

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

**Killarney: 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner in European Norms.**

**A superb performance by Killarney, as with so many previous IBAL surveys. The many summer tourists will appreciate the fact that there are seven top ranking sites, with none heavily littered. Top ranking sites included all the approach roads, the attractively laid out town centre environment at Kenmare Place, Riverwalk in Killarney National Park and Plunkett Street – the latter had brightly painted premises and lovely ‘olde’ style street signs.**

**N22 Approach - from Tralee: Grade A.** This tree-lined route created a very positive first impression of Killarney and this was continued for well over half of the sites surveyed. Road surface / markings / signage were all in very good order.

**Park Road – Approach: Grade A.** There were no visible litter items along this route. Bicycle path / grass area were in good condition. The overall impression was of a very clean environment.

**Deerpark Shopping Park: Grade B+.** The majority of this large retail park environment was clear of litter but there were too many food related items (sweet wrappers, cans, coffee cups and fast-food wrappers) next to Costa Coffee and cigarette butts close to Boots for the top litter grade. The paving / tree planting looked very well.

**Deposit Return Scheme, Tesco: Grade A.** This ‘in-store’ facility was spotless with no litter in the immediate area.

**Ballycasheen Road: Grade A.** A very freshly presented tree-lined route with no visible litter throughout. The overall impression was excellent with regards to litter.

**Killarney Train Station: Grade B.** This is a beautiful ‘olde’ style railway situation in a lovely situation, set in mature planting. The overall impression was littered with a wide variety of food related items and cigarette butts, particularly along the pedestrian pathway. It appeared to be lacking a thorough cleaning and there were minimal bins throughout.

**Kenmare Place: Grade A.** All was in good order at this attractively presented town centre environment. Planted areas and seating looked very well. There was a virtual absence of litter.

**Riverwalk in National Park: Grade A.** This lovely waterside environment in the magnificent Killarney National Park was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

**Main Street: Grade B+.** One of the large Big Belly style bins indicates that ‘Killarney is Single Use Coffee Cup Free’ – a great initiative that was rolled out a couple of years ago. Main litter items along the Main Street were food related, with cigarette butts deposited in the large wooden planter boxes.

**Plunkett Street: Grade A.** Many of the outlets along this pedestrianised street were brightly painted with some lovely ‘olde’ style street signs. Paving was in good order and the overall impression was a very positive one. It was very much deserving of the top litter grade.