

Limerick City: 33rd out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

An increase in sites getting the top litter grade helped lift Limerick City's ranking since last year. It is great to see some improvements at previously littered sites e.g. Entrance to Cruises Street Car Park and Mount Kenneth & Henry St Car Park Environment. Well done to the local authority for taking action on some sites which have suffered long term abuse and neglect. A couple of the sites surveyed had county council signage asking them to cease holding and storing all litter on site - 21 Mallow St / and Site at corner of Hyde Road and Colbert Bus Station. A much improved site was Laneway to High Road, from Thomandgate, where the previous dumping and littering problems have been addressed. A vacant building on Cecil Street featured heavy dumping. This was the sole litter blackspot in the city, but a number of heavily littered sites on Mallow Street also brought down the city's overall grade.

Charlotte's Quay: Grade A. The overall impression at this site was litter free. One of the large solar powered bins had several incidents of graffiti.

Harveys Quay: Grade A. A freshly presented riverside environment with paving, tree planting, seating etc in good order. Two large PEL bins provide the opportunity to separate waste – they were in very good condition. Overall, this area was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

Entrance to Cruises Street Car Park: Grade A. A much-improved site compared to several previous IBAL Surveys – well done to all concerned. Perhaps a close eye is required to prevent deterioration to formerly littered status.

Dock Road: Grade A. (Dock Road East Roundabout to Shannonbridge Roundabout). Planted areas along this road were in very good condition – a great feature along such a heavily trafficked route. There were no visible litter issues.

Colbert Train Station: Grade A. This was an excellent site in terms of presentation, maintenance and litter. Large expansive area to the front has been further enhanced with a mix of wooden seating and planter boxes. Litter bins were a mix of regular and recycling. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good condition.

Shannonbridge Roundabout & Environs: Grade A. This site has frequently been top ranking, things were no different this time around. Planted areas and sculpture at the roundabout looked very well.

O'Connell Street: Grade A. The extensive works over the last number of years have resulted in a freshly presented streetscape with lovely paving, stainless steel bollards, tree planting, seating, street bins / recycle bins, raised planter beds etc. – the overall impression was a virtual absence of litter.

Patrick Street: Grade A. While chewing gum was obvious, there were no other litter issues along Patrick Street. It was great to see the outdoor seating areas devoid of litter.

Charlotte Quay Car Park - entrance: Grade B. The overall impression was generally an untidy one, not just litter but 'No Parking' signage on the ground, along with other discarded signage / street cone etc. Such areas can easily become magnets for further litter – care is needed to ensure that this doesn't happen.

Hyde Road Park: Grade B. Not much effort is required for the top litter grade. Some casually discarded food related items on the grass took away from an otherwise well-presented environment.

Mount Kenneth & Henry St Car Park – Entrance & Environs: Grade B+. Another site which was much improved compared to many previous IBAL surveys. However, care needs to be taken that the overflowing 'Green Bins' don't create litter – several were open / exposed to wildlife.

20 Mallow Street: Grade C. While it would seem that there has been a clean-up of sorts, the overall impression was poor. It was characterised by 'long-lie' litter on the steps / in the basement, rust and moss on the railings / gates and handles to the basement.

21 Mallow Street: Grade C. Still a heavily littered site, it is certainly encouraging to see the Limerick City & County Council signage attached to the railings: 'Please be advised to cease holding and storing all litter determined to be in the basement at 21 Mallow Street' / 'Using authorised waste collectors to arrange for the removal of all litter from the basement at 21 Mallow Street to an appropriate licenced or permitted facility within **14 DAYS** of the date of service of this notice. Submit receipts and dockets from the authorised waste collectors in respect of all litter. Etc... Dated March 2024.

31 Cecil Street: Grade C. Marginally better impression than previous IBAL visits but still a heavily littered site. Planning Permission notice, dated January 2024 was posted on the railings – perhaps situation may improve once some action is taken.

Bring Facility, Dock Road: Grade C. As with so many other 'Bring Facilities', on first impression, all seemed in good order - recycle bins were freshly presented / signage associated with the use of same was in good condition. Considerable quantities of litter / bags of rubbish had been discarded between the rear of the bins and the wall.

Site at corner of Hyde Road and Colbert Bus Station: Grade C. Heavy accumulations prevailed at this small location. Another site with Limerick City & Co Council signage: 'Please be advised to cease holding and storing all litter determined to be in the basement at corner of Hyde Road, Limerick. / Using authorised waste collectors, arrange for the removal of all litter from the basement at corner of Hyde Road, Limerick, to an appropriate licenced or permitted facility within **14 DAYS** of the date of service of this notice. Submit receipts and dockets from the authorised waste collectors in respect of all litter.

Laneway at Parnell Street: Grade C+. Minor improvements were noted but certainly not nearly enough to lift this poorly maintained site from seriously littered status. There was a mix of recent and 'long-lie' items, the latter indicating a lack of throughout cleaning for quite some time. As well as heavy levels of a variety of food related items, there was a piece of furniture.

Laneway to High Road, from Thomandgate: Grade B. Efforts to address the previous dumping and littering problems have been addressed by the installation of plastic tarpaulin / sheets at the fences. This would appear to be having the desired effect as litter levels were significantly lower than previous IBAL surveys.

M7 from Castletroy exit to Ballysimon Exit: Grade A. This stretch of road creates an excellent first impression of Limerick City. All aspects were in very good condition with a complete absence of litter throughout the survey area.

Arthur's Quay Shopping Centre - Exterior: Grade A. This area was very much deserving of the top litter grade. There was a mix of regular street bin and recycle bin. Cigarette butt unit was in very good condition and prominently placed on wall at entrance.

Laneway at Ellen Street: Grade A. What a transformation! Not only was there a virtual absence of litter, but it would also seem that the road surfaces have been washed / scrubbed. Hopefully this area can retain its top-ranking status.

Arthur's Quay Park: Grade A. The park was being enjoyed by many at time of IBAL survey – all clearly using the litter bins as there were no litter issues. Seating / litter bins were in good condition.

Vacant building between No 30 Cecil Street and Engine Buildings on Cecil Street: Grade D+. Signage on the hall door: 'Do not Enter: Unstable Floor Structure' pretty much sets the tone for this heavily dumped upon site. Overall impression was a very very poor one.

Entrance to laneway beside building on William Street: Grade B+. Cigarette butts / chewing gum were a feature here, but the overall presentation was an untidy one and likely to attract further litter if not carefully monitored.