

Killarney: 14th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

Overall, a very solid result for Killarney in IBAL 2023 league – there were seven top ranking sites this time around, a very strong result. The Commercial Bin area in Glebe Car Park was still a poorly presented one, generating considerable amounts of litter. It was by far the most heavily littered site surveyed in Killarney.

It's very encouraging to see Killarney town take the lead on banishing single use coffee cups – a great initiative which has clearly had the 'buy in' from enough cafes / restaurants in the town.

College Street: Grade A. The overall impression created along College Street was a very good one with a virtual absence of litter throughout. Road surface / markings / signage, bollards, bunting, colourful flower boxes and tree planting all looked very well. There were minor litter items at the base of the blue / green industrial bins.

Main Street: Grade A. The streetscape along the Main Street was excellent e.g. paving, wooden seating, paving, tree planting, bicycle parking, 'olde' style street lamps etc. The whole street was exceptionally clean, just one or two very minor items.

Killarney Bus Station: Grade B+. A freshly presented environment with some colourful planting and attractive paving. The overall impression was generally quite good but there were too many random items for the top litter grade. The most obvious litter item was cigarette butts with lower levels of some food related items – mostly visible at the base of the benches and in the corner of the paving next to the shrubs and at the kerbs next to where the buses park. With a little extra effort and a more thorough approach to cleaning, this could easily be a top-ranking site.

Bohereencael Glebe: Grade B. Cigarette butts were particularly prevalent outside Dunloe Lodge. The two small electricity boxes had various items in / around including plastic bottles, clothing and a discarded pumpkin. Hopefully this is just a once off and doesn't build up.

Glebe Car Park – Commercial Bin area: Grade C+. We remarked in previous survey that correspondence was received with regards to plans to address this area. While works have taken place, it hasn't been sufficient to lift this site from a seriously littered site. A 'No Dumping' sign (€3,000 fine) has been erected. Perhaps it's time to consider how / why waste is generated in the first place and if there is the possibility to reduce the amount of waste produced?

East Avenue: Grade A. This tree lined area was exceptionally well presented and maintained. There was a complete absence of litter throughout, it was spotless.

Killarney Park at the Great Southern: Grade A. A wonderful expanse of green space with beautiful 'olde' style wrought iron seating, street lamps and winding paths. It was beautifully laid out and spotless throughout.

Upper Lewis Road: Grade A. There were no visible litter issues along this approach route. All appeared in good order.

Upper Park Road: Grade A. A very good impression was created along this road, particularly at the derelict site which had previously been littered – this time around there was a clean metal railing around the perimeter, creating a much better impression.

N22 Cork Approach Road: Grade A. This was an exceptionally freshly presented route with road surface / markings / signage in good order and pathway / associated grassy areas well maintained.