

Ennis: 12th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

A strong result for Ennis, but let down by one heavily littered site. Seven out of the ten sites getting the top litter grade, including O'Connell Street, Abbey Street, Ennis Court House and Roslevan Shopping Centre. Not only were they very good with regards to litter but they were very well presented and maintained. By far the most heavily littered site was Ennis Bus / Train Station – much of it was clear of litter but a corner area had been subject to the dumping of bags of rubbish.

Roslevan Shopping Centre: Grade A. Based on the number of litter bins located at regular intervals throughout this smallish shopping centre environment, it's clear that litter is taken very seriously. All was very good with regards to litter and the whole area was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

O'Connell Street: Grade A. The style of litter bin along O'Connell Street (and Abbey Street, see separate survey site) was such that the top was curved, meaning that cigarette butts once stubbed out, had a tendency to sit on top and are likely to be blown on to the ground. Apart from some cigarette butts there were no other litter issues of note along O'Connell Street. Clearly a close eye is kept on the closed down / vacant sites as there was no litter directly associated with them.

Dunnes Stores Car Park: Grade A. For the purpose of the survey, the large outdoor street level car park was surveyed. It was a very clean and well attended environment with no visible litter throughout.

Abbey Street: Grade A. There were some attractive 'olde' style shop fronts along Abbey Street. All was in very good order with regards to the presentation and maintenance of same. Abbey Street was a very clean and tidy site.

R352 Tulla Approach Road: Grade A. (from Tulla Road West Roundabout to Roslevan Shopping Centre). This route creates a positive first impression of Ennis. Road surface / markings / signage were in very good order and there were minimal litter issues throughout.

Ennis Courthouse: Grade A. Apart from a few mineral cans on the grass in front of the parked cars, this site was clear of litter. The 'garden' area to the front (sculpture, seating, planting etc.) was in good order and a welcome feature is the brightly painted electricity type box – adds a lovely splash of colour. There was graffiti on the 'Ennis Heritage Trail' signage outside the grounds.

Clare Abbey Roundabout to Ennis Town: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this busy access route to Ennis. There was minimal visible litter, just the occasional fast-food related items. For a number of years, there were some vacant houses on the right-hand side – fresh hoarding has since been erected.

Francis Street: Grade B. There was a definite litter presence along this town centre street – a variety of food related items were present e.g. sweet papers, mineral cans, fast-food wrappers and plastic bottles. There was no one particular area which was littered, just an obvious presence throughout.

Rocky Road Roundabout to Clare Abbey Roundabout: Grade B+. It was impossible to ignore the plastic bottles between these two roundabouts. Other items included plastic wrapping and sweet papers.

Ennis Bus / Train Station: Grade C+. Much of this station was freshly presented, particularly the re-surfaced car park. Apart from a discarded shopping trolley just within the grounds of the station, the majority of it was very good with regards to litter. What brought down the litter grade was the very obvious presence at the base of the shrubbery, in the far corner – it wasn't just casually discarded loose items but some bags of rubbish as well. It would seem that this area hasn't been cleaned as thoroughly as the rest of the station.