Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

Title of Report:	**Live Here Love Here - 2024 & 2025 Cleaner Neighbourhoods Reports**
Committee Report Submitted To:	**Environmental Services Committee**
Date of Meeting:	**10th November 2026**
For Decision or For Information	**For Information**
To be discussed In Committee	**NO**

Linkage to Council Plan (2026-31)	
Strategic Theme	Sustainability & managing our natural and built environment
Outcome	To provide information on the findings of Northern Ireland Litter Surveys
Lead Officer	Head of Health & Built Environment

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	N/A

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	N/A
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	N/A
Staffing Costs	N/A

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	**NO**
Legal Opinion Obtained	**NO**

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	N/A	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information on Live Here Love Cleaner Neighbourhoods Reports.

2.0 Background

2.1 Environmental charity Live Here Love Here rebranded from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful in 2026.

2.2 Live Here Love Here has provided the 2024 and 2025 Cleaner Neighbourhoods Reports, which present the findings of the Northern Ireland Litter Surveys undertaken between July and September of each year. The accompanying email correspondence is included at Appendix 1.

2.3 The reports are attached as follows:

- 2024 Cleaner Neighbourhoods Report Northern Ireland All Council Areas (Appendix 2)
- 2024 Cleaner Neighbourhoods Report Northern Ireland Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (Appendix 3)
- 2025 Cleaner Neighbourhoods Report Northern Ireland All Council Areas (Appendix 4)
- 2025 Cleaner Neighbourhoods Report Northern Ireland Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (Appendix 5)

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 It is recommended that the correspondence and reports be noted.

Appendix 1

From: LEQ <leq@liveherelovehere.org>
Sent: Thursday, 06 August 2026 11:57:23
Subject: Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Neighbourhoods Report for 2024 and 2025

Good afternoon,

I am delighted to attach the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Report for 2024 and 2025 for your council area. The surveys were conducted between July and September, and our assessors assessed 100 individual transects. The information in these reports is important to us in shaping our ideas, and I hope they will be equally valuable to your council.

We have a new name (Live Here Love Here) and a new strategy. This period of change has allowed us, as an organisation, to reorganise and refocus on our core mission: to educate, engage and empower. In line with this, we are also taking new approaches to disseminating important environmental information to stakeholders, such as councils. We believe that statistics and high-quality information should be the start of a conversation, not the end of one.

As councils, you are at the frontline of the response to littering. The cost across Northern Ireland is more than £30 million to our local authorities. This is taking away important resources from council budgets and, at a time of fiscal restraint, placing unnecessary pressure on public services.

Sharing these reports over two years gives an indication of the medium-term impact of littering on our local environment. As an organisation, we will be ahead of the elections next May, stepping up our call for a standalone litter strategy and offering our expertise and networks to help. We encourage your council to use these findings to put pressure on the Northern Ireland Executive to develop a standalone litter strategy for Northern Ireland. We know this work won't begin until the 2027- 2030 period and that delivering a strategy is long overdue.

I would like to hear your feedback and any ideas you might have in this area. In the coming months we will also be engaging more with councils about what we think are the steps needed to achieve an effective strategy with sufficient buy-in.

If you have any further questions or ideas for a future litter strategy, please contact me at this email.

Kind regards

LEQ Coordinator

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Appendix 2

2024 CLEANER NEIGHBOURHOODS REPORT

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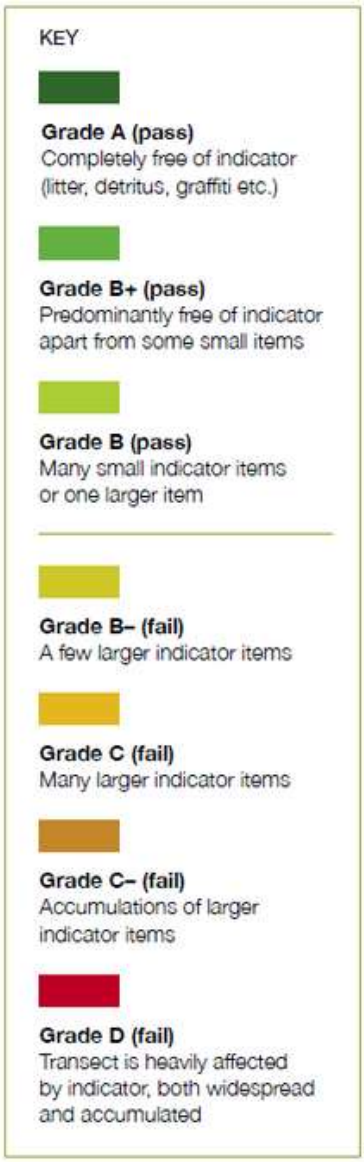
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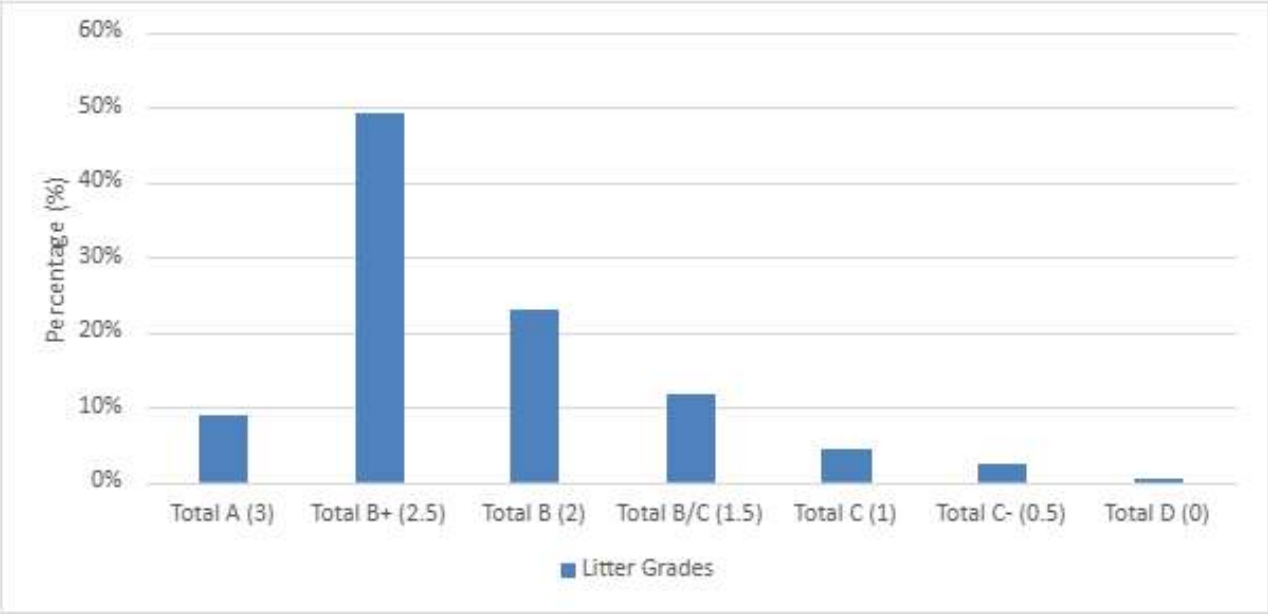
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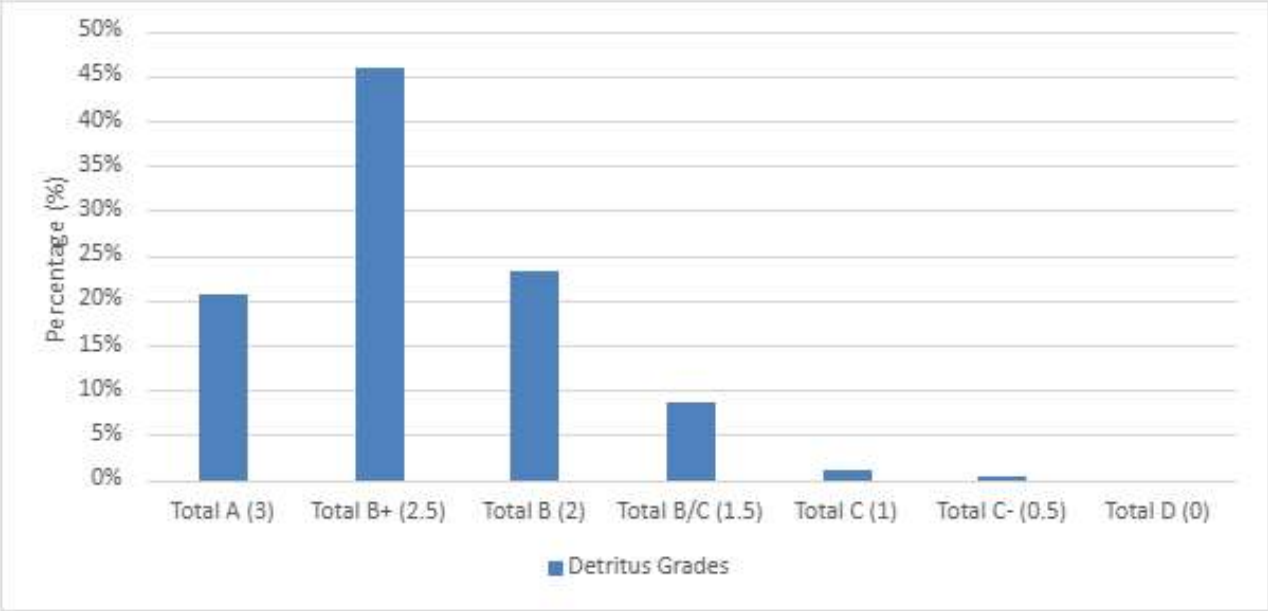
Litter



	No. of Transects awarded grade	% of Transects awarded grade
Total A (3)	99	9%
Total B+ (2.5)	542	49%
Total B (2)	252	23%
Total B/C (1.5)	128	12%
Total C (1)	47	4%
Total C- (0.5)	26	2%
Total D (0)	6	1%
TOTAL	1100	
Pollution Index		19%
LEAMS Score		73%

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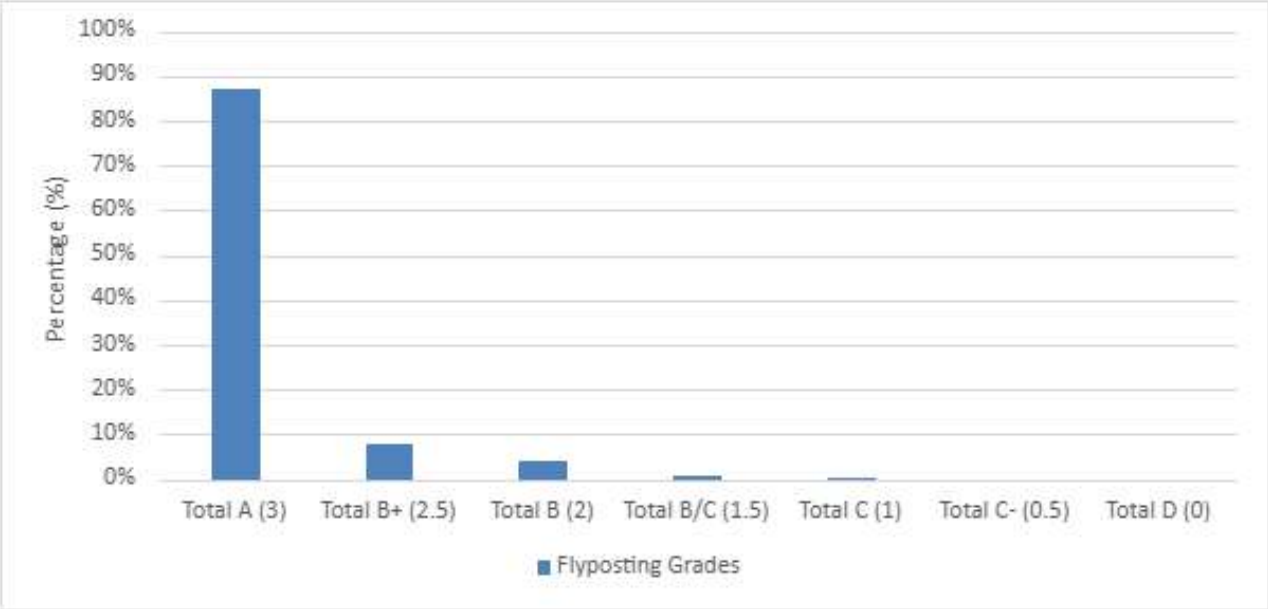
	No. of Transects awarded grade	% of Transects awarded grade
Total A (3)	228	21%
Total B+ (2.5)	504	46%
Total B (2)	256	23%
Total B/C (1.5)	95	9%
Total C (1)	13	1%
Total C- (0.5)	4	0%
Total D (0)	0	0%
TOTAL	1100	
Pollution Index		10%
LEAMS Score		79%

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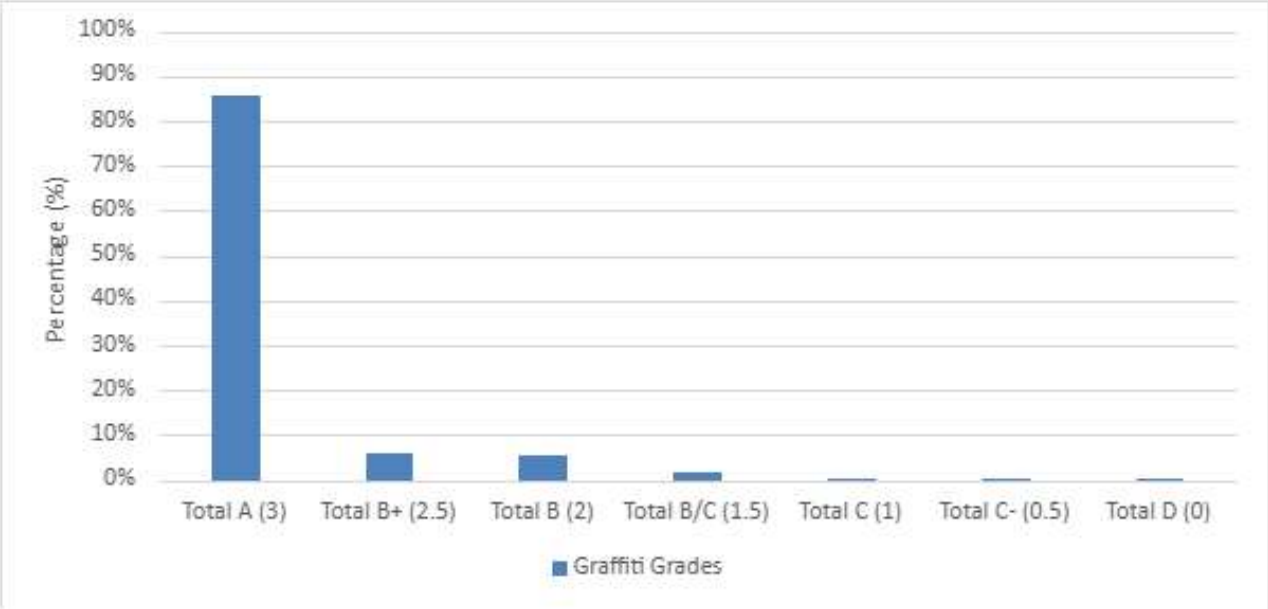
	No. of Transects awarded grade	% of Transects awarded grade
Total A (3)	959	87%
Total B+ (2.5)	84	8%
Total B (2)	45	4%
Total B/C (1.5)	10	1%
Total C (1)	2	0%
Total C- (0.5)	0	0%
Total D (0)	0	0%
TOTAL	1100	
Pollution Index		1%
LEAMS Score		97%

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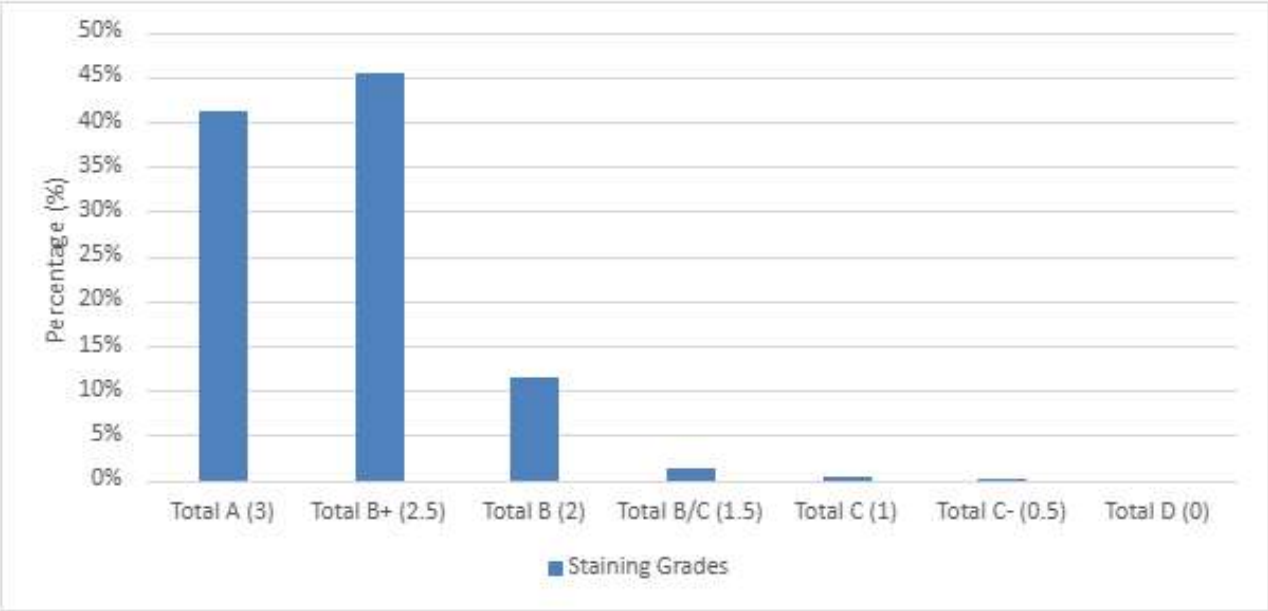
Graffiti



	No. of Transects awarded grade	% of Transects awarded grade
Total A (3)	943	86%
Total B+ (2.5)	67	6%
Total B (2)	60	5%
Total B/C (1.5)	21	2%
Total C (1)	4	0%
Total C- (0.5)	3	0%
Total D (0)	2	0%
TOTAL	1100	
Pollution Index		3%
LEAMS Score		96%

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Staining



	No. of Transects awarded grade	% of Transects awarded grade
Total A (3)	453	41%
Total B+ (2.5)	500	45%
Total B (2)	127	12%
Total B/C (1.5)	15	1%
Total C (1)	3	0%
Total C- (0.5)	1	0%
Total D (0)	0	0%
TOTAL	1099	
Pollution Index		2%
LEAMS Score		88%

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Bins (Litter and Dog Fouling)

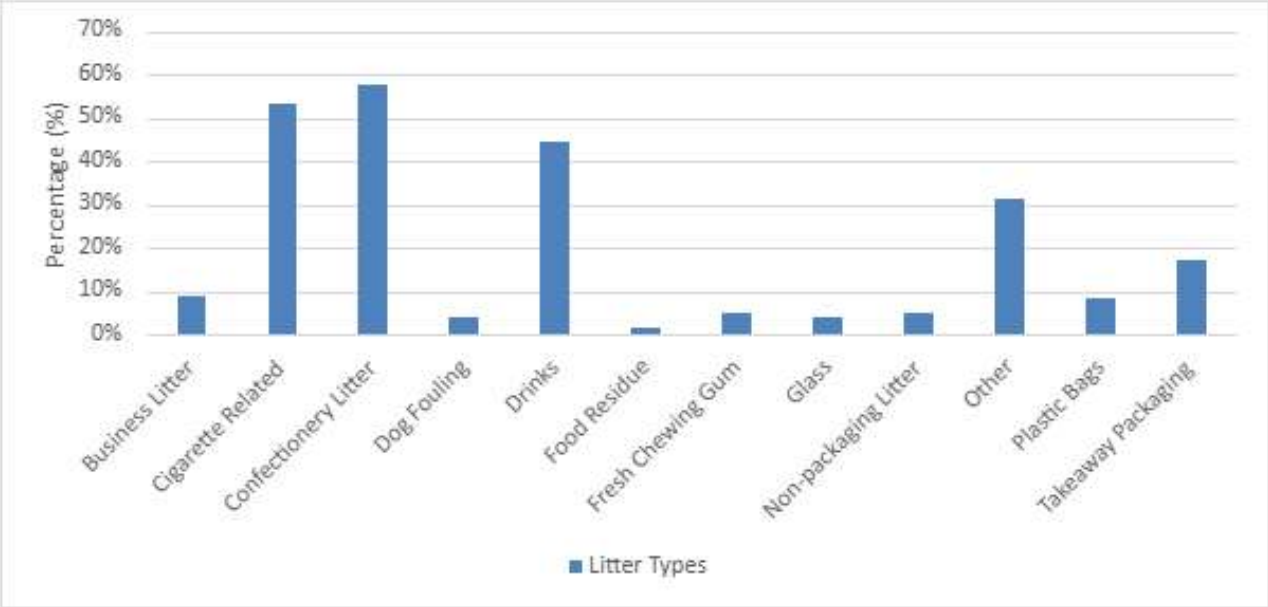
Bins (Litter & Dog Fouling)	No. of Bins present	% transects with bins
Number of bins present	734	36%
Number of dog fouling bins	54	4%
Number of overflowing bins	16	1%

Sources of Litter Pollution Report

Probable source of litter	% transects affected
Fast Food Outlet	3%
Motorist	30%
Other	1%
Overflowing Bin	1%
Pedestrian	77%
Postal Worker	1%
Weather Conditions	2%

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Litter Types



Types of Litter	% transects affected by this litter type
Business Litter	9%
Cigarette Related	53%
Confectionery Litter	58%
Dog Fouling	4%
Drinks	44%
Food Residue	2%
Fresh Chewing Gum	5%
Glass	4%
Non-packaging Litter	5%
Other	31%
Plastic Bags	8%
Takeaway Packaging	17%

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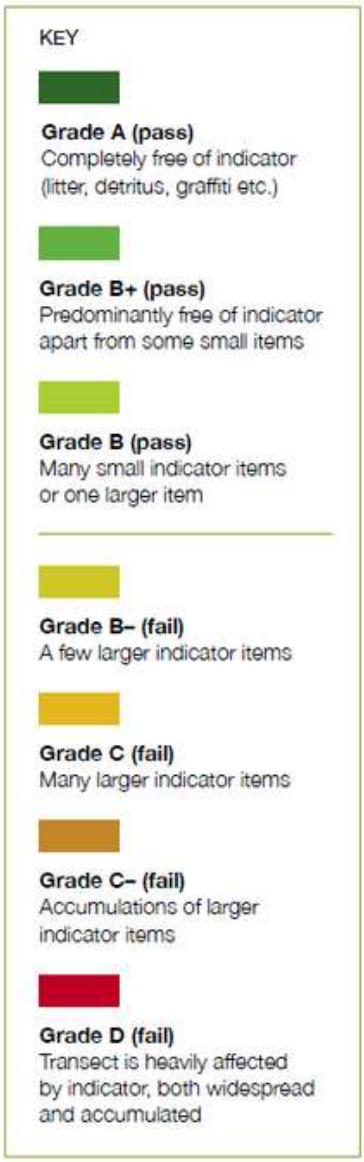
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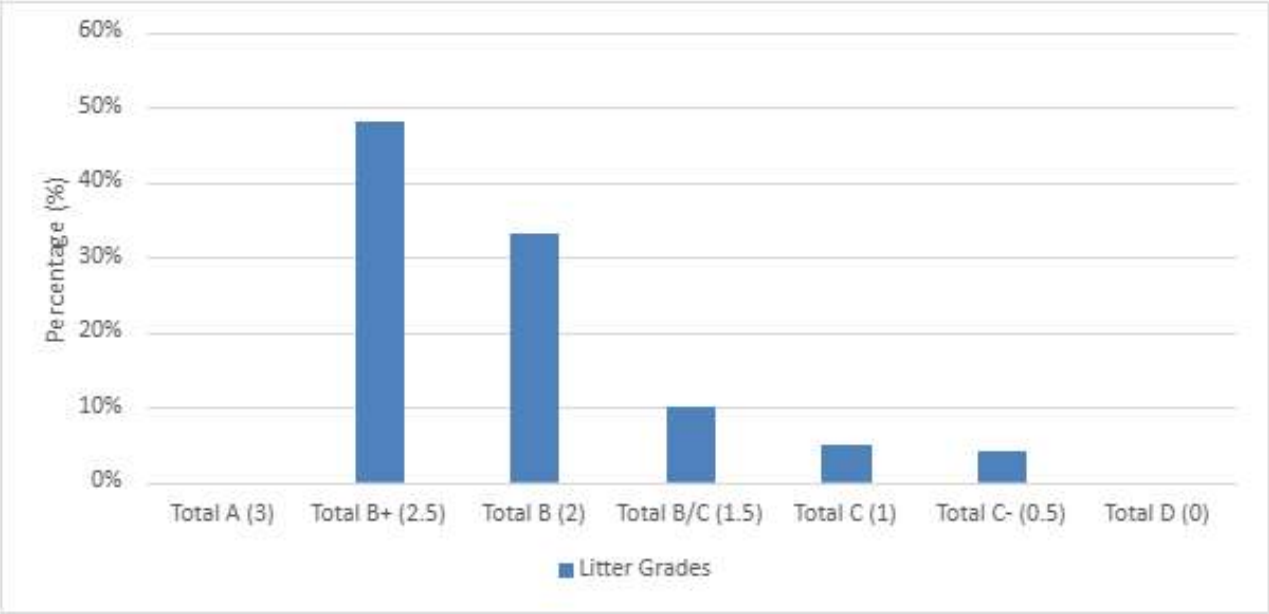
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Litter



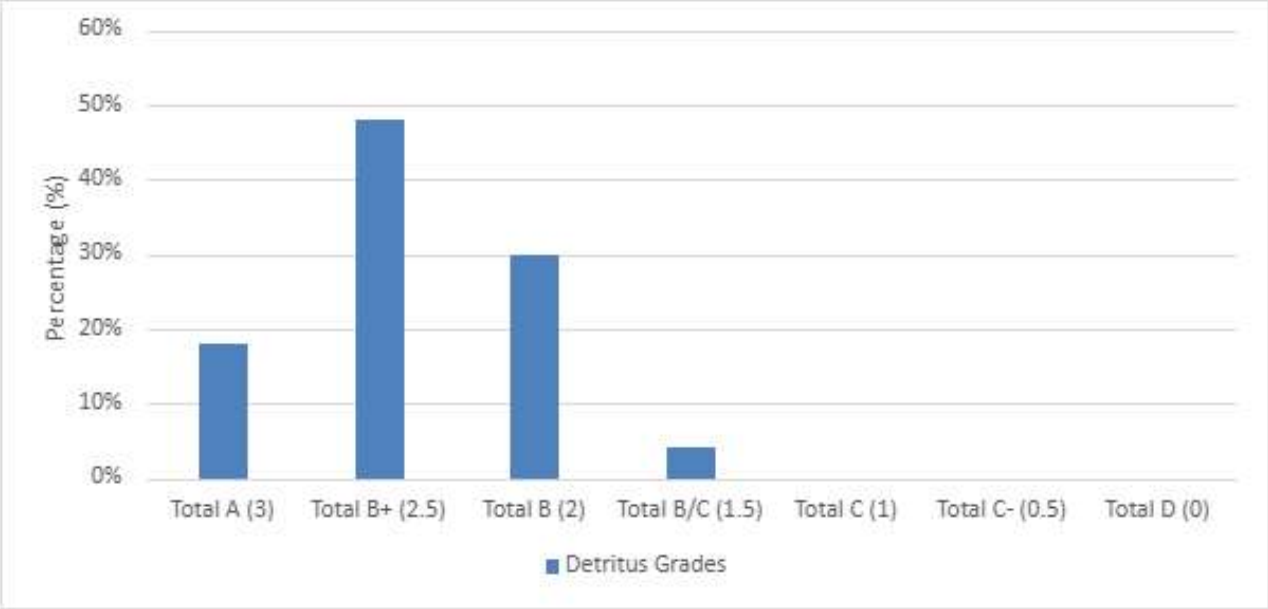
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Total B+ (2.5)	48	48%
Total B (2)	33	33%
Total B/C (1.5)	10	10%
Total C (1)	5	5%
Total C- (0.5)	4	4%
Total D (0)	0	0%
TOTAL	100	
Pollution Index		19%
LEAMS Score		69%

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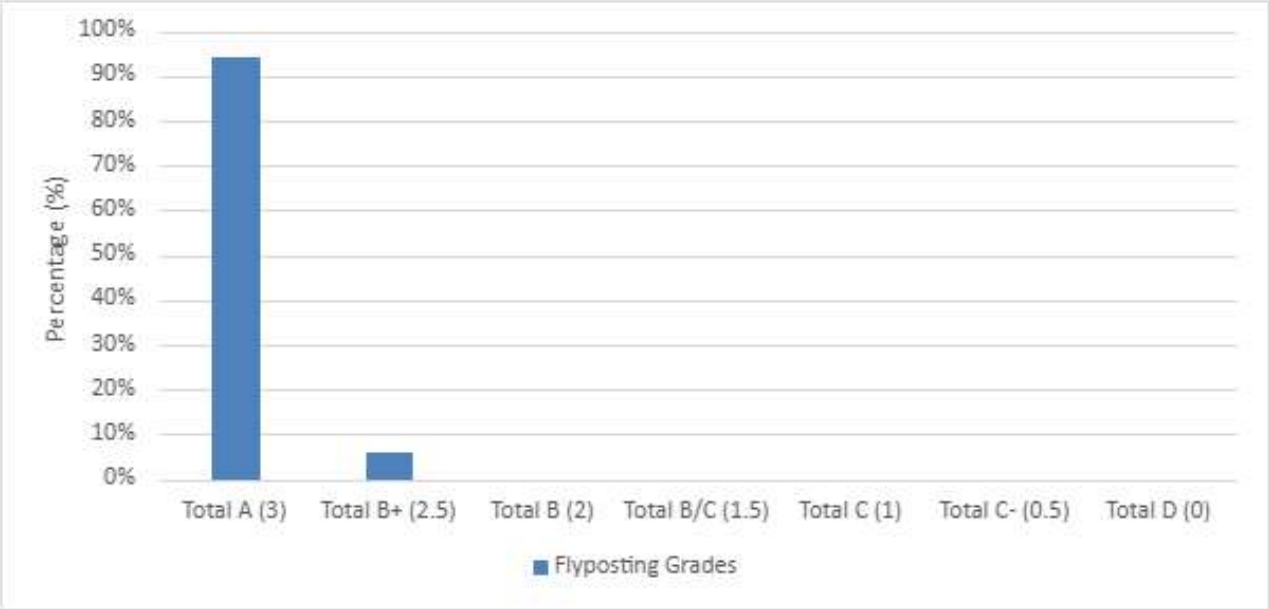
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Total A (3)	18	18%
Total B+ (2.5)	48	48%
Total B (2)	30	30%
Total B/C (1.5)	4	4%
Total C (1)	0	0%
Total C- (0.5)	0	0%
Total D (0)	0	0%
TOTAL	100	
Pollution Index		4%
LEAMS Score		80%

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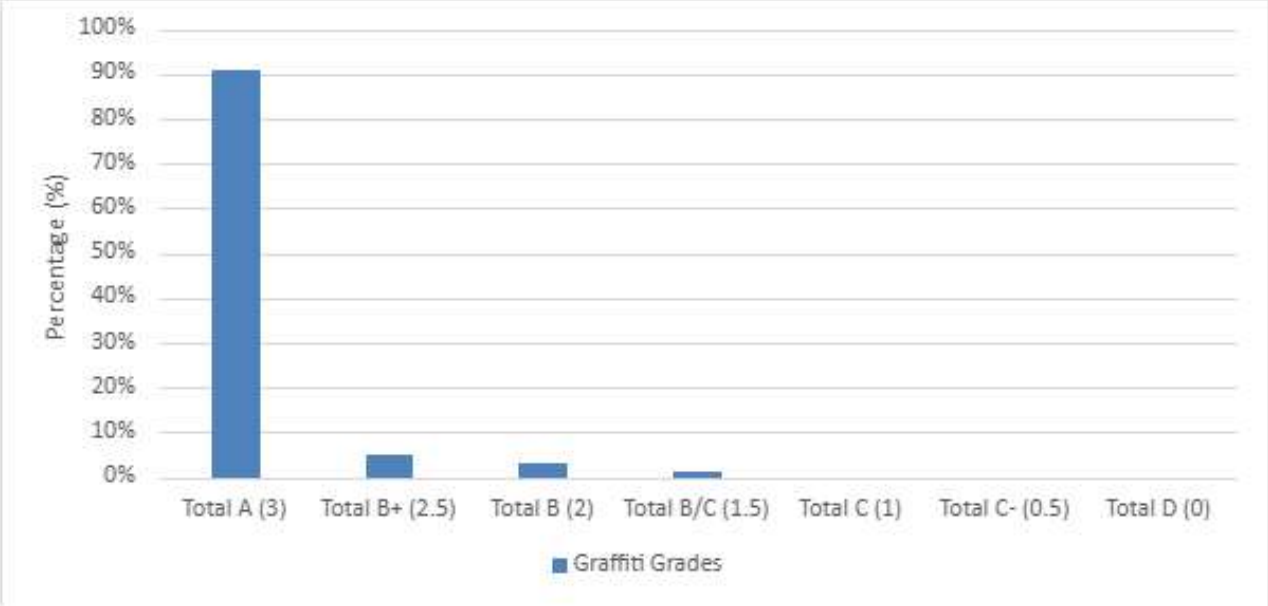
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Total D (0)	0	0%
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LEAMS Score		99%

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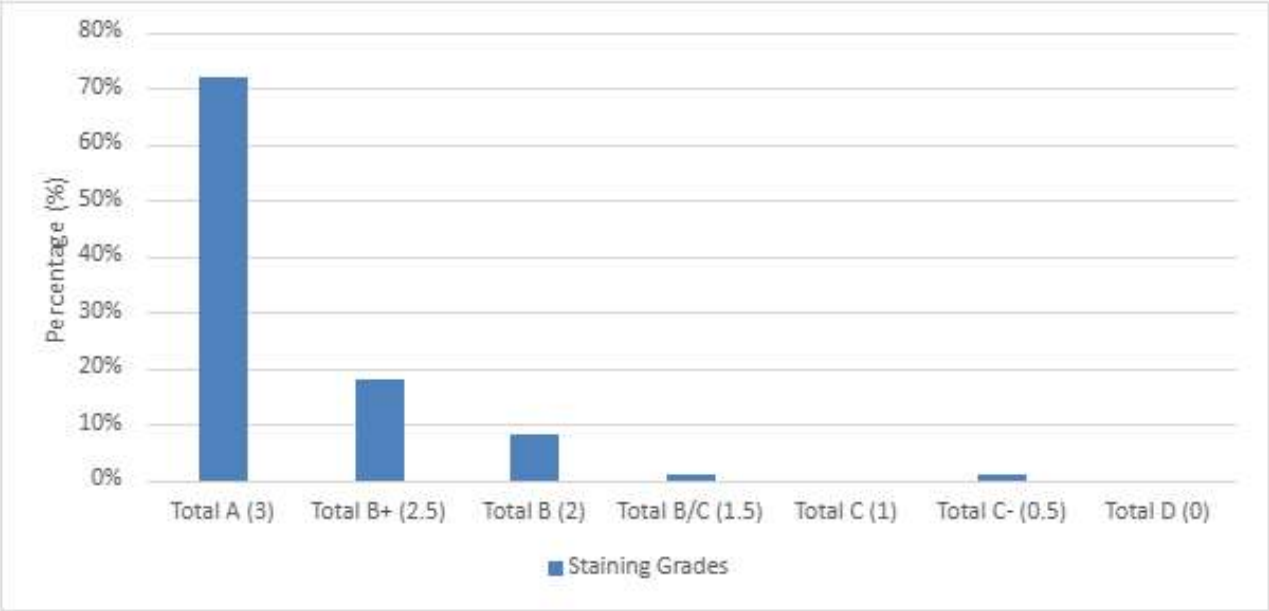
Graffiti



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Total A (3)	91	91%
Total B+ (2.5)	5	5%
Total B (2)	3	3%
Total B/C (1.5)	1	1%
Total C (1)	0	0%
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	No. of Transects awarded grade	% of Transects awarded grade
Total A (3)	72	72%
Total B+ (2.5)	18	18%
Total B (2)	8	8%
Total B/C (1.5)	1	1%
Total C (1)	0	0%
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Pollution Index		2%
LEAMS Score		93%

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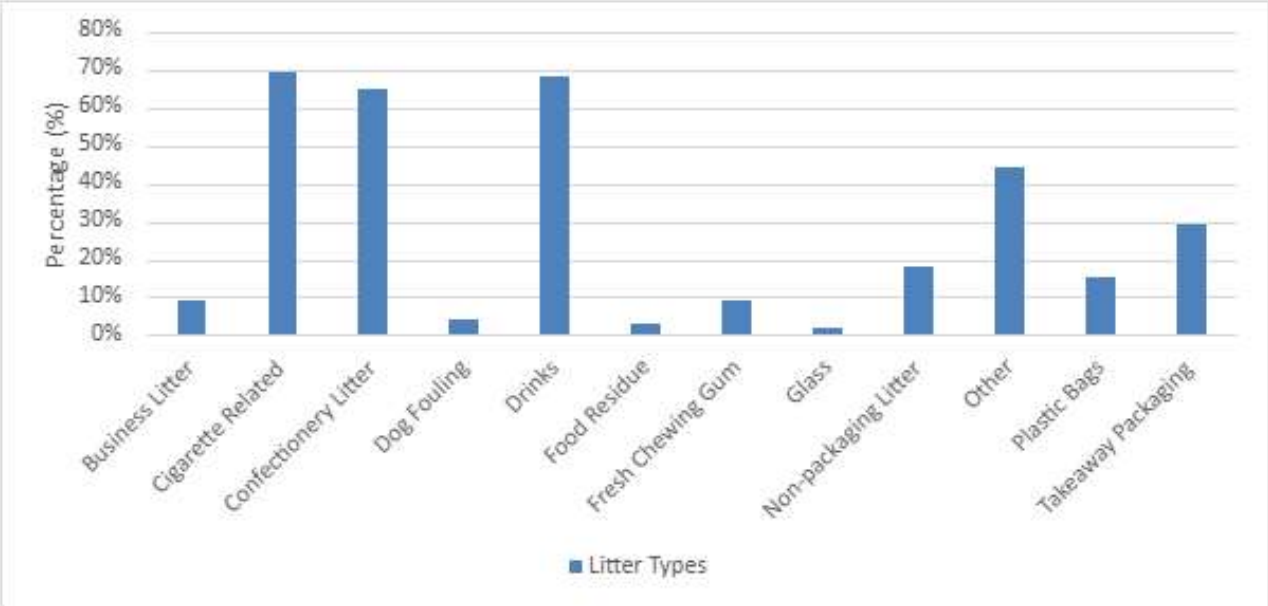
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Number of bins present	85	40%
Number of dog fouling bins	6	5%
Number of overflowing bins	5	1%

Sources of Litter Pollution Report

Source of Litter	% transects affected
Fast Food Outlet	0%
Motorist	29%
Other	1%
Overflowing Bin	0%
Pedestrian	90%
Postal Worker	3%
Weather Conditions	1%

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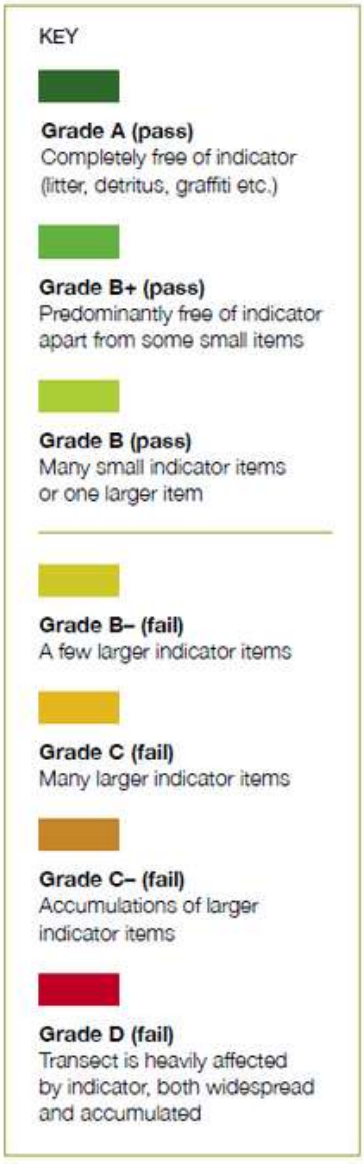
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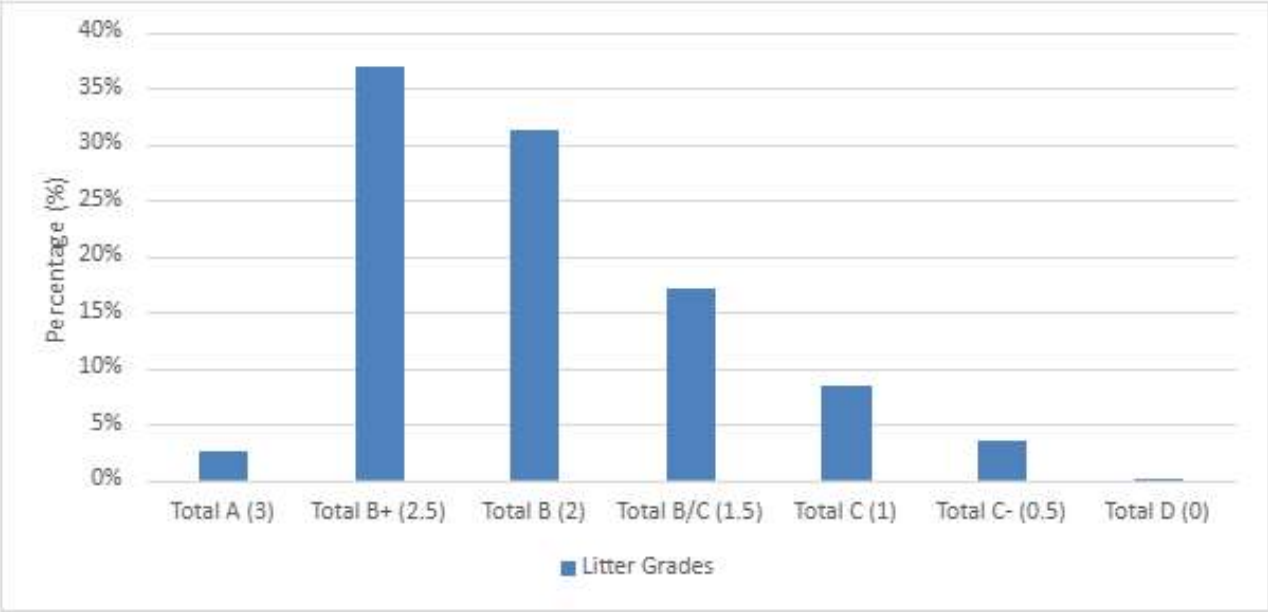
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Litter



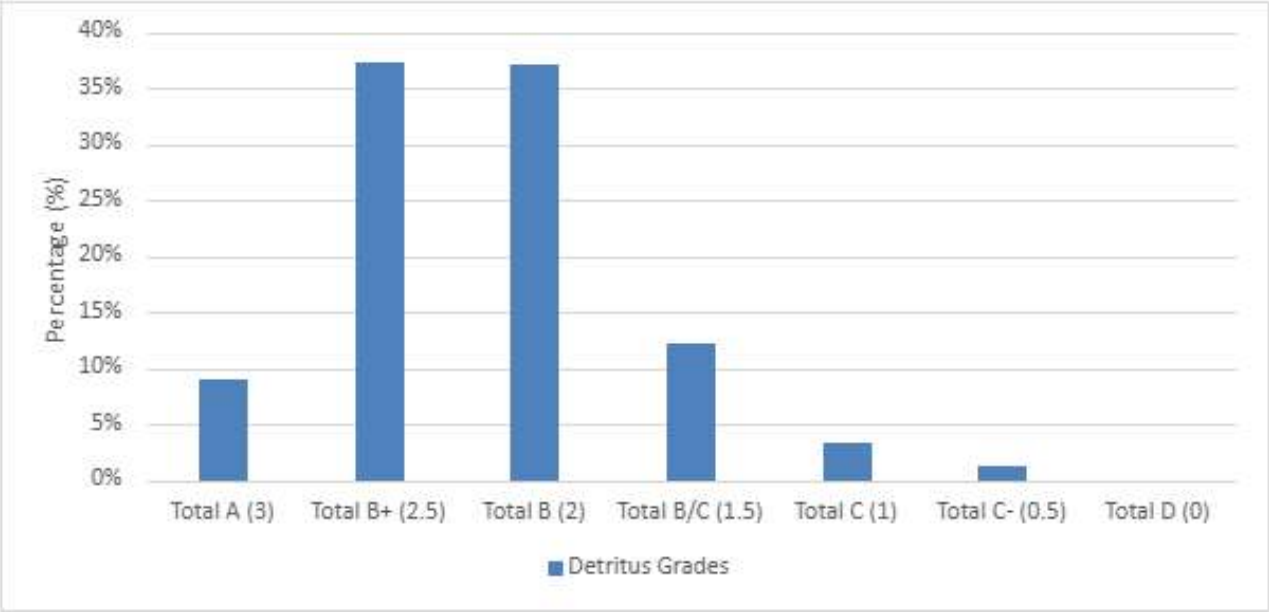
	No. of Transects awarded grade	% of Transects awarded grade
Total A (3)	28	3%
Total B+ (2.5)	407	37%
Total B (2)	344	31%
Total B/C (1.5)	189	17%
Total C (1)	93	8%
Total C- (0.5)	38	3%
Total D (0)	1	0%
TOTAL	1100	
Pollution Index		29%
LEAMS Score		66%

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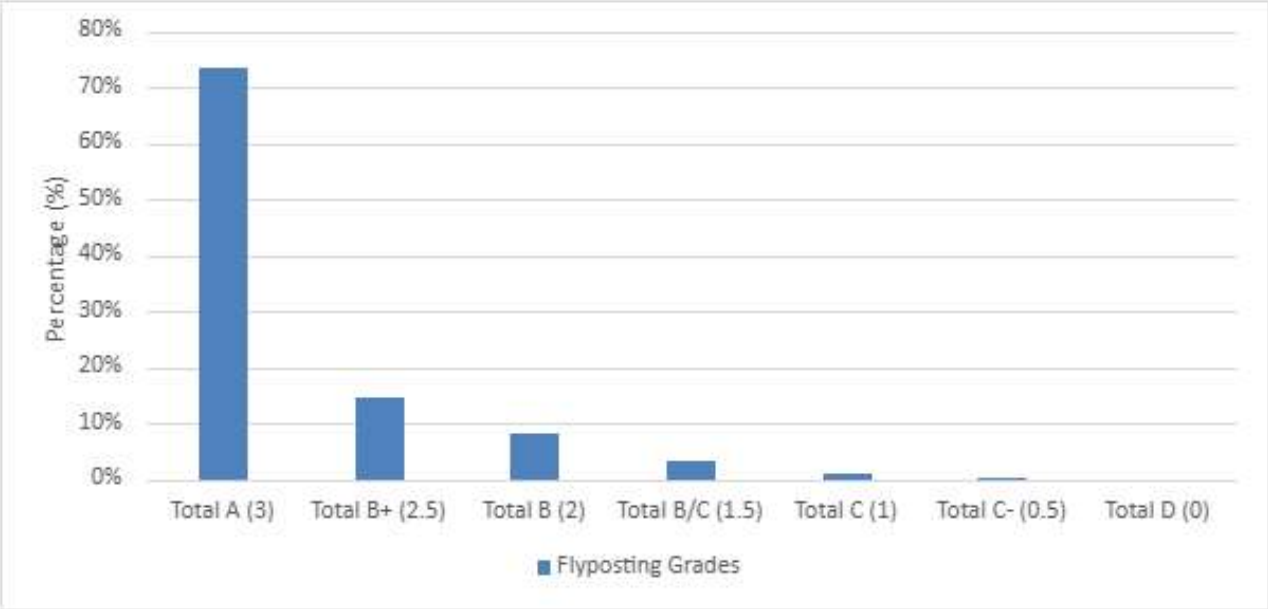
	No. of Transects awarded grade	% of Transects awarded grade
Total A (3)	98	9%
Total B+ (2.5)	411	37%
Total B (2)	408	37%
Total B/C (1.5)	134	12%
Total C (1)	36	3%
Total C- (0.5)	13	1%
Total D (0)	0	0%
TOTAL	1100	
Pollution Index		17%
LEAMS Score		72%

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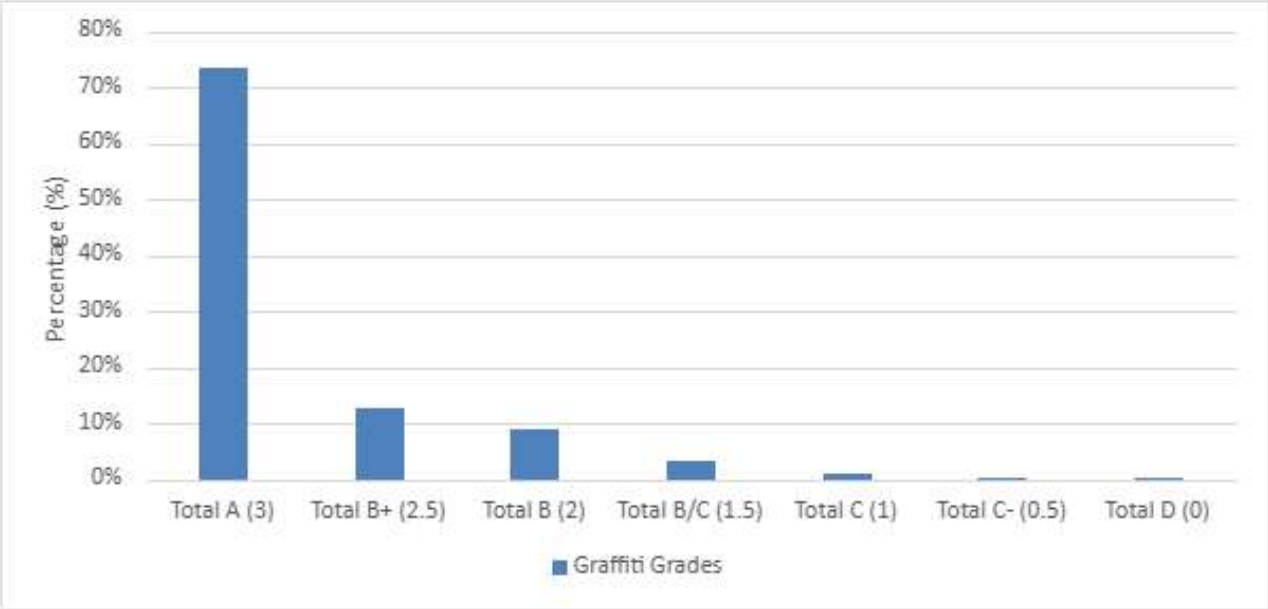
	No. of Transects awarded grade	% of Transects awarded grade
Total A (3)	806	73%
Total B+ (2.5)	159	14%
Total B (2)	91	8%
Total B/C (1.5)	34	3%
Total C (1)	9	1%
Total C- (0.5)	1	0%
Total D (0)	0	0%
TOTAL	1100	
Pollution Index		4%
LEAMS Score		93%

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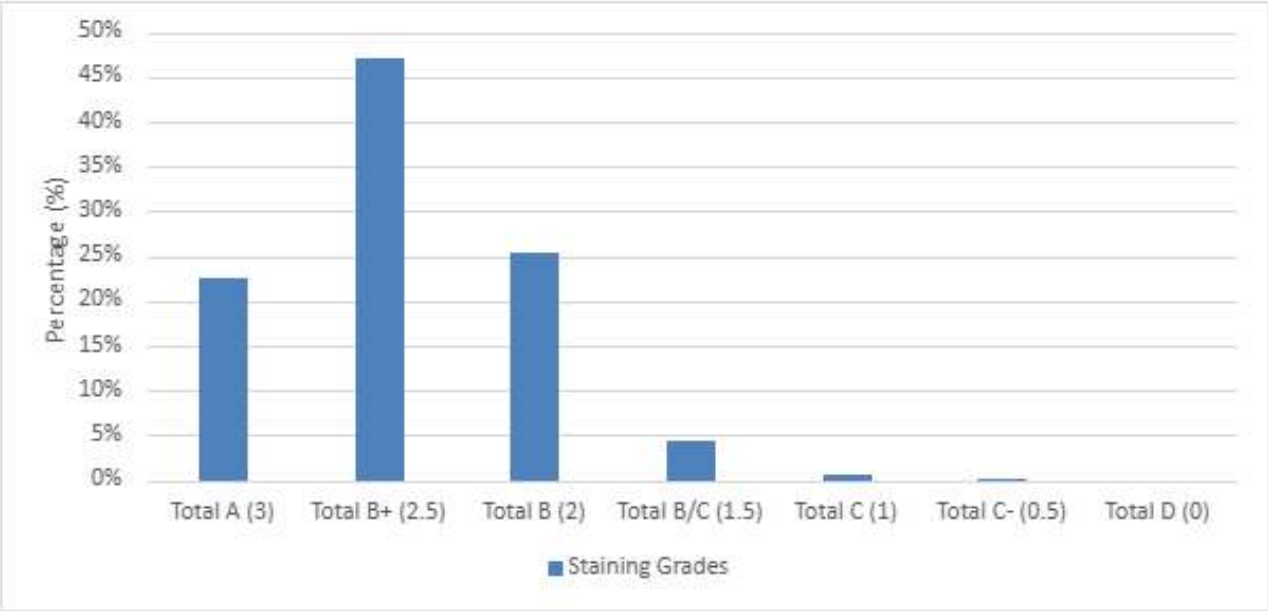
Graffiti



	No. of Transects awarded grade	% of Transects awarded grade
Total A (3)	810	74%
Total B+ (2.5)	141	13%
Total B (2)	98	9%
Total B/C (1.5)	36	3%
Total C (1)	11	1%
Total C- (0.5)	3	0%
Total D (0)	1	0%
TOTAL	1100	
Pollution Index		5%
LEAMS Score		92%

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Staining



	No. of Transects awarded grade	% of Transects awarded grade
Total A (3)	247	22%
Total B+ (2.5)	518	47%
Total B (2)	280	25%
Total B/C (1.5)	47	4%
Total C (1)	7	1%
Total C- (0.5)	1	0%
Total D (0)	0	0%
TOTAL	1100	
Pollution Index		5%
LEAMS Score		81%

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Bins (Litter and Dog Fouling)

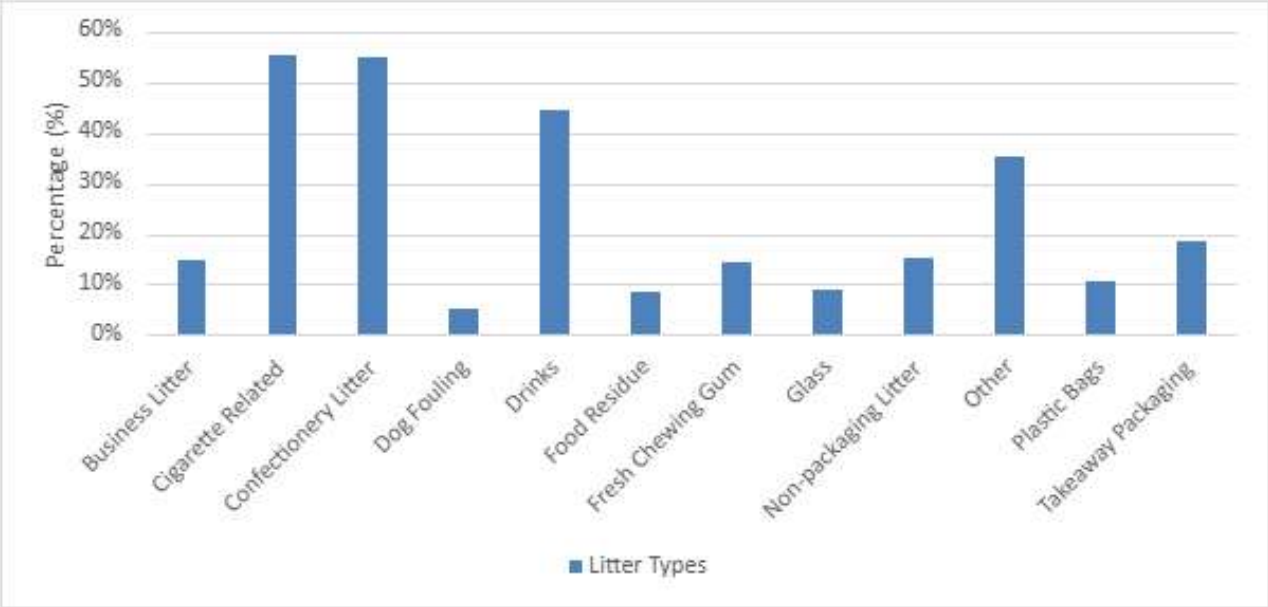
Bins (Litter & Dog Fouling)	No. of bins present	% transects with bins	No. of overflowing bins
Litter bins	826	42%	34
Recycling bins	35	1%	6
Dog Fouling Bins	54	4%	2

Sources of Litter Pollution Report

Probable source of litter	% transects affected
Fast Food Outlet	6%
Motorist	41%
Other	5%
Overflowing Bin	2%
Pedestrian	83%
Postal Worker	2%
Weather Conditions	4%

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Litter Types



Types of Litter	% transects affected by this litter type
Business Litter	15%
Cigarette Related	55%
Confectionery Litter	55%
Dog Fouling	5%
Drinks	44%
Food Residue	8%
Fresh Chewing Gum	14%
Glass	9%
Non-packaging Litter	15%
Other	35%
Plastic Bags	11%
Takeaway Packaging	18%

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Cigarette Litter

Since summer 2025, KNIB have enhanced our litter survey methodology by recording the number of cigarette butts per transect, alongside the standard practice of noting their presence or absence.

The figures below show the number of cigarettes recorded across each council area's 100 transects during this summer 2025 survey period.

No. of cigarette butts counted	10371
No. of transects with cigarettes present	607
% of transects with cigarettes present	55%

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Northern Ireland Wide Comparison

LPI and LEAMS Comparison:
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Council	Pollution Index	LEAMS
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council	29%	65%
Belfast City Council	23%	72%
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Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	15%	70%
Ards and North Down Borough Council	38%	63%
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council	31%	68%
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Mid Ulster District Council	52%	57%
Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	30%	64%

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2025 CLEANER NEIGHBOURHOODS REPORT

CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

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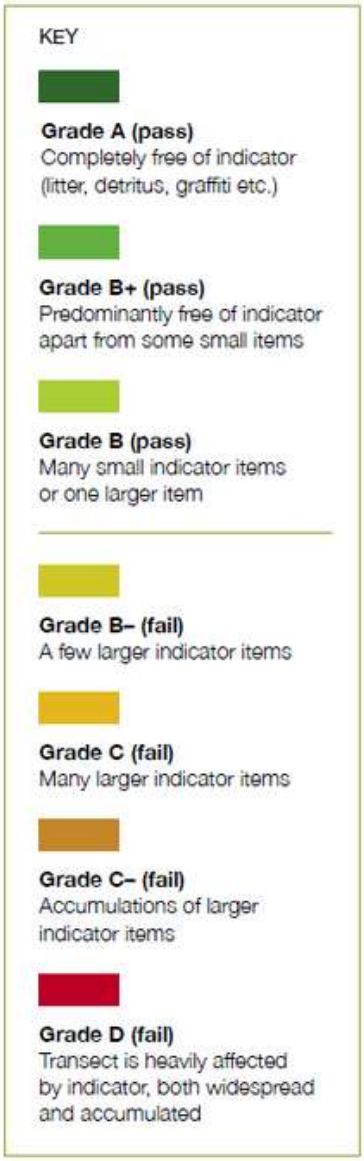
Summary
This report details the findings of the 2025 Cleaner Neighbourhoods Surveys, which were undertaken by Live Here Love Here between July and September 2025. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods programme is funded by DAERA to provide yearly analysis of Northern Ireland's local environmental quality.
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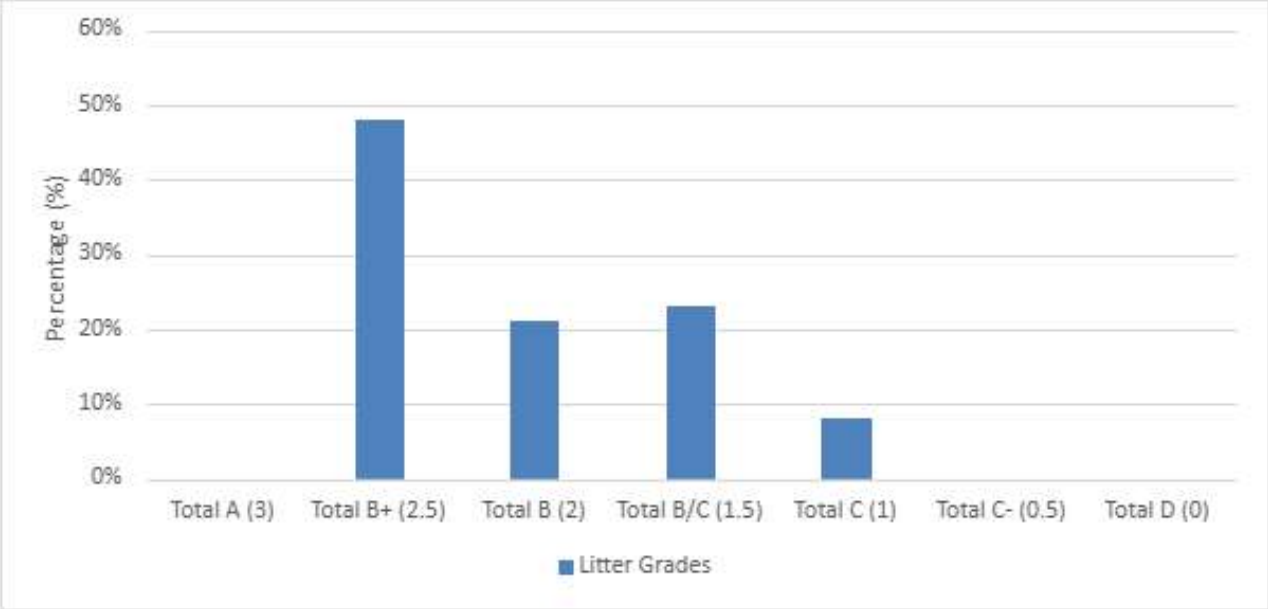
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Litter

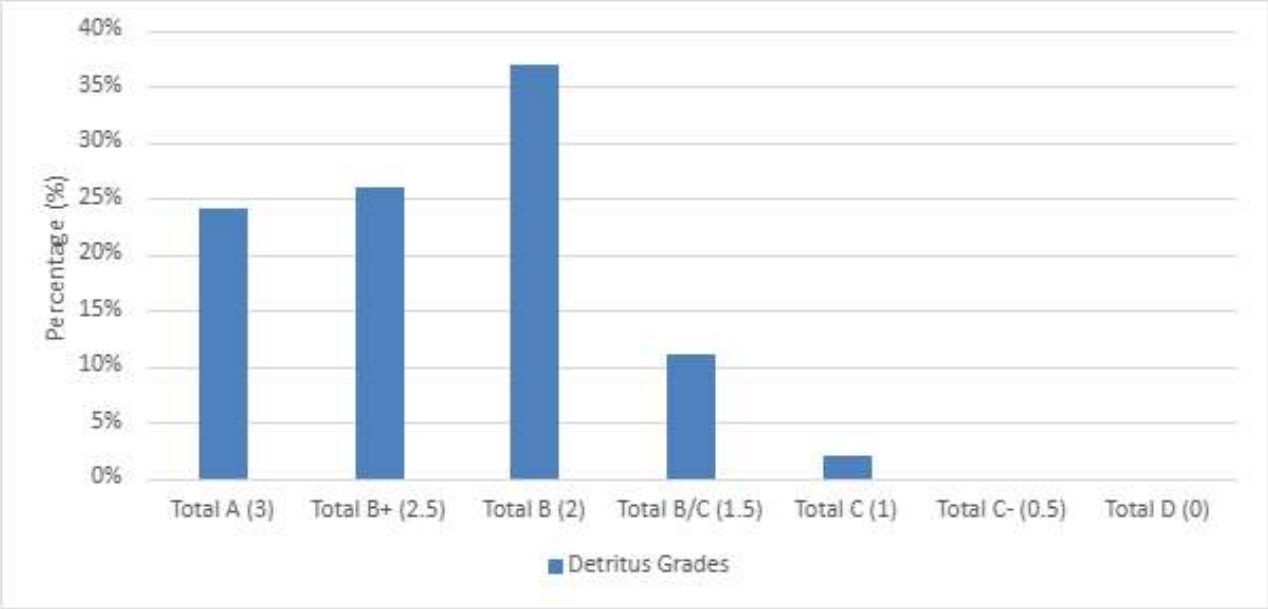


	No. of Transects awarded grade	% of Transects awarded grade
Total A (3)	0	0%
Total B+ (2.5)	48	48%
Total B (2)	21	21%
Total B/C (1.5)	23	23%
Total C (1)	8	8%
Total C- (0.5)	0	0%
Total D (0)	0	0%
TOTAL	100	
Pollution Index		31%
LEAMS Score		68%

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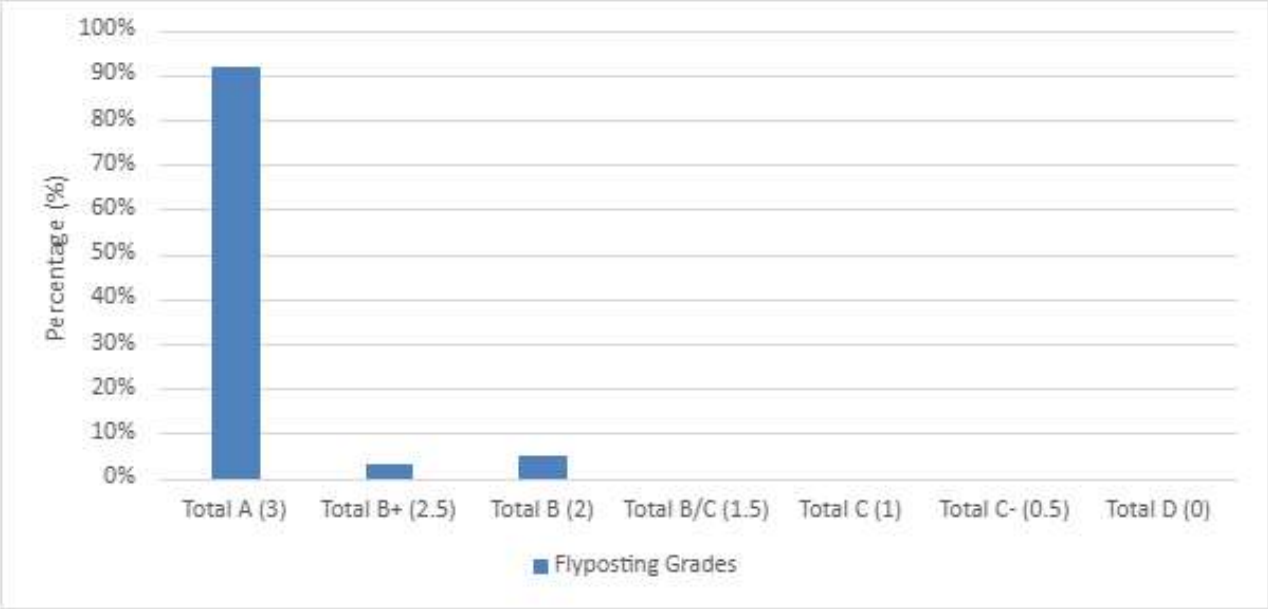
	No. of Transects awarded grade	% of Transects awarded grade
Total A (3)	24	24%
Total B+ (2.5)	26	26%
Total B (2)	37	37%
Total B/C (1.5)	11	11%
Total C (1)	2	2%
Total C- (0.5)	0	0%
Total D (0)	0	0%
TOTAL	100	
Pollution Index		13%
LEAMS Score		77%

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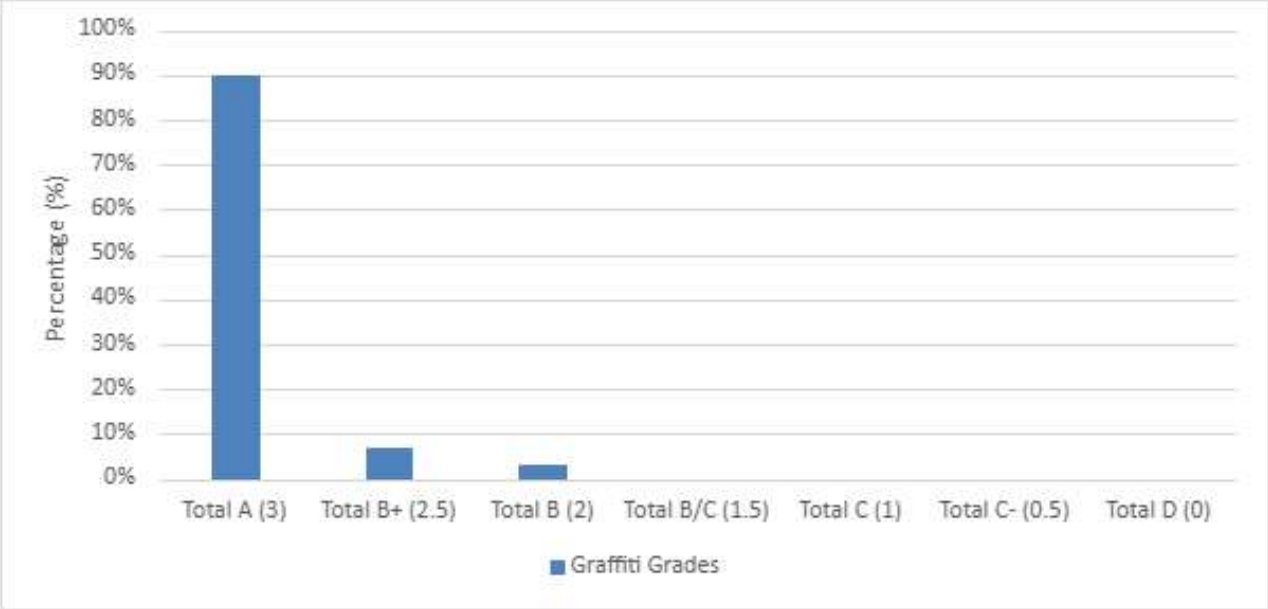
	No. of Transects awarded grade	% of Transects awarded grade
Total A (3)	92	92%
Total B+ (2.5)	3	3%
Total B (2)	5	5%
Total B/C (1.5)	0	0%
Total C (1)	0	0%
Total C- (0.5)	0	0%
Total D (0)	0	0%
TOTAL	100	
Pollution Index		0%
LEAMS Score		98%

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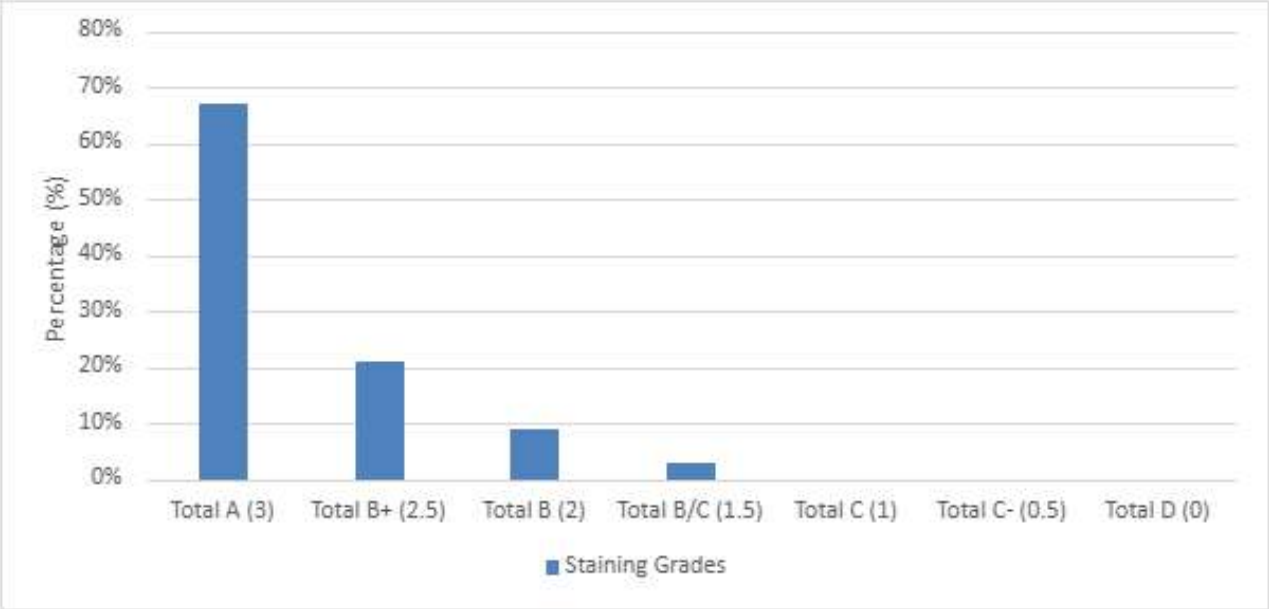
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Total A (3)	90	90%
Total B+ (2.5)	7	7%
Total B (2)	3	3%
Total B/C (1.5)	0	0%
Total C (1)	0	0%
Total C- (0.5)	0	0%
Total D (0)	0	0%
TOTAL	100	
Pollution Index		0%
LEAMS Score		98%

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Staining



	No. of Transects awarded grade	% of Transects awarded grade
Total A (3)	67	67%
Total B+ (2.5)	21	21%
Total B (2)	9	9%
Total B/C (1.5)	3	3%
Total C (1)	0	0%
Total C- (0.5)	0	0%
Total D (0)	0	0%
TOTAL	100	
Pollution Index		3%
LEAMS Score		92%

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Bins (Litter and Dog Fouling)

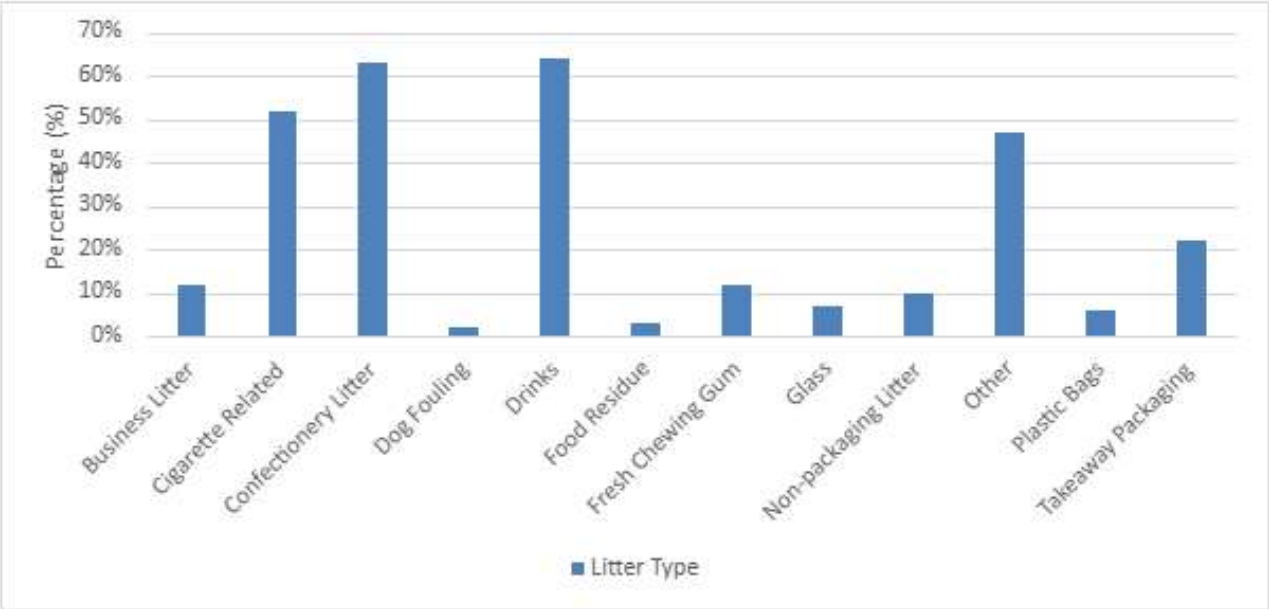
Bins (Litter & Dog Fouling)	No. of bins present	% transects with bins	No. of overflowing bins
Litter bins	83	37%	2
Recycling bins	2	2%	0
Dog Fouling Bins	7	3%	0

Sources of Litter Pollution Report

Probable source of litter	% transects affected
Fast Food Outlet	0%
Motorist	22%
Other	2%
Overflowing Bin	1%
Pedestrian	89%
Postal Worker	3%
Weather Conditions	0%

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Litter Types



Types of Litter	% transects affected by this litter type
Business Litter	12%
Cigarette Related	52%
Confectionery Litter	63%
Dog Fouling	2%
Drinks	64%
Food Residue	3%
Fresh Chewing Gum	12%
Glass	7%
Non-packaging Litter	10%
Other	47%
Plastic Bags	6%
Takeaway Packaging	22%

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The figures below show the number of cigarettes recorded across all 100 transects during this summer 2025 survey period.

No. of cigarette butts counted	614
No. of transects with cigarettes present	52
% of transects with cigarettes present	52%

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