

Athlone: Joint 12th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

Athlone is again Clean but has failed to match its recent performances in the League because of two seriously littered sites. Top ranking sites included Athlone Train Station (Interior & Exterior). John McCormack Square, the Shopping Centre and Church Street. The R914 Approach Road and the Recycle Amenity at John Paul Park were seriously littered, the latter sliding from a moderately littered status in the previous survey.

Athlone Train Station – Exterior: Grade A. A clean and tidy impression was created at the entrance and environs of the train station – no litter issues. Newly laid tarmac creates a positive impression.

Athlone Train Station – Interior: Grade A. The interior and platform of the station presented very well, with all aspects of the area surveyed in good order e.g. seating, planting, bins, signage etc.. It was excellent with regard to litter.

Recycle Amenity at John Paul Park: Grade C. This site has slipped since our previous survey. The units were freshly presented and the immediate area was clean, but bags of rubbish had been discarded in a very obvious and deliberate way.

Boarded up warehouse, opposite Sheraton Hotel: Grade A. Apart from 'Award Winning Floral Designer' signage, the remainder of the signage had been removed. Clearly a careful eye is kept on this warehouse site as there was no litter associated with it.

Shopping Centre (beside Library and Sheraton Hotel): Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter at this well presented shopping centre. Litter bins and cigarette butt collectors were well placed.

John McCormack Square: Grade A. A well presented environment with all features in very good condition. It was excellent with regard to litter.

Church Street: Grade A. All appeared in good order along this shopping street – there were no litter issues to report. It was well presented and maintained.

To Motorway: Grade A. There was a complete absence of litter along this stretch of road.

R914 Approach Road from Town: Grade C. This was one of two heavily littered sites surveyed in Athlone. It wasn't just casually littered but larger items had been discarded.

N61 Connecting Road to Roscommon: Grade A. The overall impression created along this road was a positive one with a virtual absence of litter throughout.