

Mullingar: 9th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

Another very strong result for Mullingar with eight out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade and there were no seriously littered sites. There was a notable improvement at the Canal Bank which had previously been a seriously littered site – but, clearly a careful eye is required as it could quickly deteriorate to previous status. The Bring Facility at Blackhall Car Park was moderately littered – the level was such that if not addressed this could slide to a seriously littered site. Blackhall Car Park was very much deserving of the top litter grade, there was a complete absence of litter throughout.

N52 Approach: Grade A. A freshly presented route with road surface / markings / signage in good order. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Recycle Facility, Blackhall Car Park: Grade B. The level of discarded items at this Bring Facility was such that it was well on its way to Grade C status. The front of the facility appeared in good order with the recycle units / signage freshly presented but the rear and the side harboured items.

Blackhall Car Park: Grade A. A large expanse of car parking with car park surface / markings and paving in good order. There was a complete absence of litter throughout.

Mullingar Train Station – Exterior: Grade A. Apart from some cigarette butts and sweet wrappers, the exterior of the train station was good with regard to litter. Some of the road markings (e.g., yellow box) were very worn away but apart from this it was a freshly presented ‘olde’ style train station environment.

Mullingar Train Station – Interior: Grade A. The interior and station platform were excellent with regard to litter. Seating, litter bins, signage etc. were in very good order - a credit to the station staff.

Canal Bank: Grade B. There was a notable improvement here compared to previous litter surveys but clearly a careful eye needs to be kept on it as there was still a very definite litter presence – it could quickly deteriorate if not addressed. As well as a variety of food and alcohol items, there was a life-belt within the water.

Patrick Street – Athlone Approach: Grade A. Clearly a careful eye is kept on the many closed down / vacant premises along this street. The overall impression was good with regard to litter with minimal items throughout.

Derelict Site, Patrick Street: Grade A. (opposite De Vinos). There was virtually no litter directly associated with this building.

Oliver Plunkett Street: Grade A. Oliver Plunkett Street got the top litter grade, but only just. There was a definite cigarette butt presence with lower levels of food related items. Brightly painted premises were freshly presented.

R394 Castlepollard Approach Road: Grade A. All appeared in good order along this route, with minimal litter items throughout.