

An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 2, 2018

Waterford City Centre: Overall 2018 result: 8th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

Waterford – without doubt our cleanest city - continues to improve in the IBAL litter League with over three quarters of the sites surveyed getting the top litter grade. Waterford Train Station (both Exterior and Interior) was an excellent site and particularly welcoming for any visitors to the city; other top ranking sites included city centre shopping streets (e.g. Barronstrand, Hanover Street and Shopping Centre); People's Park is a lovely amenity which has been well tended and respected. Waterford Institute of Technology was very well presented and maintained with no obvious litter issues.

R448 Approach Road: Grade A. The built environment was fine along this road. Much of the main stretch of the survey area was free of litter, but not quite all. There was a virtual absence.

Waterford Train Station – Exterior: Grade A. All aspects of this site were very good with regard to presentation and litter. It was spotless throughout. The pathway, signage, road surface and markings, railing etc. were all in very good condition. High standards attained in previous IBAL litter surveys have been maintained – a credit to the station staff.

Waterford Train Station – Interior: Grade A. Not only was the Interior of the train station completely clear of all litter, it was sparkling and exceptionally fresh in appearance. Piano players are provided with the opportunity to play the piano – a lovely new development at some train stations around the country.

R711 Approach Road: Grade A. There was a complete absence of litter along this stretch of road. Road surface and markings were in good order.

Waterford Bus Station - Exterior: Grade B. The main items to be seen were cigarette related litter, sweet papers and fast-food wrappers – the majority of the litter was by the seating, directly in front of bus arrivals / departures.

Waterford Bus Station – Interior: Grade A. The interior of the bus station generally presented well. It got the top litter grade, but only just. Care needs to be taken to ensure that brochures don't become a litter issue.

Harbourside: Grade A. This extensive stretch of riverside pathway and adjoining street car parking scored very well with regard to litter. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

83 The Quays: Grade B. The presentation of this building was a poor one creating a negative impression on the overall streetscape. As well as some sweet papers there was moss in the gutters and falling paintwork.

Hanover Street: Grade A. The paving underneath the outdoor seating area was attractive and the bin, bollards and ornamental trees were in good condition. There was a complete absence of litter in the area surveyed.

O'Connell Street: Grade A. There were many fine old buildings along this street. Stencilled portraits on some walls and other art work is helping to enliven the overall environment. Overall, there was a virtual absence of litter.

Barronstrand: Grade A. The late autumn colours of the ornamental trees created a lovely effect at the pedestrianised seating area. All aspect of the area surveyed were in very good order.

Shopping Centre: Grade A. The overall presentation of this environment was a good one – paving, railings, bollards etc. were very fresh in appearance. There was a virtual absence of litter.

Recycle Facility by Little Patrick Street: Grade B. Clothing items, sweet papers, fast-food wrappers and cans were some of the items found at this recycle facility – both on the ground to the front at on the wall to the rear of the units. There were stickers on the individual bins regarding usage.

De La Salle Boys National School: Grade A. There were no major litter items to report in the mature grounds of this school.

People's Park: Grade A. This was a superb site. The grounds of the park were excellent with regard to litter and overall presentation - all aspects of the area surveyed were in good order e.g. playground, band stand, PE facilities etc. Clearly it is a much loved and well respected environment.

Fitzgerald Road: Grade A. The overall impression created at this house-proud residential area was a positive one. Plenty of trees and associated autumnal leaf fall along the pathway but no visible litter.

Waterford Institute of Technology – Exterior: Grade A. The entrance and immediate environs presented very well. Red paving, seating, plant boxes, shrubbery and bins were all very fresh in appearance – the whole area scored well with regard to litter.

Waterford Institute of Technology – Interior: Grade A. The interior of WIT was excellent with regard to litter and opportunities are provided for the separation of litter.

Site on west of Town: Grade C. (towards N25) Heavy levels of fast-food wrappers, plastic, plastic bottles and domestic.

N25 Wexford Connecting Road: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this well presented road.