

Ennis: Joint 8th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

Ennis is back inside the top ten after a slight slip in recent surveys. It had no heavily littered sites. The town is notable for the many attractive historical signs and information e.g. O'Connell monument, Mill Bridge, Market Place. There was evidence of a tie-in with the Tidy Towns in Ennis - both along O'Connell Street (façade painting) and Tim Smythe Park (tree planting). Some of the top ranking sites in Ennis included O'Connell Street (exceptionally clean and well presented), Tim Smythe Park (an excellent site in terms of presentation, maintenance and litter) and Lower Market Street / Market Place – no major litter issues.

Gort Road Industrial Estate & Ennis Enterprise Centre: Grade B+. An extensive industrial / business park, with a variety of premises. Much of the area surveyed was in good order in terms of presentation and maintenance but an area to the rear was responsible for bringing down the overall grade - heavily weeded, poorly maintained grass area with 'old' litter, with the appearance of not having been thoroughly cleaned for quite some time.

R747 from Beechpark Roundabout to Ennis: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this stretch of road. It wasn't spotless, with occasional loose items (e.g. cans, plastic bottles). Care needs to be taken to ensure that it doesn't become littered.

Surface Car Park at Dunnes Stores: Grade B. Loose litter items took away from what was otherwise a well presented and maintained environment. Grass / shrubbery areas were well maintained and the main entrance to the shop was clear of litter. Much of the litter was food related e.g. plastic bottles, sweet papers, cans and fast-food wrappers.

N58 between Clareabbey Roundabout and Rocky Road Roundabout: Grade B. The litter along this stretch of road was most pronounced closer to the roundabouts rather than the stretch of road in between. There was a very definite presence of food related items and white plastic wrapping.

O'Connell Street: Grade A. O'Connell Street was an exceptionally clean main street. Paving was very attractive along much of the street. There were some brightly painted premises which added a splash of colour. 'Façade' painting at a couple of vacant / unoccupied premises took away the 'bare look'. - tie in with Tidy Towns. Excellent throughout.

Lower Market Street / Market Place: Grade A. Not quite as nicely presented as O'Connell Street but not a littered environment. There was some welcome planting, both low lying and trees. Chewing gum was obvious on some of the paving. The overall impression created in this area was a positive one.

River Walk / Mill Bridge and Environs: Grade A. A long stretch of river walk from Car Park at Wood Quay to Mill Wheel / Mill Bridge. Water was good with regard to litter – just some occasional items (balls) in the water at Mill Bridge. The small seating area across from Mill Wheel had some food related items and could quickly become a littered site if not addressed.

Tim Smythe Park: Grade A. An excellent park environment. There appear to be several links with the local community in the form of 'Active Ennis' and 'Tidy Towns' sponsored tree planting. There is very much a 'Community' feel throughout the park. There was plenty of dog fouling notices (e.g. 'Leave only pawprints' signage. Both playgrounds were spotless. A colourful mural on wall beside the 'toilet' facilities featured Ennis landmarks. Seating, PE equipment, playing fields, games area, signage etc were all in excellent condition. Tim Smythe Park was spotless.

Clonroad Business Park: Grade B+. This industrial environment was generally fine but let down somewhat by litter at a corner area and at the base of the brick wall - mostly food related and some plastic wrapping. More thorough approach to cleaning near the brick wall would certainly improve the overall impression.

Limerick – Ennis N18 / M18 Link Road: Grade A. The stretch of road that was surveyed was between Limerick Tunnel and the turn off for Ennis. A very good impression was created travelling along this road, in both directions. No litter issues were noted and roadway was excellent in terms of presentation and maintenance.