

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

Killarney: Cleaner than European Norms. 4th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed.

An excellent result for Killarney. With so many top ranking sites, there are a few which deserve a mention: Car Park at Killarney Outlet Centre, Open space, off Rock Road / St. Margaret's Road (a lovely expanse of greenery with recent planting / enhancement works) and Main Street – the latter wasn't just very good with regards to litter but is well presented and maintained. There were no heavily littered sites surveyed in Killarney.

Dr Hans Liebherr Road: Grade A. This attractive route creates a very positive first impression of Killarney and this high standard was sustained for all, bar one of the remaining sites surveyed. There was minimal litter throughout, and Cleeny Roundabout was an attractive and welcoming one.

Deposit Return Scheme, Lidl: Grade B. There were too many items, not associated with the Deposit Return Scheme on the ground / in the immediate vicinity of the facility for the top litter grade. The ground surrounding the facility was somewhat grubby, perhaps due to customers emptying the surplus contents of their containers on the ground.

St. Margaret's Road L3912: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this tree-lined route, with heavy autumnal leaf-fall underfoot. Overall impression was a very positive one.

Open space, off Rock Road / St. Margaret's Road: Grade A. A lovely expanse of greenery with recent planting and enhancement works – all aspects were in very good order and a virtual absence of litter throughout. Hopefully the damage to the grass due to the recent works is only a temporary issue.

Car Park at Killarney Outlet Centre: Grade A. All aspects of this car park were freshly presented and maintained e.g. car park surface / signage associated with the use of same / paved areas etc. Perimeter planted areas appeared in good order. It was spotless throughout.

Main Street: Grade A. There were some lovely features along the Main Street: attractive paving, large wooden planter boxes, tree planting and well presented shop fronts. Apart from some cigarette butts, there were no other obvious litter issue.

Glebe Car Park: Grade A. The Recycle facility has been moved, with clear signage indicating a €3,000.00 for illegal dumping. Despite plenty of cars within the car park (practically full) there was no visible litter.

Well Lane South: Grade A. While there was significant graffiti on several different surfaces (some of which had been painted over), there was no litter issues with litter along this narrow laneway – the rear of several businesses. Clearly it is getting plenty of attention as there was a virtual absence of litter.

Muckross Road: Grade A. There was minimal litter, just some occasional food related items, dog fouling and cigarette butts on a long stretch of approach route. The overall impression was a very good one and scored well considering how busy it was.

Tiernabouh Industrial Estate: Grade A. It is unusual to have an industrial estate located amongst such lush vegetation / tree growth – a lovely environment, which was very well maintained. It was spotless throughout, a credit to the users and those responsible for the maintenance of same.