

Mallow: 2nd out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

An excellent result for Mallow on its return to the League, with nine of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade – these included Mallow Town Park, Mallow Castle Park / Riverwalk and Main Street / Thomas Davis Street – clearly a careful eye is kept on the various closed down / derelict buildings as there was no litter directly associated with them.

Mallow Castle Park / Riverwalk: Grade A. A wonderful expanse of riverwalk from the bridge out along the various 'angling' stands - excellent signage re user safety. Beautiful, natural space. With picnic tables / seating / life-belts in good order. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the extensive area surveyed.

Mallow Train Station: Grade A. The new car park surface at main station entrance created a very fresh impression. Seating on station platform and entrance were in good order. Good visitor information signage at entrance. There were no visible litter issues throughout the area surveyed.

N20 / Limerick Road Approach: Grade A. A busy route into Mallow, dual carriageway style, with the train station on the right-hand side. The overall impression created was a very positive one with all aspects surveyed in good order e.g., road surface / markings / signage.

Mallow Town Park: Grade A. Area surveyed included not just the expansive Town Park but also the playground and exercise equipment on the opposite side of the road. The exercise equipment was in very good condition. The playground was exceptionally well served by colourful litter bins, albeit somewhat grubby. Main town park is large expanse of grassland which was excellent with regard to litter. Pathway by the river was in good condition. Very powerful litter awareness notices: 'If you don't pick up your rubbish, These locals will' with illustrations of various wildlife.

Clothing Bank at Aldi Car Park, Old Cork Road: Grade B. The main car park proper was very much deserving of the top litter grade, but the overall result was brought down by the two black sacks beside the Vincent de Paul Clothing banks.

N72 Approach from direction of M8: Grade A. A very good first impression of Mallow, with new road / pavement works - looking very fresh. Some minor litter, old items exposed due to roadworks, otherwise, excellent.

R620 / Cork Road Approach: Grade A. A freshly presented approach route to Mallow with no visible litter issues. Passes through residential housing, all aspects were well presented. A corner site at the Bridge was fenced off, presents poorly and clearly requires a careful eye to prevent any build-up of litter.

Main Street / Thomas Davis Street: Grade A. A long stretch of street from Food Capers to the Library - the area around the Library is very well presented with attractive paving, seating, planting etc. Litter bins were in good order. Clearly a careful eye is kept on the many closed down / boarded up premises as there was no litter directly associated with them. A large number of them were in quite a poor state.

O'Brien Street: Grade A. A short shopping street which was very much deserving of the top litter grade. Street bins were in very good order.

Market Square Shopping Centre: Grade A. An outdoor shopping centre environment where the seating / planting areas were in very good order. Litter bins were in good condition. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout. Historical information was at one entrance, not very obvious to busy shoppers but lovely feature of the site.