

Kilkenny:

Kilkenny reclaims its position at the very top of the League – a superb achievement for such a popular bustling centre. With so many top ranking sites, there are a few which deserve a special mention, not just for their cleanliness but overall presentation and maintenance e.g. High Street, Market Cross Shopping Centre, The Train Station (both Exterior and Interior) and the River Nore River Walk – all were exceptionally well presented and maintained, creating a very fresh impression. This very high standard was sustained for all, bar one, of the sites surveyed – the recycle facility at St Canices was moderately littered.

L2627 Clara Approach Road: Grade A. The road surface, signage and markings were in very good order along this road. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Kilkenny Train Station – Interior: Grade A. A lovely first impression of Kilkenny is created for any visitors arriving by train. It was a very freshly presented environment with all aspects in the area surveyed in excellent order e.g. seating, bins, signage and facilities within. It was excellent with regard to litter.

Kilkenny Train Station – Exterior: Grade A. Not quite as spotless with regard to litter as the Interior of the station but still very much deserving of the top litter grade. The presentation was a very fresh one with the top of the railings at the steps / ramp brightly painted. Planted areas, car parking, bins and signage were all in very good order.

Abandoned / Closed Building at Parliament Street: Grade A. (no name, beside the archway) Little has been done to ‘take away the bare look’ of this property. Clearly a careful eye is kept on it as there was no litter directly associated with it – such properties can quickly become a magnet for litter.

Market Cross - Shopping Centre: Grade A. This is a very freshly presented retail environment with paving, planting, bins (some with the opportunity for dry recyclables), seating, signage etc. in excellent order – it was very good with regard to litter.

High Street: Grade A. An exceptionally clean and freshly presented / maintained shopping street with all aspects of the area surveyed in excellent order e.g. paving, seating, lamp-posts, bollards, bins etc. Signage on pavement ‘Step into Kilkenny’s History’ with an arrow indicating a turn off.

Banks of the River Nore: Grade A. A lovely riverside environment with ‘olde’ style street lamps, grass, planted areas, paving etc. in very good order. There were no visible litter issues in the water or the immediate surrounding environment. A wonderful riverside environment for the residents of Kilkenny.

R712 Gowran Approach Road: Grade A. A very clean and tidy impression was created along this road with the road surface / markings / signage all in very good order.

Recycle Facility at St. Canice’s: Grade B. The recycle units / signage and immediate environment was generally freshly presented. However, it was let down by loose litter items to the rear of the units.

N10 - M9 Connecting Road to Carlow: Grade A. This route got the top litter grade, but only just. Care needs to be taken that plastic wrapping doesn’t become a major issue.