

Tipperary Town: 20th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

A very strong performance by Tipperary Town with seven out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade. Clearly a careful eye is kept on the various vacant / run down properties along The Main Street as there was no litter directly associated with them. Other top ranking sites included the three approach roads, Pearse Park and Car Park at Market Square – the latter was a particularly attractive environment with lovely paving, bicycle parking, 'olde' style street lamps, visitor information etc. There was a slight improvement at the vacant Site at Bank Place but not enough to shift it from seriously littered status.

N24 Clonmel Approach Road: Grade A. There were no visible litter issues along this well presented and maintained route, with recently cut grass verges. The overall impression was a welcoming and well attended one.

N74 Approach: Grade A. Attractive 'Welcome to Tipperary' signage with colourful floral arrangement looked great; the surrounding grass area was litter free. This route was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

Pearse Park: Grade A. There was a notable improvement at this site compared to previous IBAL survey. Litter problems have been addressed. Hopefully this clean status can be maintained.

Lidl: Grade B. A freshly presented environment with attractive planting / grass area at vehicular entrance. There was a definite food related litter presence around the perimeter shrubbery – sweet papers, mineral cans, plastic bottles and cigarette butts. A more throughout approach to cleaning could easily bring this site back to its former Grade A status.

Vacant Site at Bank Place: Grade C+. This site has consistently been a heavily littered one over a number of years. There was a very slight improvement noted this time around but not enough to shift it from a Grade C+ status. Signage indicating that the site has been 'Sold' – perhaps there is light at the end of the tunnel for this fine building.

Main Street: Grade A. The Main Street has more than its fair share of 'vacant' properties but clearly a careful eye is kept on them as they didn't negatively impact on the litter situation. Some of the street bins were in better condition than others. There was a nice use of street planters / floral displays along one stretch.

Church Street: Grade A. A freshly presented town-centre environment with 'The Maid of Erin' signage and colourful planting beneath in very good order. The overall impression was a clean, tidy and litter free one.

Bring Centre, beside Tipperary Government Offices: Grade B. On first impressions this facility appeared in good order. Further exploration revealed not just casual litter, but items stuffed between and behind the units, The signage relating to the use of the facility was clear and legible and the immediate environs was freshly presented.

R515 Kilmallock / Charleville Approach Road: Grade A. All was in good order along this approach road. 'Don't Rubbish Tipp' signage was clear and legible. The road was clean, with freshly cut grass verges and hedges.

Car Park at Market Square: Grade A. Not only was this town centre car park, and immediate area surrounding it, excellent with regard to litter, the overall impression was an exceptionally freshly presented environment. Attractive paving, bicycle parking, 'olde' style street lamps, white awning were all in very good condition. It was immaculate throughout.