

## **An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Survey 2, 2024**

**Ennis: Clean to European Norms. 13<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed.**

**A solid result for Ennis with the approach roads and residential areas of Westfield and Cathedral Court very much deserving the top litter grade. There was one heavily littered site. Ennis Bus & Train Station was much improved compared to a few years ago – with a little extra care and attention it could be top ranking. Other sites which just missed the top litter grade included Merchant's Square and O'Connell Street.**

**Westfield: Grade A.** It is very apparent that the residents at this development are house-proud with beautiful flower arrangements and planters. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the survey area with all aspects in very good condition – well done to all concerned.

**Skehanagh Roundabout to Clare Abbey Roundabout: Grade A.** There were no visible litter issues along this well presented dual-carriageway route. All aspects were in good order.

**Rocky Road Roundabout to Kilrush Road Roundabout: Grade A.** Another excellent approach road to Ennis with striking sculpture at Rocky Road Roundabout. Overall impression was very good.

**Kilrush Road Car Park: Grade B.** Much of the litter in this car park is 'long-lie' and alcohol related, in the grass / hedges around the perimeter. If this was addressed, the car park would be well on its way to the top litter grade.

**Merchant's Square: Grade B+.** This attractively presented 'olde' style town centre environment just missed the top litter grade. Small items were trapped in the cobblestones e.g. bottle caps and cigarette butts. Not much effort is required for the top litter grade.

**O'Connell Street: Grade B+.** Major pavement / resurfacing works were underway, some complete, some parts still outstanding – the completed area looked fantastic. The small amounts of litter present will most likely be removed once the works are completed.

**Cathedral Court: Grade A.** A well-presented and maintained residential site. It was excellent with regards to litter and all aspects were in very good order.

**Approach from Kilrush Road Roundabout: Grade A.** A welcoming approach to the town of Ennis – no visible litter issues throughout. The overall impression was of a clean, tidy and well maintained environment.

**Ennis Bus / Train Station: Grade B+.** The overall presentation of this dual use facility was fresh and clean. This time around there weren't the same levels of litter in the perimeter shrubbery to the rear of the car park – this time around some 'long-lie' items lay in the hedges adjacent to the bus departures. Overall, this was a much improved site compared to a few years ago.

**Dunnes Stores: Grade C+.** The overall impression at the surface area car-park and store entrance was of a littered environment with accumulations in the trolley bays / perimeter hedges / grass verges. Main items were food related along with significant quantities of store receipts.