

**Clonmel: 16<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms**

A typically strong performance by Clonmel with seven out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade. These included all three approach roads, O'Connell Street and Richard Mulcahy Park and Playgrounds – the latter is a wonderful resource and was excellently presented and maintained with all aspects within in very good order. The Bring Centre beside stadium / racecourse was in a poor state in a previous survey – it has improved somewhat but was still moderately littered. The two most heavily littered sites in Clonmel were the Bring Facility at Westgate Car Park and a Miscellaneous site at corner of Parnell Street and College Street – there was no change at this corner site since it was highlighted in a previous survey.

**O'Connell Street: Grade A.** There were several closed down / vacant outlets along O'Connell Street, but this didn't impact negatively on the litter situation. The street is well served by litter bins and interspersed with litter awareness notices. The overall impression was a very good one regarding litter.

**Bring Bank beside the stadium / racecourse: Grade B.** There was a definite improvement noted compared to IBAL Survey 1, 2021 when there were significant accumulations of all manner of discarded items. This time around it was mostly cardboard boxes, plastic bags and cigarette butts which brought down the litter grade.

**Approach from Clonmel Road Roundabout: Grade A.** An excellent first impression of Clonmel was created along this route – there were no visible litter issues throughout. Road surface, markings and signage were in good order.

**Richard Mulcahy Park and Playgrounds: Grade A.** A beautiful park environment with two playgrounds, one of which is a 'sensory playground' The park grounds have been very well presented and maintained. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the park and the associated car park.

**Miscellaneous site at corner of Parnell Street and College Street: Grade C.** This site was noted in IBAL Survey 1, 2021 as being heavily littered – there has been little change this time around. The basement of this building was riddled with litter, much of it fast-food related. There is a street bin and large 'no littering / anti-dumping' sign in the immediate vicinity. Where does responsibility for the cleaning of same lie?

**R707 / Davis Road Approach: Grade A.** A clean and tidy approach road, creating a positive first impression of Clonmel. Pots of plants had been placed on the roundabout; this took away the rather bare look.

**Showgrounds Shopping Centre Car Park: Grade A.** A very clean and tidy environment – the car park was freshly presented, with car park surface in very good condition. The whole area was excellent with regard to litter. The Clothing Bank, 'Clothes Pod', within was in good order.

**Riverwalk: Grade A.** An excellent riverside environment – all aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order e.g., paving, seating, signage, planting – there was a virtual absence of litter throughout the area surveyed. Plenty of dog fouling signage, some of it printed on the ground, and nice use of former dinghy boats as planter boxes.

**N24 Cahir Road Roundabout approach: Grade A.** There were no visible litter issues along this fast-move route. Road surface, markings and signage and walking / bicycle path were in good order.

**Bring Facility at Westgate Car Park: Grade C+.** Despite the abundance of signage relating to anti-dumping' / 'littering is an offence' / 'if this facility is full, please report to xxxx' etc. there were many items relating to the use of the facility discarded on the ground, stuffed between the units, not to mention a couple of full bags of rubbish on the ground.