

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

Nenagh: Cleaner than European Norms. Joint 7th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed.

An excellent result for Nenagh with eight out of the sites surveyed getting the top litter grade – these included the approach routes, Nenagh Court House grounds, O’Rahilly Street Car Park and Kenyan Street – the latter was not just good with regards to litter but presented well, enhanced by planting / outdoor seating and dining areas etc. The Bring Facility at Kenyan Street Car Park was heavily littered.

R498 Thurles Approach Road: Grade A. (from Arrabawn / HomeValue). This route passes through mostly residential area, with some commercial premises closer to the town. Clearly a close eye is kept on the boarded up properties (closer to the town centre) as there was no litter directly associated with same.

Approach from M7, Dublin direction: Grade A. All was in good order along this route, creating a positive first impression of Nenagh – this high standard was sustained for almost all of the remaining sites surveyed. Tidy Towns signage proudly displays that Nenagh was ‘Bronze Winner’ for a number of consecutive years.

Deposit Return Scheme, Lidl: Grade A. This ‘in-store’ facility was absolutely spotless. There was a small receptacle to the side of the machines for any excess fluids.

Home Savers: Grade B+. This site was characterised by a large car park and two separate stores. There didn’t appear to be any litter bins at either store entrances or throughout the car park – litter items were mostly food related, with some plastic wrapping, particularly at the base of the shrubbery. While the litter levels were low, they will only increase if not addressed.

Kenyan Street: Grade A. This busy shopping street was very much deserving of the top litter grade – it was excellent with regards to litter. The ‘outdoor dining’ areas were surrounded by lovely greenery – looked very well. Colourful flower boxes, seating and tree planting were lovely features by the Graveyard. There were some closed down / boarded up properties but there was no litter directly associated with them.

Bring Facility, Kenyan Street Car Park: Grade C+. This site was by far the lowest graded of all the sites surveyed in Nenagh. On first impressions, all appeared in good order. On closer inspection, the rear of the recycle units revealed a couple of plastic bags of discarded rubbish – items not recyclable at the facility. Perhaps, if the units were flush against the wall to the rear, it might prevent such discarding?

Nenagh Castle Grounds and Castle Garden: Grade A. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the Castle grounds and the adjoining Garden. It is a real gem, just off one of the main shopping streets. All aspects were in very good condition, e.g. seating, litter bins, visitor information signage at the entrance etc. Well done to all concerned.

Nenagh Court House Grounds: Grade A. The grounds were in excellent order, adorned with sculpture to the front and ‘Bug Hotel’ / Biodiversity feature to the side. The entrance to the building was very well served by cigarette butt disposal facilities. Area was enhanced by colourful planted area on the right hand side of the car park entrance.

O’Rahilly Street Car Park: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter at this small, street level, car park. This car park has the benefit of an adjoining garden behind black railings – from which there was an abundance of colour. Freshly presented car park surface / markings / signage associated with use of same.

Silvermines Approach Road: Grade A. There were no visible litter issues along this route. Road surface / markings / signage were in good order and the grass to the side was well maintained.