

Maynooth: 1st out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

Over the course of 2023 Maynooth attained a level of cleanliness which we have not encountered in over 20 years of surveying. All sites got the top litter grade this time around – well done Maynooth. With so many top-ranking sites, there are some which deserve a special mention e.g., Maynooth University (exceptionally well presented and maintained with an absence of litter throughout), St. Patrick's College, Carton Park / Avenue and the Main Street.

Kilcock R148 Approach Road: Grade A. Despite the high number of pedestrians and vehicular traffic, this tree-lined route was excellent with regards to litter.

Maynooth University Campus: Grade A. Not only was this campus spotless throughout, but it was also exceptionally freshly presented and maintained. Area is enhanced by lovely planting and sculptures. The whole campus is a credit to the students and users of same – very fitting for a Green Flag Campus.

St. Patrick's College: Grade A. The lack of obvious litter bins hasn't seemed to have any negative impact on the litter situation at this site – it was spotless throughout.

Parson's Street, from Castle West: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this narrow street, running parallel to the river. The appearance was one of 'house-proud' residents with individual properties presenting very well.

Recycle Facility, Aldi: Grade A. The overall presentation of this 'Bring' facility was a good one with minimal items to be seen. Signage associated with the use of the facility was in good condition. It is great to see such a facility so well maintained.

Charter School Lane: Grade A. Road surface / markings / signage / pencil bollards etc. presented well. There was a complete absence of litter along this route where individual properties have been very well maintained.

Carton Park / Carton Avenue: Grade A. A large expanse of green space, in a natural setting. Excellent visitor information notice relating to Carton House and the flora / fauna beside the Carton Avenue signage. It was exceptionally good with regards to litter.

Old Dublin Road: Grade A. There were no litter issues along this route. Pavement was mixed in terms of presentation – some parts were older, and some were newer / fresher looking.

Main Street: Grade A. An excellent result for a busy shopping environment. Attractive visitor information notice, colourful planter boxes, cobbled paving, tree planting etc. all contribute to the overall impression created along at this site. Street furniture was in good order e.g., seating, bollards, litter bins etc.

R406 Celbridge Approach Road: Grade A. There were no visible litter issues along this approach road – all features were in good order.