

**Clonmel: 4<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms**

Clonmel has retained its customary high levels of cleanliness on its return to the League, with nine out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade. The only heavily littered site was the 'Recycle Facility in Car Park by Greyhound Stadium' – this wasn't just casually littered but subject to dumping and has been highlighted in previous IBAL surveys. A wonderful new addition to Clonmel is the outdoor space, Kickham Barracks Plaza – it was exceptionally freshly presented with lovely paving and features throughout. Clearly a careful eye is kept on the closed down / boarded up properties (of which there were plenty) at Market Place, as there was no litter directly associated with them.

**Cashel Approach Road: Grade A.** This route creates a positive first impression of Cashel and this high standard was maintained for all bar one of the remaining sites surveyed. It was well maintained and a welcoming.

**Clonmel Ring Road: Grade A.** (from Waterford Road approach to Limerick Exit). The road surface / markings / signage were freshly presented and the overall impression created on this stretch of road was a very good one with regard litter.

**Recycle Facility in car park adjacent to Greyhound Stadium: Grade C+.** This site was in sharp contrast to the others surveyed in Clonmel – it wasn't just casually littered but subject to dumping. Items included several large black sacks (full), a plastic basin, shopping trolley and cardboard box. Smaller items included broken glass on the ground and casually discarded food related items. The recycle bin units and signage associated with the usage of same were freshly presented. This site has been highlighted in previous IBAL surveys.

**River Walk at Denis Burke Park / Old Waterford Road: Grade A.** There was a complete absence of litter along this riverside environment. Seating, litter bins, life-belts, bollards etc. were in very good condition and there was some excellent 'Suir Blueway Tipperary' signage.

**Kickham Barracks Plaza: Grade A.** A very recent addition to Clonmel (February 2023, based on the inscription) this was very much deserving of the top litter grade. Not only was it spotless throughout, the overall impression was a very clean one. All aspects of this outdoor space were in exceptionally good order e.g., paving, tree planting, bicycle parking, wooden seating, litter bins, stainless steel bollards, planted area etc.

**Parnell Street: Grade A.** This site got the top litter grade, but only just, cigarette butts were definitely an issue throughout. Area was enhanced by attractive street planters / floral displays, some of which had seating wrapped around the base of the planter boxes. The 'olde' style signage looked well. There were plenty of litter bins throughout.

**Market Place: Grade A.** Clearly a careful eye is kept on the closed down / boarded up properties (of which there were plenty) as there was no litter directly associated with them. Paving, litter bins and street lamps looked well.

**Public Car Park at Kickham Street: Grade A.** (opposite IMC Cinema). There were no visible litter issues at this large expanse of car park space. The Car Park By Laws signage was clear and legible and the hedges were well attended.

**Dunnes Stores: Grade A.** (Kickham Park) A freshly presented environment with clean and tidy walkways, road surfaces and pavement. Chewing gum was pronounced in places but apart from this it was very good with regard to litter.

**Auburn Park: Grade A.** An exceptionally freshly presented and maintained residential environment with tree planting on circular grass feature. It was spotless throughout. Clearly it is a very well respected and cared for area.