

Mullingar: 16th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed.

Mullingar continues to thrive in the IBAL litter league. The approach roads and the Train Station were top ranking, creating a positive first impression of the town. Other top ranking sites included Mayfair Green Shopping Centre and Oliver Plunkett Street. By far the most heavily littered site surveyed was the Canal Park area – this has been cited in previous IBAL surveys with very little improvement noted.

N52 Tullamore Approach Road: Grade A. A freshly presented route with no visible litter issues. Road surface, markings and signage were in good order.

Bring Facility at Council Car Park: Grade B. Clear and legible signage regarding the use of the facility was in very good condition. The recycle bin units were freshly presented. The area to the front of the units was clean but a more thorough approach to the cleaning of the rear is required.

Mullingar Train Station – Exterior: Grade A. Apart from some cigarette butts, there were no other visible litter issues at this site. Car park area / entrance were in good order.

Mullingar Train Station – Interior: Grade A. The interior of the station was particularly freshly presented. It was spotless throughout.

Canal Park: Grade C. This was by far the most heavily littered site surveyed in Mullingar. It was characterised by heavy levels of alcohol cans / bottles and food related items, both within the water and along the canal bank. This is not the first time that this site has been heavily littered.

R390 Athlone Approach Road: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this route into Mullingar. Clearly a careful eye is kept on the closed down / vacant premises as there was no litter directly associated with them.

9 Patrick Street: Grade A. This boarded up property presented poorly with minimal loose litter – it could quickly become a littered one if any further items build up.

Mayfair Green Shopping Centre: Grade A. The main shopping area was lined with attractive paving, solid seating, bollards and litter bins – these were in very good condition. An outdoor market was taking place at the time of the survey – there was a virtual absence of litter in this area.

Oliver Plunkett Street: Grade A. Apart from some cigarette butts and sweet papers, Oliver Plunkett Street was a clean and tidy environment. Attractive paving along some parts looked very well.

R394 Castlepollard Approach Road: Grade A. This route got the top litter grade but if there were more fast-food wrappers it could become a moderately littered one.