Station: Grade B+. Much of this station environment presented well and was in good order with regard to litter. Two of the litter bins were full / overflowing, potentially causing future litter. A bag of rubbish had also been left beside one full bin. Other litter included plastic wrap, cigarette butts and vaping devices.

Inver Geal: Grade A. This residential development was very much deserving of the top litter grade. The overall impression was a very good one with some large planter boxes used to great effect.