

**Mullingar: 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

**Mullingar has done enough to reclaim Clean status, with just one heavily littered site. The three approach roads created a positive first impression of Mullingar and Oliver Plunkett Street was very much deserving of the top litter grade. The heavily littered site was the Bring Centre at Council Car Park - it wasn't so much littered but subject to the discarding of various items. There was a notable improvement along 'Canal Bank, but it still has some way to go to get the top litter grade.**

**N52 Tullamore Approach Road: Grade A.** A freshly presented and maintained approach road with a virtual absence of litter throughout. Road surface, markings and signage were in very good condition.

**R156 Approach: Grade A.** All appeared in good order along this route. There were very minor litter issues.

**'Bring Bank' at Council Car Park: Grade C.** A small 'Bring' facility with recycle units and associated signage freshly presented. On first impression it presented well. Further inspection revealed various miscellaneous items to the rear of the units – more thorough approach to the maintenance / cleaning of same is required to prevent a further build-up.

**Oliver Plunkett Street: Grade A.** A particularly freshly presented and maintained main shopping street, with far less cigarette butts than would typically be found in similar sites throughout the country. Paving, street bins, seating etc. were in good condition, contributing to the overall positive impression at this well managed site.

**Access road to County Building: Grade B+.** Cigarette butts were pronounced, in several separate clusters, along with noticeable face-masks and other minor food related items.

**Car Park at Guiney's: Grade B.** The main car park surface area was clear of litter, but smaller items were present along a wall area and between cars. Apart from food related litter the most obvious items were face-masks.

**Mullingar Train Station – Exterior: Grade B+.** The built environment of this 'olde' style station with handsome features, presented well. Despite the solid and freshly presented cigarette butt unit at the entrance, butts prevailed in various places. The ubiquitous face-masks were present along with minor sweet wrappers. With a little extra care and attention this could easily be a top-ranking site.

**Mullingar Train Station – Interior: Grade A.** It would seem that seating has been removed from the waiting area, less opportunities for passengers to linger and litter. The waiting room, platform areas and associated mini garden features were spotless.

**Canal Bank: Grade B.** A much improved site compared to most recent IBAL survey. While certainly not clear of litter, there were not the same levels of quantities of items along the pathway and within the water.

**R394 Castlepollard Approach Road: Grade A.** A freshly presented and well maintained route to Mullingar 'Home of 4 Field Artillery Regiment', according to the welcome signage.