

An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 1, 2018

Fermoy: 1st out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

It is rare to visit a town with an almost complete absence of litter, not just in the town centre but in residential and other outlying areas surveyed also. With all the sites surveyed in Fermoy getting the top litter grade there are a few that deserve a special mention for the overall presentation and maintenance of same. Fermoy Town Park was an exceptionally good site, not just with regard to litter but for the care and attention it clearly receives. Ploemur Car Park Mill Island was very fresh in appearance and spotless throughout; the residential area of St. Bernard's Place was devoid of all litter and Chapel Square had a complete absence of litter throughout.

Cork Road Approach: Grade A. Clean, welcoming entrance to Fermoy from the south. The area was free from litter and the recently planted shrubs have added to the overall appearance of this route.

St. Colman's College Sports Grounds: Grade A. Very large sports grounds attached to a school, open to the public. Signage relating to the usage of the grounds was very clear and clean. It was a very clean and well maintained environment. Overall, this was an excellent site.

Mill Island Car Park – 'Ploemur Car Park Mill Island': Grade A. Medium sized car park in the centre of the town. The car park was very fresh in presentation with car park surface, markings and signage in very good order. It was spotless throughout.

Patrick Street: Grade A. The overall impression created here was of a well presented and well maintained main shopping street. Clearly a careful eye is kept on the vacant / derelict buildings as there was no litter directly associated with same.

Recycle Facility in Library Car Park: Grade A. A recycling facility, predominately used for recycling glass. The site was clean with no litter items to report to the front or rear of the recycle units.

Chapel Square: Grade A. A residential square adjacent to a large church, with the centre of the road acting as a small car park. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

Fermoy Town Park: Grade A. If a Grade A+ existed Fermoy Town Park would be deserving of such a grade. The park has been attractively landscaped and the large old trees added to the sense of greenery throughout. It was exceptionally clean with regard to litter and it is clearly a very well respected environment.

St. Bernard's Place: Grade A. A small, older residential development consisting of terraced and semi-detached houses opposite the train station. Pride of place is evident here with many pretty front gardens – another site in Fermoy which was devoid of all litter.

Dublin Road Approach: Grade A. Very clean road with just tiny amounts of litter on occasion. This road created a very positive first impression of Fermoy from Dublin / North direction.

M8 / R639: Cork – Fermoy Link Road: Grade A. (Dunkettle interchange North to Junction 15 on M8 and then finally R639 into Fermoy). This hilly broad road was clean. Road works were present close to Rathcormack and here the road and verges were especially clean.