

Portlaoise: 4th out of 40 Towns / Cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms

Portlaoise continues to improve year on year and had no heavily littered sites in this survey. A few top-ranking sites deserve special mention. The 'Bring Centre' at Council Offices was exceptionally good – the individual units were very fresh in appearance and the area immediately surrounding it was spotless, quite a rarity in such facilities throughout the country. The Main Street presented well, with all aspects of the area surveyed in very good order. Portlaoise Train Station (Exterior and Interior) was also top ranking – an 'olde' style station which was very well maintained.

992 Approach Road: Grade A. The overall impression created along this road was a positive one. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

N50 Tullamore Approach Road: Grade A. An excellent route with regard to litter.

Vacant corner site at Market Square: Grade A. This premises was freshly presented and there was no major litter issue associated with same.

Main Street: Grade A. A clean and tidy Main Street with all aspects of the area surveyed in good condition e.g. paving, bollards, street bins and shop fronts. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Portlaoise Train Station – Exterior: Grade A. This 'olde' style train station was very well presented. Car park area, planting, signage etc. were in good order and there was a complete absence of litter in the area surveyed. There was plenty of clear and clean signage.

Portlaoise Train Station – Interior: Grade A. There were no litter issues within the station – seating and facilities within the station was well maintained and completely clear of litter.

Site of Amphitheatre: Grade A. The site was under development / re-development at time of IBAL survey. It looked like the large amphitheatre space was undergoing change of use, but it was difficult to ascertain what was going to replace it. There was no litter directly associated with this town centre space.

Pepper Lane: Grade B. Graffiti was very much a feature on several separate surfaces along Pepper Lane. As well as some cigarette butts the other litter items included cans, chewing gum and sweet wrappers. Some of the wall surfaces presented poorly

Recycle Facility by Council Offices: Grade A. It is a rare occasion that 'Bring Centres' present so well. The individual recycle units were very fresh in appearance and the area was spotless.

M7 Link Road to Newbridge: Grade A. The overall impression created along this motorway route was a very good one. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.