

**Longford: 25<sup>th</sup> out of 37 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.**

Some disappointment for Longford after an improved result last summer. Top-ranking sites included the residential area of The Laurels, St. Mel's Park / Sports Ground and St. Mel's Cathedral – these sites were not just good with regard to litter but exceptionally freshly presented and maintained. N63 Longford Approach was brought down by a combination of heavy levels of litter along the road, combined with two isolated areas which had significant litter problems. The 'Bring Centre' / Recycle Bank at Library was also a very poor site.

**The Laurels: Grade A.** The residential area of 'The Laurels' was exceptionally freshly presented and maintained. It was spotless throughout. Area was adorned by retired farm equipment which was brightly painted.

**Main Street: Grade B.** The side of the street with the Longford Arms Hotel was noticeably cleaner than the opposite - the area close to the entrance to the laneway leading to the car park and Tesco was more heavily littered. Main litter items were food related, along with cigarette butts and PPE gloves / masks. Overall, paving, buildings etc. were in good order.

**St. Mel's Park / Sports Grounds: Grade A.** An extensive expanse of park space and playing fields – all aspects within the area surveyed were in very good order and excellent with regard to litter.

**N5 Richmond Street: Grade C+.** As well as litter along the road there were a few isolated areas which really brought down the litter grade – one of these was a recessed entrance to a field and another was a recessed area sandwiched between a café and a house – this area was particularly poor, not just casual litter but other miscellaneous items.

**R194 Approach Road: Grade A.** A clean and tidy impression was created along this route. Road surface, markings and signage were in good order.

**St. Mel's Cathedral: Grade A.** A beautifully cared for environment – it was freshly presented and spotless throughout.

**N63 Longford - Roscommon Approach Road: Grade D.** There were moderately litter levels along the road, but two separate problem areas were responsible for the overall downgrading to a Grade D status. There weren't just littered but subject to dumping. One of these was a vacant lot / field adjacent to the very clean and tidy Lir Analytical site and the other was directly across the road.

**St. Michael's National School: Grade A.** A very clean and tidy environment with no visible litter within the grounds or directly outside of the school.

**Chapel Lane: Grade B.** Most of this residential area was good with regard to litter but there was one derelict house with significant litter and another with smaller amounts. These both need attention to prevent further build up.

**'Bring Centre' / Recycle Bank at Library: Grade D+.** Main signage relating to the use of the facility was fresh, clear and legible and another sign was broken into 2 pieces; heavy levels of broken glass on the ground at the front and to the rear; a large sack full of cans was left to the rear, even though the can unit wasn't full; cartons and beer cans had been discarded in three supermarket trolleys.