

Limerick City Centre: 18th out of 37 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

Limerick City has come a long way in the last number of years and has narrowly failed to regain clean status despite some improvement. The riverside environments in Limerick City deserve special mention with regard to overall presentation, creating such a positive impression within the city e.g., Clancy Strand, Charlotte Quay, George's Quay and Bishop's Quay. Very well presented town centre sites included Thomas Street (exceptionally well presented and maintained streetscape), William Street, Limerick Museum and Shannonbridge Roundabout and environs. By far the most heavily littered site in Limerick was the Recycle Facility on Dock Road – it wasn't just casually littered but subject to dumping.

Clancy Strand: Grade A. A very nicely presented riverside environment – white railings created a very fresh impression, along with excellent paving, ornamental trees, signage, boardwalk etc. – the whole area was excellent with regard to litter.

Mulgrave Street at Cathedral Place: Grade B. With a little extra effort this could be a top-ranking site. Litter outside some shops took away from an otherwise well presented environment.

Thomandgate: Grade B+. The road surface and markings create a very fresh impression. Colourful painting of boarded up cottages takes away the bare look. A light litter presence, particularly at the car parking and in front of some houses took away from an otherwise good site.

William Street: Grade A. A freshly presented shopping environment – all aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order. It was excellent with regard to litter.

The Bishop's Quay: Grade B+. Much of this riverside environment was in good order with regard to litter but grade was let down by alcohol related litter e.g., plastic cups for 'take-away' beer and glass bottles. This took away from an otherwise very attractively presented environment e.g., paving, planting, sculptures, railings, grass area etc.

Sean Houston Place: Grade B+. Much of this residential area scored well with regard to litter but it was let down by loose scatterings and very definite litter presence in the front of the boarded-up premises. Care needs to be taken here as this property could quickly become a magnet for litter, if not addressed.

Cornmarket Row: Grade B+. An attractively presented environment, this area was let down by food related litter, especially as there was a market in progress. Perhaps the provision of more litter bins may address this.

High Street: Grade C. This has been a litter problem in the past and there was little improvement this time around. The 'wasteground' area behind fencing has become a magnet for litter, there were heavy accumulations of a wide variety of litter in this area.

Arthur's Quay: Grade A. Tourist Information signage was in very good order and some of the cigarette butt units were very fresh and clean. The pavements were grimy, but this wasn't a littered site.

Cruises Street: Grade C. The built environment was freshly presented with paving, visitor information notices, street bins, bollards etc. in good condition. Overflowing litter bin could contribute to litter on the street; chewing gum and cigarette butts were very pronounced, especially outside fast-food outlets. Other items included food related litter.

John's Square: Grade B. Minor litter outside The Square and in the basement of a property took away from what could easily be a top ranking site.

Charlotte Quay: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this riverside stretch of road. Planted areas were in good order and the overall impression created here was a positive one.

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Thomas Street: Grade A. The paving creates a very fresh impression along this busy shopping street. Seating, street bins, ornamental trees, bicycle parking etc. were in very good order and it was excellent with regard to litter.

Nicholas Street: Grade A. The paving and road surface / markings created a fresh impression – there were no notable litter issues.

Little Ellen Street: Grade C. Cigarette butts had accumulated in large amounts, chewing gum was very prevalent and there were lower levels of coffee cups and alcohol cans.

Shannonbridge Roundabout: Grade A. The built environment in the immediate area was freshly presented and there was attractive planting on the roundabout, almost sculpture like. It was spotless throughout.

George's Quay: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this riverside environment. Planter boxes was colourful and well maintained, paving, seating, street lamps, sculpture etc. were in very good order.

Merchant's Arch Car Park: Grade A. Road surface, markings and signage were in very good order and the area presented as a tidy and clean environment.

Recycle Facility on Dock Road: Grade D. This was by far the most heavily littered site surveyed in Limerick City – It wasn't so much a littered one but subject to dumping. To the casual passer-by the area to the front of the units wasn't too bad but the area to the rear had multiple black sacks and various other miscellaneous items.

Henry Street at Lower Mallow Street junction: Grade B. Much of this stretch of road presented well but it was brought down by some isolated areas e.g., the basement of a property, casual discarded litter and very high levels of chewing gum outside the newsagent.

Henry Street: Grade A. (between Lower Cecil Street and Bedford Row). The overall impression created along Henry Street was a positive one with regard to litter. Street bins and paving were in good order and the road surface / markings were very fresh in appearance.

O'Connell Street: Grade A. Street bins, bicycle parking, nice use of floral planter boxes all contributed to the positive impression created along this street. Care needs to be taken with regard to the level of chewing gum and cigarette butts, they risk bringing down the litter grade.

Dock Road: Grade A. A clean and tidy impression was created along this road, no visible litter issues. Road surface, markings, signage and pavement were in good order. The recycle facility is treated as a separate site.

N18 from Dock Road Roundabout to Roxboro turnoff - R509: Grade A. An excellent route in terms of presentation. Grass verges were in good order. There didn't appear to be any visible litter issues.

Limerick Museum: Grade A. The building and immediate environs were in excellent condition. Signage was clear and legible. It was excellent with regard to litter.