

**Carrick on Shannon: 9<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.**

**A very strong performance by Carrick on Shannon with over half of the sites surveyed getting the top litter grade. There were a few sites which just missed the top litter grade and no heavily littered ones. It was great to see the big improvements along R280 Approach Road – this time it was a top-ranking site. Other examples included the residential area of Summerhill Court and Aura – Leitrim Leisure Centre – a freshly presented facility with all aspects in good order.**

**L3412 Summerhill Approach Road: Grade A.** Lovely planting at Shannon Roundabout and colourful flower boxes created a very good first impression of Carrick on Shannon. There was no visible litter along this route – all aspects were in very good order. This positive image was sustained for many other sites surveyed in Carrick on Shannon.

**Summerhill Court: Grade A.** There was a complete absence of litter at this small residential development. The whole area presented very well.

**Aura – Leitrim Leisure Centre: Grade A.** A very freshly presented facility with paving, grass areas, bollards, litter bin, bicycle parking etc. in very good condition. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout an extensive survey area. Very much deserving of the top litter grade.

**Playground, Leitrim Leisure Centre: Grade B+.** Equipment and signage associated with the use of the facility were in good order. Signage included a 'No Smoking' rule. While the playground itself was mostly free of litter, there were too many sweet papers along the perimeter for the top litter grade – not much effort is required to achieve this. There was no litter bin in the immediate vicinity of the playground – perhaps the installation of one might help?

**Rosebank Shopping Centre: Grade B.** Much of this shopping centre environment presented very well with paving, litter bins and bollards in good order. The majority of the area was clear of litter but not all. There was a very definite litter presence along one stretch of shrubbery – most of it was food related but not all. There were some bags of rubbish in a corner location, at the base of silver railings – this site is well on its way to becoming a seriously littered one if not addressed / allowed to develop.

**Car Park, Rosebank Shopping Centre: Grade B+.** Some casually discarded food items and cigarette butts took away from an otherwise freshly presented car park environment. Car park surface / markings / signage associated with the use of same were in good condition.

**Recycle Bank, Rosebank Shopping Centre: Grade B+.** The main signage associated with the use of the facility was fine, albeit somewhat 'tired' looking. Many of the individual units were freshly presented, bar one which was 'broken' and seemingly discarded to the side. There were some items left at the facility e.g. cardboard boxes stuffed between the units and a bag of items at the base of the clothing bank.

**N4 Attirory Roundabout in to Roundabout at shopping centre: Grade A.** Planting at the roundabout is welcome and presents very well. The remainder of the route was in good order with well maintained grass and shrubberies. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

**N4: Grade A.** (from roundabout at L3412 and shopping centre in to roundabout about at R280, Shannon Roundabout). An old bicycle had been brightly painted with 'Tidy Towns' – nice colourful feature along this road with plenty of mature planting throughout. The whole area was excellent with regards to litter.

**R280 Approach: Grade A.** (Leitrim to Manorhamilton Road). There was a notable improvement along this route – previously it had been heavily littered. An area close to the stream was undergoing maintenance / repairs – there was no litter directly associated with this particular area. Overall, this route was deserving of the top litter grade.