

An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 2, 2020

Newbridge: 9th out of 37 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

Another excellent performance by Newbridge solidifies its place among our cleanest towns. Over half the sites surveyed got the top litter grade. The town centre shopping and adjoining laneway sites all scored very well in Newbridge e.g. Main Street, Edward Street, George's Street and Limerick Lane. Newbridge Train Station and R445 Curragh Approach Road just missed getting the top litter grade – not much effort is required to achieve this. By far the most heavily littered site was Langton Road – this approach road had accumulations of 'long-lie' litter, much of it alcohol related, at the base of low lying shrubbery.

Main Street: Grade A. A clean and tidy impression was created along this busy shopping street – there was a virtual absence of litter throughout. Paving, ornamental trees and overall streetscape were in good order.

Naas Approach Road: Grade B. The road presented well with road surface / markings in good condition and much of it was litter free. Litter grade was brought down by loose food related litter items and a definite litter presence at a vacant site between Suzuki Garage and Newbridge School of Music. Things will only deteriorate further if this isolated area is not addressed.

Langton Road Approach: Grade C. The stretch of road between Moorecross to the Oaks was fairly clean but there was a significant accumulation of litter between The Oaks and Standhouse Road – the majority of this was 'long-lie' indicating a lack of thorough cleaning for quite some time. Much of it was alcohol related.

Edward Street: Grade A. Another well presented and maintained shopping street – all aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order e.g. paving, ornamental trees, bins etc. It was very good with regard to litter.

R445 Curragh Approach Road: Grade B+. The litter grade was brought down by scatterings of a wide variety of litter e.g. coffee cups, plastic bottles, cans, sweet papers and cigarette butts.

George's Street: Grade A. This pedestrianised street was immaculately clean throughout. There is clearly great pride as many of the individual premises were particularly well presented e.g. Ubh Café and Ponto Nuovo. Seating was in good condition.

Dara Park: Grade A. A wonderful expanse of parkland (with water feature) within a large housing area. Large stone signage with quote '*Without a sense of Caring, there can be no Community*'. It was immaculate throughout.

Newbridge Train Station: Grade B+. The train station just missed getting the top litter grade – cigarette butt, coffee cups, plastic bottles and sweet papers were scattered about with obvious chewing gum presence at ticket machine and entrance to platforms.

College Park: Grade A. There were no visible litter issues along this residential road. All aspects of the area surveyed were in good order e.g., well maintained grass area and road / pavement.

Limerick Lane: Grade A. A mixed use laneway, partly terraced housing and partly business units. The paving along the business unit stretch looks really well, an attractive feature. The laneway was very good with regard to litter.