

**Clonmel: 18<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

A good result for Clonmel that might have been better. A town with eight top litter grades would normally score very well. However, the presence of two poor sites brings down the overall ranking. The two shopping streets (Gladstone Street and O'Connell Street) were both exceptionally clean – they were enhanced by plenty of colourful flower boxes / tree planting and plenty of street bins, which were in excellent condition. Clearly a careful eye is kept on the various vacant / shut down premises as there was no litter directly associated with any of them. A lovely feature is the 'Clonmel Town Directory', of which there were several throughout the town. The Bring Centre beside 'Greyhound Stadium' wasn't just casually littered but subject to monumental dumping – at least half a dozen large black sacks of clothing, a couple of children's buggies and some large children's toys. The second poor site was a corner building at the junction of College Street and Parnell Street – there were heavy accumulations of a wide variety of food and alcohol related litter in the basement.

**N4 Carrick-on-Suir Approach: Grade A.** A clean and tidy approach to the town, creating a positive first impression of Clonmel. There were no visible litter issues along this route.

**Richard Mulcahy Park: Grade A.** This beautiful park was excellent with regard to litter and very well maintained. Park benches were painted bright red, bins were in good order, there was plenty of dog fouling notices and the car park was in good condition. A lovely feature is the 'sensory playground' (developed in conjunction with Autism Society).

**Riverwalk / Suir Blueway: Grade A.** (from Westgate Car Park towards Carrick on Suir direction). The pedestrian pathway and immediate hinterland were very well presented and maintained. Signage relating to the use of the pathway was excellent and former dinghy boats were used to house attractive planting. Dog fouling signage 'Pick up or Pay Up' had been painted on the pathway. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout the extensive area surveyed.

**Bring Centre beside Greyhound Stadium: Grade D.** This small facility for clothing / bottles etc. wasn't just casually littered but had been subject to dumping on a monumental scale. Upwards of half a dozen large plastic sacks of clothing had been discarded, along with a couple of children's buggies and large children's toys.

**Gladstone Street: Grade A.** Gladstone Street was exceptionally well served by litter bins, all of which were in very good condition. Tree planting and wild-flowers at the base of planter boxes were a lovely feature. The paving was somewhat cracked / uneven in places. The bright wall mural, close to the church added some bright colour at the end of the street where there were many closed down / vacant premises.

**O'Connell Street: Grade A.** Abundant and colourful flower boxes at the junction of Gladstone Street added some freshness to O'Connell Street. While there were many closed down / vacant properties, there was no litter directly associated with them. As with Gladstone Street, there were plenty of street bins throughout. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

**Miscellaneous building at junction of College Street and Parnell Street: Grade C.** Despite a litter bin right in front of it, the basement of this period building had heavy accumulations of a variety of food and alcohol related litter. The signage indicating that 'covert CCTV may be in operation for the purposes of detecting environmental offences' is clearly being flouted.

**CTI Senior College / Gaelcholaiste Chéitinn: Grade A.** The area directly outside the school grounds has the benefit of planting, leafy trees and grass – all of these create an attractive environment. Seating and street bins were in very good condition. It was excellent with regards to litter.

**Dungarvan Approach Road: Grade A.** A clean and tidy impression was created along this route – there were no visible litter issues and newly laid roundabout was freshly presented.

**Cahir Approach Road: Grade A.** All aspects of this road were in good order – no visible litter issues were noted.