

**Ennis: 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 37 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.**

**A typically strong performance by Ennis has placed it among only 4 towns to be deemed Cleaner than European Norms. Eight out of the ten sites surveyed received the top litter grade. Only Gort Rd Business Park was heavily littered. Both O'Connell Street and Abbey Street were pedestrianised, creating an enhanced shopping environment. There were some vacant / closed down outlets on Abbey Street but there was no litter directly associated with them. Other top-ranking sites in Ennis included Tim Smythe Park, Ennis Friary and Ennis Recycle Centre – not only were they very good with regard to litter but also well presented and maintained.**

**Street Level Car Park at Dunnes Stores: Grade A.** A very well attended car park with all aspects of the area surveyed in good order. Car park surface / markings / signage were freshly presented, and the overall impression was an excellent one with regard to litter.

**R352 from Tulla Road West Roundabout: Grade A.** A very freshly presented route, creating a positive first impression of Ennis – this high standard was sustained for the majority of the remaining sites surveyed.

**Gort Road Business Park: Grade C+.** The majority of this extensive business park was well presented and good with regard to litter. However, it was impossible to ignore an area to the rear, close to the yellow painted building, where an air of neglect prevailed – this area was heavily littered.

**Ennis Recycle Centre: Grade A.** This 'managed' facility was exceptionally freshly presented and there was a complete absence of litter throughout the facility – this is not always the case with 'managed' facilities.

**O'Connell Street: Grade A.** The pedestrianisation of O'Connell Street looked well and was enhanced by colourful outdoor seating. The street bins and signage were in good order. Many individual shop fronts presented well, creating an attractive impression.

**Ennis Friary: Grade A.** All appeared to be in good order through the railings of Ennis Friary. The grounds were well maintained and there were no visible litter issues.

**Abbey Street: Grade A.** As with O'Connell Street, Abbey Street was also pedestrianised, creating an enhanced shopping environment. There were some closed down / vacant outlets but clearly a careful eye is kept on them as there was no litter directly associated with them. The overall impression along Abbey Street was a very good one with regard to litter.

**Tim Smythe Park: Grade A.** Further work has taken place / is taking place within Tim Smythe Park with the redevelopment of the basketball court and the single storey building close by. All aspects of this extensive park environment were in very good order e.g., PE equipment, playgrounds, playing pitches, grasslands etc. Clearly this is a much respected environment.

**Quin Road Approach: Grade A.** The overall impression along this route was a good one with regard to litter. It passes through a mix of residential and some commercial.

**Limerick / Ennis Link Road: Grade B+.** Overall, there was a litter presence along this route, in both directions, not overwhelming but noticeable – mostly food related (cans, plastic bottles and fast-food wrappers) but some large pieces of plastic.