

**TO/ THE MAYOR AND EACH MEMBER OF LIMERICK CITY  
AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Re:Limerick City & County Council Litter Management Plan 2015-2018**

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Under Section 10 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, Limerick City & County Council is obliged to make a Litter Management Plan.

The Draft Litter Management Plan was prepared and considered by the Environment Strategic Policy Committee at its meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015. It was agreed to proceed to advertise the Draft Plan and this was done.

The closing date for receipt of submissions in relation to the Draft Plan was Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015. One submission was received in response to the advertisement but was not considered material to the draft Plan. The draft Plan therefore has not been amended.

The making of the Litter Management Plan is a reserved function of the Council. As the statutory consultation process has now concluded, the Litter Management Plan is hereby submitted to Council to allow the Council consider and make the Litter Management Plan 2015-2018.

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# **Litter Management Plan. 2015-2018.**

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## 1. Introduction

The Limerick City and County Council DRAFT Litter Plan 2015-2018 affirms the Council's commitment to litter prevention in Limerick City and County. To date, the former Limerick City Council and Limerick County Council have implemented separate Litter Management Plans. This Litter Management Plan builds on the experiences of previous plans.

Litter continues to be a challenge locally and nationally and the emphasis will continue to be on reducing and managing litter effectively. The Council acknowledges that the primary enforcement responses must come from Limerick City and County Council. However, the co-operation of all members of the community is required to minimise levels of litter. The Council recognises that an awakening of civic pride and duty among all sectors of society is required if the problem of littering is to be tackled successfully. Individuals need to take personal responsibility for the litter they generate and how they dispose of it.

Limerick City & County Council achieved an improved status in ranking under the IBAL rating system between 2011 and 2015 and it is a priority objective of the Council to continue to improve on this ranking during the lifetime of the plan.

This Plan outlines objectives and targets for the next three years. Following implementation, the Plan will be reviewed annually and a report on the Plan will be submitted to the Council for consideration annually. In addition, a summary of this report will be compiled and distributed to schools, community groups, business groups, residents associations as well as being published on the Council's website.

The emphasis of this Plan will be on adopting a best practice approach by seeking to

- minimise litter in the first instance,
- creating awareness about littering,
- work in partnership with the relevant business groups, resident associations, tidy towns groups, sporting bodies and community groups and schools and citizens of the City and County to improve litter management and enforcement of litter legislation.

In preparing this Plan, due regard has been given to:

- Limerick City and County Council's participation in the National Litter Pollution Monitoring Survey (NLPMS).
- Internal consultation with the Council's Environment Section staff and Litter Team
- The Irish Business against Litter (IBAL) report 2015 – Published 2015
- An Assessment of Local Authority Litter Management Plans, published in 2008
- Southern Regional Waste Management Plan 2015-2021

The aims and objectives of this Plan can only be successfully achieved through cooperation and partnership. This cooperation and partnership will require Limerick City and County Council to continue to effectively undertake its statutory duty and also requires businesses, citizens and visitors alike to actively play their part in the prevention and management of litter and the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste.

## 2. Political and Administrative Structure

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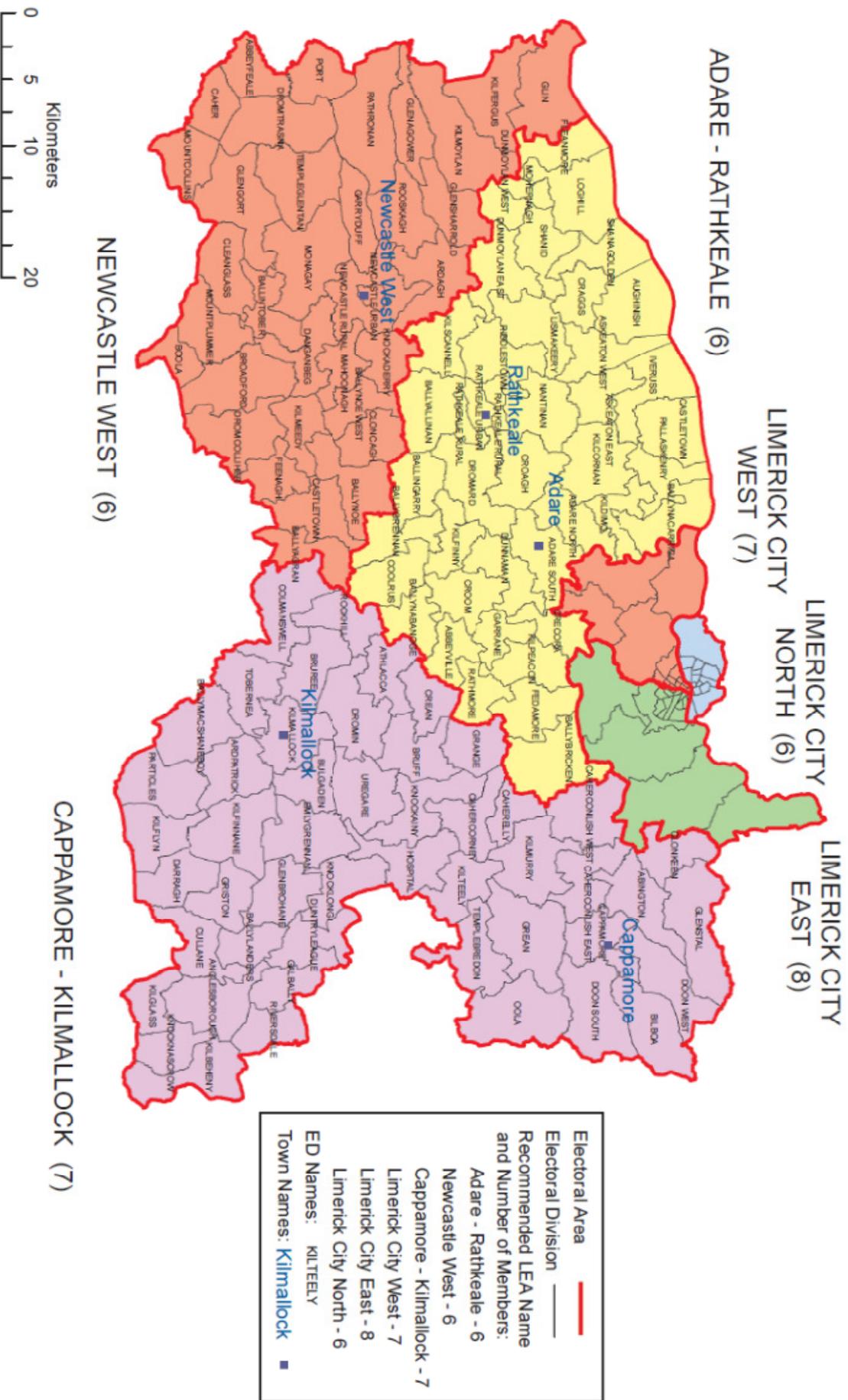
On 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014, a new political and administrative structure was created as a result of the merging of Limerick City Council and Limerick County Council - Limerick City and County Council.

Limerick is a modern thriving county covering 2,755 square kilometres which boasts a rich tradition, culture and heritage. The population of Limerick is 191,000 (based on results of 2011 census).

Limerick City and County Council is comprised of 40 members. For the purpose of elections Limerick City and County Council is divided into four districts and six local electoral areas.

LEA	Seats	District
Adare–Rathkeale	6	Municipal District of Adare–Rathkeale
Cappamore–Kilmallock	7	Municipal District of Cappamore–Kilmallock
Newcastle West	6	Municipal District of Newcastle West
Limerick City East	8	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Limerick City North	6	
Limerick City West	7	

# Limerick



<b>Electoral Area</b>	
<b>Electoral Division</b>	
<b>Recommended LEA Name and Number of Members:</b>	
Adare - Rathkeale	- 6
Newcastle West	- 6
Cappamore - Kilmallock	- 7
Limerick City West	- 7
Limerick City East	- 8
Limerick City North	- 6
<b>ED Names:</b>	KILTEELY
<b>Town Names:</b>	Kilmallock

### 3. Objectives

Limerick City and County Council recognises the importance of a strategic approach to deal with the challenge of litter and the implementation of this Plan. The Environment Section is committed to working as a team on the litter management strategy. The plan is focused on delivering a quality service that will achieve a significant improvement in terms of litter management and control in our city, towns and villages.

The primary objectives of the Council include, but are not limited to, the following:

- *The identification of priorities and the deployment of resources to meet these needs in the most cost efficient fashion.*
- *The integration of the litter prevention and control function with other priority areas and functions of the Council to ensure that an integrated response to litter management and control is developed.*
- *The delivery of a comprehensive monitoring and enforcement programme to ensure that persons who fail to manage the proper disposal of litter and waste face the appropriate sanctions.*
- *The delivery of a comprehensive education and awareness programme to schools, community groups etc., to raise awareness of relevant legislation, challenges, opportunities etc., in relation to management of litter.*
- *The delivery of a comprehensive support service to communities to facilitate groups who wish to participate in the improvement of their areas.*
- *The identification and delivery of the priority actions as set out in the Southern Regional Waste Management Plan*
- *The review of legislation, including the Council's Bye-Laws, to ensure that they remain fit for purpose in the current challenging environment.*

The Council will seek to achieve these primary objectives through undertaking the under-listed actions in the area of Litter Prevention & Control

#### **Prevention and Control**

- Target known dumping and litter black spots, to ensure these areas are litter and waste free. Erect "NO DUMPING" signage as required.
- Provide an efficient street cleaning service in core areas and periodically review the street cleaning programme and bring bank service, to ensure they are maintained to a high standard.
- Remove unauthorised graffiti from areas in public ownership.
- Review the number, location and the servicing of litter bins.
- Liaise with relevant stakeholders to ensure that Litter Control and Waste Management measures are in place at major events and in the surrounding vicinity before, during and after the event.

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- Liaise with relevant stakeholders to ensure that all mobile food outlets or operators selling fast food or beverages, or other outlets such as those selling farm produce are obliged to provide suitable litter bins in the vicinity of their outlets.
  - Liaise with Transport and Infrastructure, Planning and other relevant departments and organisations in relation to the design of streetscapes to ensure that the longer term litter management of an area is considered at the design stage.
  - Encourage participation in the Team Limerick Cleanup(TLC) and National Spring Clean initiatives and National Tidy Towns Competition, Green Schools and Corporate Social Responsibility programmes to encourage ALL sectors of society to take responsibility for litter by becoming actively involved in their community and participating in clean ups in their area.
  - Engage directly with schools, community groups, business groups, residents associations and others, through talks and presentations, and offer advice on how to keep their environment free of litter.
  - Encourage compliance with the Presentation of Waste Bye Laws and engage with householders and businesses to ensure waste is presented for collection in a manner that does not create litter.
  - Encourage sports groups and clubs to participate in litter campaigns and cleanups and raise awareness about litter in their local community.
  - Issue grants to non-profit making organisations to carry out environmental improvements in their areas.
  - Run a minimum of 1 anti-litter awareness initiative per annum targeting particular litter streams:
    - Dog fouling
    - Graffiti
    - Chewing Gum
    - Cigarette Butts
  - Increase awareness of :
    - Litter and Waste prevention
    - Household recycling facilities
    - National Recycling week and any other national/  
regional waste initiatives
    - Christmas Tree recycling
  - Employ social media to spread the Anti-Litter Awareness Message.

## 4. Raising Public Awareness

The cooperation and commitment of the public and business community is central to achieving the targets and aims of the Litter Management Plan. The Plan recognises the need to engage with and educate all stakeholders of their responsibilities in relation to the prevention and control of litter.

Litter is defined under Section 2 of the Litter Pollution Act (1997-2009) - as “a substance or object, whether or not intended as waste (other than waste within the meaning of the Waste Management Act 1996, which is properly consigned for disposal) that, when deposited in a place other than a litter receptacle or other place lawfully designated for the deposit, is or is likely to become unsightly, deleterious, nauseous or unsanitary, whether by itself or with any such substance or object, and regardless of its size or volume or the extent of the deposit”

Under the Litter Pollution Act (1997-2009), each Local Authority is given responsibilities regarding litter prevention and control in its functional area. This Act also outlines the responsibilities of citizens/businesses regarding litter. An on-the-spot fine of €150 can be issued for any breaches of this Act, or a fine of €4,000 may be imposed if legal proceedings are initiated against an individual or business.

### What are the responsibilities as a private citizen when it comes to litter?

The Litter Pollution Act puts legal responsibilities on members of the public to control litter. The following are example of offences under the Act:

- Creating litter in a public place for example: dropping sweet papers, cigarette butts, fast food wrappers, chewing gum, paper, food etc. on the ground.
- Presenting your household waste for collection in a manner that creates litter.
- Dropping litter from a vehicle you own, hire or drive.
- Placing household waste into a street litter bin.
- You own or hire a skip and fail to take measures to prevent litter generation.
- Failing to clean up after your dog in public areas.
- Failing to keep land you own or occupy – that is visible from a public place free of litter.
- Failing to keep the footpaths, pavements or grass verges in front of your property free of litter, if you occupy land / premises along a public road in a built up area.

### What are the responsibilities of a business person when it comes to Litter?

The Litter Pollution Act puts legal responsibilities on businesses to control litter. The following are examples of offences under the Act:

- Failing to keep footpaths and pavements adjoining your property litter free.
- Failing to keep grass verges along the road in front of your property litter free if you own or occupy land within a speed limit area.
- Placing advertising flyers or notices on vehicles.

- Placing unauthorised notices or advertisements on structures such as poles, trees etc visible from a public place, without the permission of the owner/occupier.
- Placing commercial waste in a public litter bin
- There are additional responsibilities on persons operating mobile outlets and organisers of major events.

## **5. Working in partnership with the citizens of Limerick City and County**

The Litter Management Plan 2015-2018 sets out the Councils objectives for managing litter in Limerick City and County. There needs to be a high level of cooperation between the Council and the public if the objective of achieving a clean environment is to be delivered. Here's how you can help:

- Do not litter and don't tolerate those who do. If a litter bin is not in sight when you need one, keep your litter until you see a litter bin or take your litter home with you.
- Help stop Limerick Dog Litter – dog owners please clean up after your dog. Use any bag or any public bin.
- Recycle responsibly! Limerick City & County Council operates recycling centres at Kilmallock, Newcastle West, Mungret and Park Road, Limerick and a range of recycling bring banks. Never dispose of rubbish or leave bags or boxes at a bring bank.
- Be aware of illegal waste collectors! If you pay someone to collect your waste, you must ensure that they have a valid waste collection permit. If you pay for waste disposal and it is later found illegally dumped, you are responsible for it.
- Be part of the solution! Keep the footpath/roadside outside your premises litter free.

Get involved! If there is a Tidy Town Group, register for a Team Limerick Clean Up, participate in National Spring Clean or any community Clean Up, Anti-Litter Campaign in your area. If there isn't any, perhaps you can get one going with your neighbours or community group.

## 6. Measures or Arrangements to be undertaken by the Local Authority

The Council expends considerable resources in the provision of its street cleaning and litter prevention and control activities. The expenditure and income realised by the Council in 2014 is set out hereunder.

<b>Expenditure on Litter Prevention and Control</b>	<b>2014</b>
Street/Road Cleaning:	3,238,702
Litter Warden Services:	561,515
Public Awareness & Promotional Activities	97,820
Legal Expenses	30,000
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>3,928,037</u></b>

<b>Revenue from Litter Prevention and Control</b>	<b>2014</b>
On the spot Fines	36,575
Fines awarded by the Courts	1,350
Payments by Third Parties	7,400
Department Grants Received	79,245
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>124,570</u></b>

The 2015 Budget adopted by the Council in relation to Litter Management and Control has provided for projected expenditure (excluding support service costs) as set out hereunder:

<b>Expenditure on Litter Prevention and Control</b>	<b>2015</b>
Street/Road Cleaning:	3,232,834
Litter Warden Services:	391,862
Public Awareness & Promotional Activities	79,000
Legal Expenses	30,000
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>3,733,696</u></b>

<b>Revenue from Litter Prevention and Control (Anticipated)</b>	<b>2015</b>
On the spot Fines	25,000
Fines awarded by the Courts	3,000
Payments by Third Parties	5,500
Department Grants Received	116,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>149,500</u></b>

The Council commits to delivering a robust enforcement policy during the lifetime of this plan. The Council will undertake this enforcement policy through:

- Working closely with An Garda Síochána in relation to litter and waste enforcement.
- Liaising with householders, landlords and business owners to ensure that they have a refuse collection service in place.
- Issuing Notices under the Waste Management Act to householders and business that do not have a waste collection service in place.
- Issuing on-the-spot fines and notices in relation to offences under the Litter Pollution Act and Waste Management Acts and relevant Bye-laws and initiate legal proceedings as necessary.
- Using available technologies as an aid to monitoring and enforcement of illegal dumping.
- Working closely with all relevant Council departments to ensure implementation of Litter Management Plan and Southern Regional Waste Management Plan and compliance with relevant regulations.

### **Operation of the Council’s Litter Prevention and Control Unit**

Limerick City and County Council, Cleansing Unit provides an extensive street cleaning service in the city. The Cleansing Unit – comprised of 38 employees, operates a 7 day cleaning schedule of the public streets and empties approx 212 litter bins each with a capacity of 120L.

Street cleaning also involves emptying of public bins, weed spraying, graffiti removal, chewing gum removal, maintenance of street furniture and monitoring of illegal dumping.

The area offices provide a street sweeping and bin emptying service in the county towns Kilmallock, Annacotty, Rathkeale and Newcastle West.

Street cleaning crews support National Spring Clean, residents associations and Tidy Towns groups with their tidy ups.

### **Complaints and Fines**

During 2014 as in previous years, the City and County’s Litter Management teams were proactive in addressing the problems of litter.

Number of Complaints received in relation to Litter and Waste	2,829.
Number of on-the-spot fines issued	794.
Number of on-the-spot fines paid	341
Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	48
Number of prosecutions secured in cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	30

### **Graffiti**

The Council works closely with the Gardai on a number of graffiti offences to identify the perpetrators of these offences.

Enforcement activity was taken in relation to a number of graffiti incidents, including legal

proceedings against a number of offenders. The offenders were directed by the Court to carry out clean-up works at a number of sites in the city centre. This work was supervised by the Environment Section.

### **The Presentation of Waste Bye Laws (as amended 2012)**

These bye laws were introduced for Limerick City in April 2012 as part of the 'clean streets initiative'. The bye laws restrict the hours that bins are left out for collection and have contributed to a cleaner city centre.

### **Dog Litter and Dog Control Bye Laws 2012**

Limerick City Dog Litter and Dog Control Byelaws 2012 were adopted in December 2012. The aim of the Byelaws is to regulate the control of dogs and the collection of dog litter.

### **Staffing**

Our dedicated enforcement team of 5 control officers, inspectors and litter wardens, are trained to deal with litter and waste management issues throughout the City and County.



In addition to the enforcement team a number of other staff in the Environment Section has authority to issue litter fines and notices under the Litter and Waste Management Acts.

The enforcement team receive administrative support from the Environment Section.

## **Best Practice in Litter Management and Control**

The Council will also continue to deliver initiatives identified under best practice measurements by:

- Continuing to carry out surveys in conjunction with the National Litter Pollution Monitoring System and to use the data gathered from these surveys to actively monitor the activities and performance of Limerick City and County Council in tackling litter.
- Evaluating each IBAL report and taking appropriate action.
- Liaising with other local authorities with respect to the identification of Best Practice.

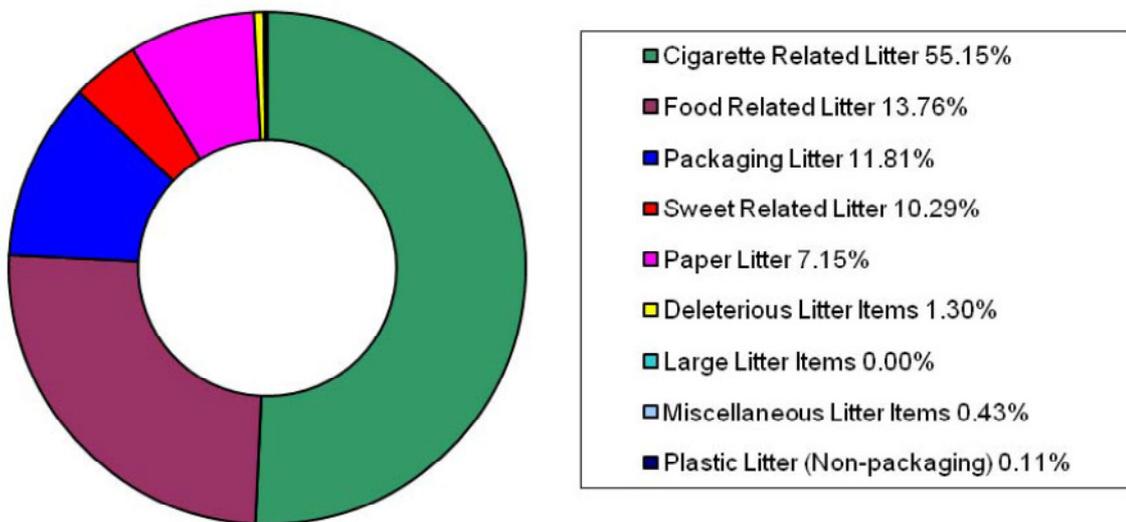
## 7. Litter Measurement

### National Litter Pollution Monitoring System

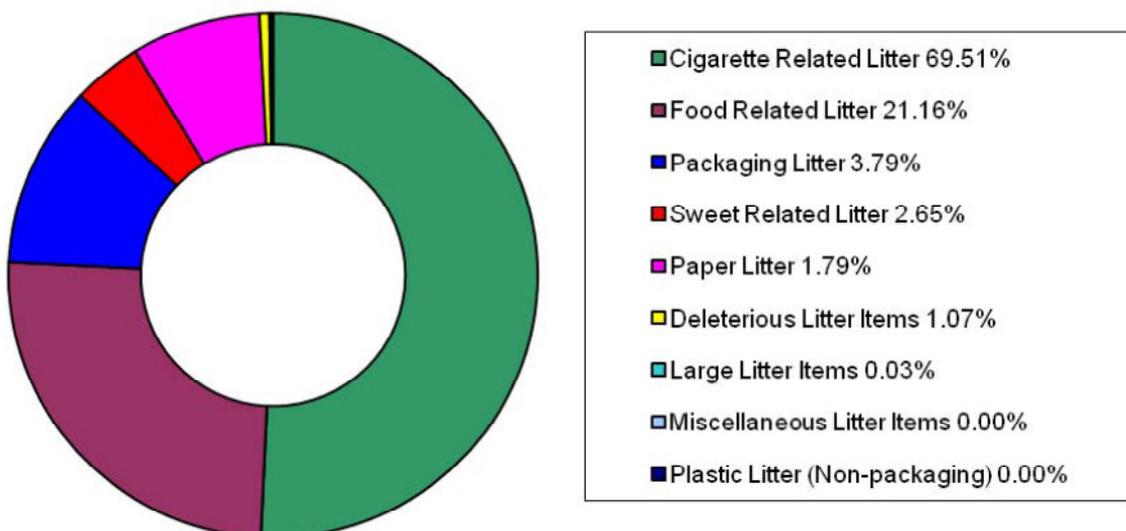
The National Litter Pollution Monitoring System is an innovative method developed by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and TOBIN Consulting Engineers to enable local authorities to manage litter pollution in a systematic, structured manner.

The charts below from the 2012 Litter Pollution Survey shows the composition of litter encountered in Limerick City and County.

**Litter Composition in Limerick County Council 2012**



**Litter Composition in Limerick City Council 2012**



## IBAL

Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) was set up in 1996 as an alliance of companies who believe that litter has a significant impact on our economic well-being. One of the main initiatives operated by IBAL is its annual ranking, in a league table format, of the performances of major towns and cities in the country in their battle against litter pollution.

The IBAL results for the years 2011-2015 are set out below and Limerick currently has “Clean to European Norms” status.

The most recent IBAL report was published in August, 2015. Limerick city achieved a standard “clean to European norms” and was ranked 17 out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. This is Limerick’s best result to date and is a marked improvement on the previous report in which Limerick was rated 30<sup>th</sup>.

The 2015 report stated that the appearance of sites around Limerick had improved greatly as had the overall maintenance and appearance of the city. In particular, the report highlighted a number of sites including St. John’s Square (Limerick’s Living Cultural Quarter), the Hunt Museum, Bishop’s Quay and Bank Place. The Dock Road was also commended.

The results for 2011-2015 are illustrated in the table below.

IBAL Anti Litter League Final Results	Ranking	Town / City	Status
2015	30	Limerick	Clean to European Norms
2014	36	Limerick	Moderately Littered
2013	25	Limerick	Clean to European Norms
2012	38	Limerick City	Moderately Littered
2011	44	Limerick City	Moderately Littered

## SUMMARY

Preventing and managing litter is an on-going challenge to Limerick City and County Council. The key to managing litter involves working with communities and businesses across the City and County.

Litter has the potential to blight our urban and rural landscapes and to undermine the potential development of Limerick city and county.

The Council recognises that litter is one of the factors that influence how Limerick is perceived locally, nationally and internationally, and also acknowledges the contribution that a litter free city and county can make in terms of citizen enjoyment, business and employment opportunity.

The Council is committed to delivering a quality service in the area of litter management and control, and continues to provide the resources required to deliver an effective and efficient service.

This plan reaffirms the commitment of the Council to delivering such a service and provides a basis for ensuring that the aims and objectives set out in relation to Litter Management & Control are achieved during the lifetime of the plan.

## Appendix 1 - Waste Facilities

### Bring Bank Locations

Location	Glass	Al Cans	Steel Cans	Textiles	Battery	WEEE
Ardagh (Community Hall)	Yes (4)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Ardpatrick (Four Cross Roads)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None	None
Art School	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Ashford (Ashford Tavern Car Park)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (2)	None	None
Askeaton (Shopping Centre Car Park)	Yes (3)	Yes (2)	Yes (2)	Yes (4)	None	None
Athea (Beside Graveyard in village)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Ballingarry (Beside Mustard Seed)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Ballylanders (Centre of village)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Ballyorgan (Beside National School)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Broadford (Beside Handball Alley)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (2)	None	None
Bruff (Beside GAA Field)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (0)	Yes (1)	None	None
Bruree/Rockhill (Centre of village)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Caherline	None	None	None	Yes (2)	None	None
Cappamore (Beside Creamery)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Carrigkerry (Service Station Grounds)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (4)	Yes	Yes
City Hall	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	None	None	None	None
Credit Union, Milford / Plassey	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Crescent Shopping Centre	Yes (8)	Yes (2)	Yes (2)	None	None	None
Croom (Church Car Park)	Yes (4)	Yes (1)	Yes (2)	Yes (1)	None	None
Dock Road	Yes (4)	Yes (2)	Yes (1)	Yes (2)	None	None
Doon (Car Park opposite Graveyard)	Yes (4)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (2)	None	None
Fedamore (Beside National School)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Feenagh (Community Hall)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Foynes (Flying Boat Museum)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None	None
Galbally (Tipperary Road)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (3)	None	None
Glin (Beside GAA Field)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (4)	None	None
Gortadroma Landfill	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (2)	Yes	Yes

Granagh (Service Station Grounds)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Hassett's Cross	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	None	Yes (1)	None	None
Hospital (Knockainey Road)	Yes (4)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Jetland Shopping Centre (Private Site)	Yes (5)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None	None
Kilbehenny (Community Hall)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Kilfinnane (Beside Graveyard)	Yes (4)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (2)	None	None
Kilmallock (Outside Recycling Centre)	Yes (3)	None	None	None	None	None
Kilteely (Centre of Village)	Yes (3)	Yes (2)	Yes (2)	Yes (2)	None	None
Knockdown (Knockdown Arms Car Park)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	None	Yes (3)	None	None
Knocklong (Beside GAA Field)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Loughill (Centre of Village)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Mary Immaculate College	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	None	None	None	None
Monagea (Beside Community Hall)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (2)	None	None
Monaleen Stores	Yes (5)	Yes (2)	Yes (2)	Yes (1)	None	None
Mountcollins (Beside GAA Field)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Mountpellier (Outside Community Hall)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Moyross Community Centre	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Murroe (Beside Community Hall)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	None	Yes (1)	None	None
Newcastle West (Outside Recycling Centre)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None	None
O' Callaghan Strand	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	None	None	None	None
Oola (Beside Community Hall)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (5)	None	None
Pallasgreen (Beside Community Hall)	Yes (4)	Yes (1)	Yes (2)	Yes (3)	None	None
Pallaskenry (Beside Agriculture College)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Park Road Depot	Yes (6)	Yes (2)	Yes (1)	None	None	Yes
Parkway Shopping Centre	Yes (6)	Yes (2)	None	Yes (2)	None	None
Patrickswell (Service Station Grounds)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (2)	Yes	Yes
Raheenagh (Beside Community Hall)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (2)	None	None
Rathkeale (Beside Area Office)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Roxboro Shopping Centre	Yes (5)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (2)	None	None
Scoil Ide	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (0)	None	None	None
Shanagolden (Adjacent to Comm Hall)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None

Southill Church	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
St Camillus	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	None	None	None	None
Templelantine (Beside Community Hall)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None
Tournafulla (Beside Community Hall)	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None	None
Villiers	None	Yes (1)	None	None	None	None
Watchhouse Cross	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	None	Yes (3)	None	None
Woodview	Yes (3)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	None	None	None

## Civic Amenity Centres

The Limerick Civic Amenity Centres have been provided primarily for the householders of County Limerick to recycle their waste. The centres accept a wide range of household material which is suitable for recycling. Limerick City and County Council has awarded Indaver Ireland Limited the contract to manage and operate its three Civic Amenity Centres. Indaver Ireland is an integrated waste management company involved in all aspects of waste management. Civic Amenity Centres are located at Mungret, Kilmallock and Newcastle West. A mini Recycling Centre operates at Park Road in Limerick City.

The following charges apply for recycling your domestic waste:

- Car €5.00
- Car & small trailer €12.00 (Small trailer is defined as less than 1.8m/6ft and less than 0.6m/2ft high. €24.00 for trailers above these dimensions)
- Light van €12.00



It is not possible to recycle all the different types of waste materials generated at home at the Limerick Recycling Centres. Some materials are either too bulky and need to be recycled elsewhere.

Examples of materials which cannot be accepted at the Limerick Recycling Centres:

- Clothing or Textiles that are soiled or in bad condition
- Clingfilm (accepted in Mungret only)
- Fibre Glass Items
- Medium Density Fibreboard (MDF)
- Plaster Board (not accepted for landfill)
- Treated Timber e.g. creosote and painted.

These items should be taken to Gortadroma Landfill, Ballyhahill, County Limerick.



## Kilmallock Civic Amenity Centre

Shannon Development Ind Estate  
Bruree Road

Tel: 063 98836

[More](#)

### Opening Hours

Tues 10-5 pm, Sat 10-5 pm  
Free Bring Centre available 24hrs  
Closed On Bank Holidays  
Last entry is 4:45 pm

### How to find us

Kilmallock Civic Amenity Centre, Shannon  
Development Ind Estate, Bruree Road, Limerick

### Contact us

Ph: 063 98836  
All sites  
Mobile: 087 748 9130

### What we recycle

Aerosols (Household)  
Batteries (Up to 2kg FOC, over 2kg €10.00 each)  
Books  
Inert Rubble, domestic, crushed or broken  
(block/bricks/ceramics/tiles)  
Cardboard & cardboard packaging (Dry only)  
Clean plastic bags  
Clothing and footwear  
Drink and Food Cans (Clean)  
DVDs & CDs  
Electrical goods e.g. TVs, Computers & Videos  
Flat Glass  
Fluorescent Tubes, Lamps & Light Bulbs  
Garden Waste (grass/hedge cuttings but No soil)  
Glass Bottles (Jars)  
Mixed Paper (Junk mail & envelopes)  
Mobile Phones/Phones  
Newsprint/Magazines  
Oil Filters  
Paint Tins (Up to 5 tins, €2.00 per tin thereafter)  
Phone Books  
Plastic Bottles  
Plastics (hard i.e. toys Tupperware etc.)  
Plastic Oil Containers (up to 5 litres)  
Polystyrene  
Scrap Metal  
Tetra-Paks  
Timber (Untreated Only)  
Tree Cuttings (less than 5 inches in diameter)  
Waste Oils (Cooking/car)  
White goods (Fridges/freezers/cookers and washing machines/dishwashers/vacuum  
cleaners/microwaves/kettles/toasters)  
Large household furniture and carpeting



## Mungret Civic Amenity Centre

Bunlicky, Mungret

Tel: 061 305 720

[More](#)

### Opening Hours

Tues Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat 10-5 pm

Closed On Bank Holidays

Last entry is 4:45 pm

### How to find us

(opposite Irish Cement) Bunlicky,

### Contact us

Ph: 061 305720,

All sites

Mobile: 087 748 9130

### What we recycle

Aerosols (Household)

Batteries (Up to 2kg FOC, over 2kg €10.00 each)

Books

C & D Rubble, domestic, crushed or broken

(block/bricks/ceramics/tiles)

Cardboard & cardboard packaging (Dry only)

Clean plastic bags

Clothing and footwear

Drink and Food Cans (Clean)

DVDs & CDs

Electrical goods e.g. TVs, Computers & Videos

Fiat Glass

Fluorescent Tubes, Lamps & Light Bulbs

Garden Waste (grass/hedge cuttings but No soil)

Glass Bottles (Jars)

Household Gas Cylinders (Calor/FioGas)

Mixed Paper (Junk mail & envelopes)

Mobile Phones/Phones

Newsprint/Magazines

Oil Filters

Paint Tins (Up to 5 tins, €2.00 per tin thereafter)

Phone Books

Plastic Bottles

Plastics (hard i.e. toys Tupperware etc.)

Plastic Oil Containers (up to 5 litres)

Polystyrene

Scrap Metal

Tetra-Paks

Timber (Untreated Only)

Tree Cuttings (less than 5 inches in diameter)

Waste Oils (Cooking/car)

White goods (Fridges/freezers/cookers and washing machines/dishwashers/vacuum cleaners/microwaves/kettles/toasters)

Large household furniture and carpeting



## Newcastle West Civic Amenity Centre

Station Road

Tel: 069 78610

[More](#)

### Opening Hours

Wed 10-5 pm, Sat 10-5 pm  
Free Bring Centre available 24hrs  
Closed On Bank Holidays  
Last entry is 4:45 pm

### How to find us

Station Road,

### Contact us

Ph: 069 78610

All sites

Mobile: 087 748 9130

### What we recycle

Aerosols (Household)  
Batteries (Up to 2kg FOC, over 2kg €10.00 each)  
Books  
C & D Rubble, domestic, crushed or broken  
(block/bricks/ceramics/tiles)  
Cardboard & cardboard packaging (Dry only)  
Clean plastic bags  
Clothing and footwear  
Drink and Food Cans (Clean)  
DVDs & CDs  
Electrical goods e.g. TVs, Computers & Videos  
Flat Glass  
Fluorescent Tubes, Lamps & Light Bulbs  
Garden Waste (grass/hedge cuttings but No soil)  
Glass Bottles (Jars)  
Household Gas Cylinders (Calor/FloGas)  
Mixed Paper (Junk mail & envelopes)  
Mobile Phones/Phones  
Newsprint/Magazines  
Oil Filters  
Paint Tins (Up to 5 tins, €2.00 per tin thereafter)  
Phone Books  
Plastic Bottles/ Plastics (hard i.e. toys Tupperware etc.)  
Plastic Oil Containers (up to 5 litres)  
Polystyrene  
Scrap Metal  
Tetra-Paks  
Timber (Untreated Only)  
Tree Cuttings (less than 5 inches in diameter)  
Waste Oils (Cooking/car)  
White goods (Fridges/freezers/cookers and washing machines/dishwashers/vacuum  
cleaners/microwaves/kettles/toasters)  
Large household furniture and carpeting

## Park Road

### Mini- Recycling Centre

Limerick

Tel: 061 407190

#### Opening Hours

Park Road Opening Hours

Mon – Thurs 8.00 am to 17.00 pm;

Fri 8.00 am to 16.00pm

Christmas Eve: Closed at 16.00.

Christmas Day & St. Stephen's Day: Closed

New Year's Eve: Closed at 16.00.

New Years Day: Closed

#### How to find us

Park Road, Limerick.

#### Contact us

061 407190

All sites

Mobile: 087 748 9130

#### Materials accepted:

Flourescent Tubes and Cfls

Batteries Car and Household

Textiles

Newspapers and Magazines

Cardboard

Small Household Waste Electrical Items

## Landfill

Recycling Facilities and household waste disposal facilities are also available at Gortadroma Landfill site in Shanagolden, County Limerick.

**Gortadroma, Ballyhahill, County Limerick**  
**Telephone: 069 82339**

**Opening hours**  
**9.00 am to 3.00 pm including lunch time (Tuesday to Friday).**

Gortadroma landfill site is closed to commercial customers since 14th April 2014. Arrangements are being made to continue to facilitate householders in relation to their waste disposal and recycling arrangements for a period of time yet to be determined.

### Waste Accepted

- Black Bag Waste (Household waste)
- Bulky Waste - Mattresses, beds, Sofas, chairs, tables and carpets
- Large Electrical & Electronic Equipment
- Garden Waste (Hedge & Tree clippings)

### Items Accepted for Recycling

- Mixed Metals
- Newspapers/Magazines
- Tetrapacks
- Plastic Bottles
- Cardboard
- Glass Bottles
- Food Cans and Drink Cans
- Textiles

## Litter Complaint Procedure

Complaint received by telephone, letter or e-mail by Council's Customer Services Team.



Enter details on Sugar CRM – The Council's Complaints Database.



Case assigned to relevant Inspector



Investigation carried out/Waste Removed/Report



Evidence Recovered – On-the-Spot Fine issued and/or Notice or Legal Proceeding initiated



Manager's Order prepared to initiate legal proceedings for non – compliance with Notices issued



Legal Proceedings Initiated



PENALTIES/ COURT COURT COSTS.

**MAXIMUM FINE for summary conviction = €4,000**

Limerick City and County Council has supported and continues to support Tidy Towns and Community Groups in the following ways:

#### - Tidy Towns

The Council has hosted a series of Tidy Towns Seminars in the last few years offering advice and support on:

- Waste prevention
- Anti litter initiatives
- Landscaping
- Biodiversity
- Recycling initiatives

There were 61 entries from across Limerick in the 2014 competition.

- Adare was awarded a Gold Medal along with the Limerick County Award and the Regional Best Bring Bank Award. Dolly O' Neill, Adare Tidy Towns was named one of the Tidy Towns Heroes for 2014.
- Galbally, Ardpatrick, Kilmallock and Newcastle West have all been awarded Bronze Medals in the 2014 competition with Galbally receiving a Highly Commended award and Ardpatrick receiving a commended award.
- Elton Tidy Towns received a Special Endeavour Award, while Kilmallock Tidy Towns and Coláiste Iosaef were awarded the 'Can It' award.
- Limerick City Centre Tidy Towns scored 270 an excellent mark for their 3<sup>rd</sup> year in the competition and their

chairperson Helen O'Donnell was awarded a Tidy Towns Hero Award.



## National Spring Clean



Limerick City & County Council encouraged and supported participation in the The An Taisce National Spring Clean. The Council offered support to participating groups in the form of:

- Clean-up kits including :
  - Plastic bags in which to collect litter and recyclable material
  - Litter pickers
  - Gloves.

The Council also assisted by means of the collection of bags of litter following the clean-up.



### - Limerick Going for Gold Awards 2014

Limerick Going for Gold aims to make Limerick a cleaner brighter place to work, live and visit. It is sponsored by the McManus Charitable Foundation and supported by Live 95 fm and the Limerick Leader, I Love Limerick, the Parkway Shopping Centre, the Limerick Post and Southern Advertising. The Grand final was held in the Strand Hotel on 16th September.

Tidy Towns category, **Caherdavin** was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> prize, with **O'Malley Keyes** (2<sup>nd</sup>) and **Annacotty** (3<sup>rd</sup>) respectively.

- Community Challenge category was won by **Kilteragh**, 2nd **Glenbrook/Glendale/Glenlawn**, while 3rd was **South Limerick City**.

There were other categories and prizes for individual merit award, best front garden and an endeavour award.



**- Limerick in Bloom Competition and Awards 2014**

45 community groups from throughout County Limerick were honoured for their participation in the annual Limerick in Bloom competition at an awards ceremony held on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 at the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare.

The Council, in conjunction with sponsor JP McManus Foundation, once again hosted this year’s competition.

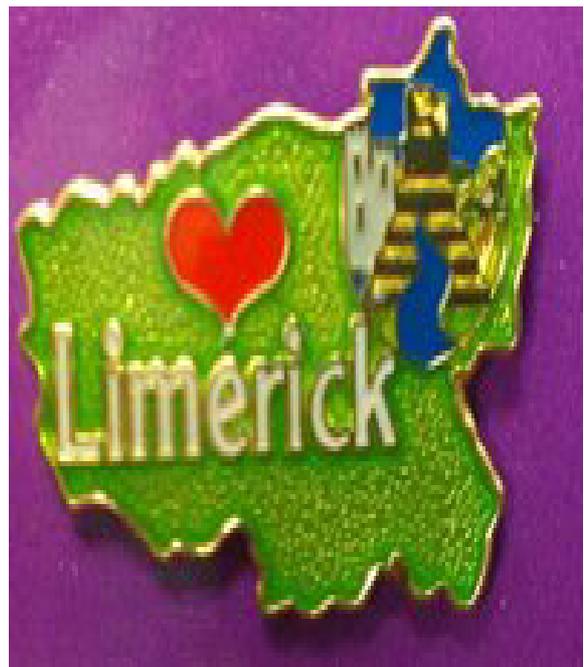
- **Athea** Tidy Towns was the Overall Winner of Limerick in Bloom

There were other categories and prizes for Population 0-300, Population 301-700, Population 700 plus, Housing Estate, Community Supported Residential Category. In addition prizes were awarded to the best performing towns and villages under a

number of categories from the National 2014 Tidy Towns Competition.

Limerick Senior Hurling Manager TJ Ryan attended the award ceremony as guest speaker and to lend his support for Team Limerick Clean-up (TLC), which is scheduled to take place on Good Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. TLC is a major initiative in the anti – litter campaign, and is supported by the Council and the McManus Benevolent Fund with the main aim of getting as many people as possible across the City and County involved in clean up’s on the morning of Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2015.

**Going for Gold – Student Competitions**



**- Design a lapel pin**

The 2013 Going for Gold - ‘Design a lapel pin’ competition - invited Limerick students to design a lapel pin that instils pride in Limerick. The competition was open to all primary, secondary and third level students in Limerick City and County.

The overall winning entry was from **Anna Kinsella**, an 11 year old student at St Patricks Girls National School. Anna was among 700 entrants to the competition.

This campaign was run by the McManus Foundation. The competition had a prize fund of €7,500.

### - Short Story Competition

In 2014, a short story competition was held as part of the new schools category in the Going for Gold initiative. Students were invited to write a short story with the theme 'How would you make Limerick a better place?'

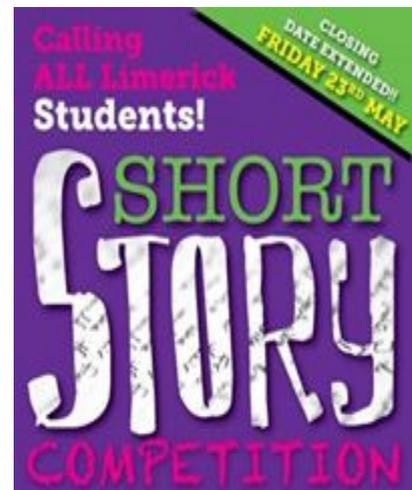
The short story competition had a prize fund of €10,000. The competition was open to primary, secondary and third level students. The entries were judged by renowned Author and Professor of Creative Writing in University of Limerick, Joseph O'Connor and the winning stories written by **Phyl Guerin**, **Holly Naughton** and **Ciara Murnane** were published in the Limerick Leader newspaper.

### - Dog Fouling



In October 2014, Limerick City and County Council and An Garda Síochána launched a joint campaign aimed at encouraging dog owners to clean up after their dogs which foul in public areas.

Limerick City & County Council anti dog litter initiatives:



- Four programmable audio devices ('talking lamp posts') are in place in popular walking areas to remind dog owners to pick up after their dogs.
- Any Bag Any Bin Leaflet Anti Dog Litter Leaflet has been produce to raise awareness.
- Stop Limerick Dog Litter adverts were run on Live 95fm and West Limerick 102.
- Anti dog litter leaflet and a scoop bag are distributed with each dog licence renewal form.
- Provided long handled pooper scoopers to Tidy Towns groups across Limerick (sponsored by maxi zoo).

- Dog Littering Awareness Campaign was run in October 2014 in conjunction with An Garda Síochána.

**- Gum Litter**



Limerick City & County Council is a participant in the Gum Litter Task Force's 'Bin it Your Way Campaign'. This campaign promotes a behaviour change among gum droppers through local campaigns and helps create a cleaner, more attractive local area that residents, visitors and businesses can enjoy.

Limerick City and County Council's Environment Section, in association with the Limerick City Gallery of Art and the Limerick School of Art and Design, commenced a pilot initiative scheme to provide a number of sites across the city for street artists to work on.

Sites included - Clare St, King John's Castle Area, Sexton Street.



**- Street Art Initiative**

**- Green Schools Programme**

Limerick City and County Council actively supports the Green Schools programme which is designed to promote and acknowledge "whole school action" for the environment. The Green Schools Programme also empowers young people to act positively on behalf of the environment and uses peer and role modelling to assist with improving environmental behaviour.

68 schools from Limerick City & County received the prestigious “Green Flag Award” in 2013.

Over 70 teachers participated in the Annual Green Schools Seminar in October and environmental themed workshops were facilitated in schools throughout 2013.

**- Anti Litter Christmas Campaign**

Limerick City and County Council produced a 4-page newsletter at Christmas 2013 encouraging the people of Limerick to have - a greener, waste free Christmas. The Council also had a litter bin vinyl saying Love Limerick Don't Litter – Santa is watching.



**BE AN ANGEL THIS CHRISTMAS...**  
 ...and join us for a Greener Environment this Christmas

*Seasons Greetings everyone!*  
 Limerick City & County Council's Environment Department would like to wish you a happy, and waste free Christmas.

**12 Steps to a Greener Christmas**

1. Make an eco-friendly or recycled tree (or use your really nice real one!)
2. Don't get 'BFC's' - buy your real tree - and remember they're not just for Christmas!
3. Use gift wrap made from recycled paper and avoid shiny foil.
4. Check out the [RecycleHub.ie](http://RecycleHub.ie) website for tips on recycling Christmas.
5. Use cloth napkins and table cloths instead of disposable ones.
6. Try to eat green Christmas Day from Limerick's Christmas Dinner or other menus.
7. When buying seasonal goods, please buy back the old items for the retailer for their recycling or reuse your own.
8. The alternative message like newspaper, photos of old messages and cards or letters that can be reused.
9. Recycle your computer with considered from waste. City Council's e-waste centre offers guidance on how to dispose of old computers and mobile phones. Use your old mobile phone to help the living banks and recycling centres in your area.
10. Switch off the holiday lights on electrical goods and save energy.
11. Reuse Christmas cards to make tiny gift tags for next year.

**STOP FOOD WASTE.ie**  
 Plan your Christmas shopping and meals and help prevent food waste.

- Buy smaller portions when eating with friends.
- Consider portion sizes. Consider only what they need and you will have less waste.
- Use leftovers to make soups, stews, casseroles, etc.
- To avoid food waste, freeze it in airtight containers. Use it for soups, casseroles, etc.
- Use your brown bin and make sure it's full with kitchen waste.

**Santa's Watching So Love Limerick Don't Litter**

- Remember that Santa is there to see how you are doing. He will be checking your bins and seeing if you are recycling.

**GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL 2015**

