

**Ennis: 5<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.**

A former IBAL winner, Ennis has regularly been a very high-ranking town over the last number of years – things were no different this time around, with no heavily littered sites. It would seem that there is great attention to detail in general presentation and cleaning regimes throughout Ennis. Among so many top-ranking sites, a few deserve a special mention e.g. the residential area of The Hawthorns was a template for a Grade A site, while Clare Museum & Surrounds was in very good order. Clearly a careful eye is kept on the closed down / boarded up property along Parnell Street.

**R458 Gort Road Approach: Grade A.** All aspects of this heavily trafficked route were in very good order – no visible litter issues throughout.

**Cornmarket Street Car Park: Grade A.** Despite the heavy weed presence throughout the car park, this was not a littered site. Signage associated with the use of same was in good condition.

**Clare Museum and Surrounds: Grade A.** The entrance / immediate environs were in very good order. The flower beds / shrubs were well attended. Apart from low levels of chewing gum, it was excellent with regards to litter.

**O'Connell Square: Grade B+.** There were too many small litter items for the top litter grade e.g. cigarette butts, sweet papers and chewing gum. With a little extra effort / care this could easily be achieved. The adjoining O'Connell Street was very good with regards to litter.

**Parnell Street: Grade A.** This narrow street is characterised by 'olde' style street signage / shop fronts and attractive paving. Clearly a careful eye is kept on one of the closed down / boarded up shops with greenery growing out it, as there was no litter directly associated with it.

**Wood Quay – Promenade: Grade A.** A well presented riverwalk environment, with all aspects in good condition. Apart from some occasional graffiti, the overall impression was an excellent one.

**Government Offices: Grade A.** This area includes a variety of government related agencies / services including Revenue, Driving Test Centre, Clare Education Centre, Ordnance Survey, Dept of Agriculture and Intreo. It is an exceptionally freshly presented environment with car parking surface / markings / signage / bollards in excellent condition and grasslands in very good order. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

**N68 Kilrush Approach Road: Grade A.** A very welcoming impression is created along this route. It was characterised by litter free kerbs / road surfaces and clean pavements.

**The Hawthorns: Grade A.** This residential development was a template for a Grade A site. Individual areas in front of the houses and communal grass / planted areas were excellent – well done to all concerned.

**N85 Limerick Approach Road: Grade A.** There was a complete absence of litter throughout the entire survey area. All aspects were in very good condition e.g. road surface / markings / signage.