

An Taisce Report - IBAL Anti-Litter League, Survey 1, 2025

Ennis: 2nd out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

Ennis (a former winner of the IBAL League) has narrowly missed out on top spot, with nine out of the ten sites getting the top litter grade. Recent enhancement works at O'Connell Street and Henry Street have resulted in lovely streetscapes on both streets. Improvements were noted at Dunnes Stores Car Park (had been littered in previous IBAL surveys) and this time around it was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

N85 Approach Road: Grade A. (from M18 to Clareabbey Roundabout) An exceptionally freshly presented route with road surface / markings / signage in excellent order and a complete absence of litter throughout. It was pristine, creating a very positive first impression of Ennis – this high standard was sustained for the almost all of the remaining sites surveyed.

Friar's Walk Car Park: Grade A. Signage associated with the use of the facility was in very good order and the overall impression was of a well-attended environment with grass, car park surface and shrubs / trees in good order.

Dunnes Stores Car Park: Grade A. In recent IBAL surveys this site had been littered – not so, this time around, very much deserving the top litter grade.

O'Connell Street: Grade A. O'Connell Street was looking exceptionally fresh after extensive works – paving, planted areas, wooden seating were all lovely features. While it was typically a high ranking site in previous surveys, this time around the overall presentation of same is at another level.

Wood Quay – Riverwalk: Grade B. Overall impression created along this riverside environment was a positive one with paving, seating, and litter bins in very good order. Site was let down by the very deliberate 'stuffing' of cardboard boxes behind the black street bin.

Deposit Return Scheme, Aldi: Grade A. (Kilrush Road) An immaculate site, template for Grade A. Area immediately surrounding the facility was spotless.

College View / Kilrush Road: Grade A. A very freshly presented and maintained environment with freshly cut grasslands, clean pavements / parking spaces and road surfaces. Well done to all concerned.

Abbey Court: Grade A. There was lovely tree planting throughout this residential area. All was in very good condition, with no visible litter issues.

High Street: Grade A. Recent paving / stone planter boxes / wooden seating has resulted in a lovely pedestrian shopping environment. There was no litter directly associated with closed down / vacant outlets. The relatively recent issue of 'vape stickers' on litter bins have made their way to the street bins.

Place de Paul De Fenouillet: Grade A. An attractively presented town centre environment with good visitor information noticeboard / sculpture / tree planting / seating / 'olde' style street lamps etc, all of which were in very good order. The whole area was excellent with regards to litter.