

**Letterkenny: 21 out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms**

While clean, Letterkenny failed to retain its top ten spot from last year, with a number of sites just missing the top litter grade – e.g., N56 Dunfanaghy Approach Road; Letterkenny Shopping Centre Car Park; with a little extra effort, this could easily be achieved. Bryson Recycle was an exceptionally clean and well-presented Recycle Facility. Letterkenny Town Park is a lovely amenity which has been very well respected by the users and cared for by those responsible for the maintenance of same. By far the most heavily littered site was Letterkenny Bus Station – the area to the front was fine but the area to the rear / at the base of the low-lying shrubbery was a different story.

**N56 Approach Road: Grade B+.** (from Dry Arch Roundabout to Polestar Roundabout). Road surface / markings / signage were freshly presented along this route and there is a very fine and striking sculpture at Polestar Roundabout. This route just missed the top litter grade – there were too many food related items (e.g., mineral cans, plastic bottles, plastic bags) and cigarette butts for the top litter grade. With a little extra effort, this could be achieved.

**Letterkenny Bus Station: Grade C.** This was by far the most heavily littered site surveyed in Letterkenny. The area to the front of the station was freshly presented but the area to the rear / sides were a different story. The base of the low-lying shrubbery was heavily littered – the most obvious items were alcohol cans and sweet papers with lower levels of sweet papers, fast-food wrappers, promotional flyers and glass bottles. It looked like it lacked a thorough cleaning in quite some time – it would not be a big job to address this.

**Letterkenny Shopping Centre Car Park: Grade B.** The car park environment was freshly presented with surface / markings / signage all in good order and grass / yellow flowerpots adding some welcome colour. Cigarette butts / chewing gum and food related litter prevented an otherwise well-presented site getting the top litter grade.

**Recycle Facility - Bryson Recycle: Grade A.** Very colourful and bright signage relating to the usage of the facility greets the users. This first impression was sustained throughout the Recycle Facility – it was excellent with regard to litter with no unsightly smells so often associated with same.

**L1134 Kilttoy Approach Road: Grade A.** (from Kilttoy Roundabout out to Aughanishin Abbey Roundabout) Colourful planting at the base of the Kilttoy Roundabout signage was a lovely feature, as were further planting and sculptures. This was a clean, fresh and welcoming route, creating a positive first impression of Letterkenny.

**N56 Dunfanaghy Approach: Grade A.** (from Knocknamona Roundabout out to George Beal Roundabout) There was a virtual absence of litter along this freshly presented route. All aspects were in good order.

**Thornberry Apartments: Grade B.** Much of this residential development was very good with regard to litter but it was let down by some items at the base of the low-lying shrubbery e.g., food related items, cigarette butts, face-mask and bagged dog fouling.

**Letterkenny Donegal County Museum: Grade B+.** An attractively presented built environment with excellent visitor information notices e.g., Historical Walks. There was minimal litter throughout the area surveyed.

**Letterkenny Town Park: Grade A.** A superb facility! All aspects associated with the park environment were in very good order e.g., Letterkenny Town Park Map / Active Letterkenny signage, paving, grass area, picnic tables etc. There was a complete absence of litter throughout this expanse of parkland.

**Upper Main Street: Grade B+.** The streetscape was in very good order with lovely wooden planter boxes, paving, street bins, wooden seating etc. all in very good order. There were some unoccupied / run down premises which looked somewhat tired but there wasn't any litter directly associated with them. Coffee cups and fast-food wrappers took away from an otherwise very well-presented environment.