

**Mullingar: 5<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.**

**An excellent result for Mullingar with nine out of the ten sites getting the top litter grade. There were no heavily littered sites – even the Canal Bank which had been heavily littered in the previous surveys was much improved. All aspects of Mullingar Train Station (Interior and Exterior) were in good order and the whole area was very much deserving of the top litter grade.**

**N52 Athlone Approach Road: Grade A.** The overall impression created along this road was a very positive and welcoming one. It was excellent with regards to litter.

**Recycle Centre at Main Car Park: Grade B.** There was a notable improvement at this facility – previously it had been far more heavily littered. This time around the most obvious items were associated with the use of the facility e.g., glass bottles, plastic bags, bottle tops / lids. However, it would seem that a careful eye is required to prevent deterioration to more heavily littered status – one of the clothing bins was overflowing, this can sometimes lead to future dumping.

**Oliver Plunkett Street: Grade A.** The long street appears to be well served by litter bins. It was relatively unlittered with a seemingly lower cigarette butt presence than previous surveys. Traces of paper were also present at drainpipe ends.

**Canal Bank: Grade A.** The heavy levels of water-based litter evident on previous visits were not apparent this time around. The brightly shining sun made it impossible to see the bed beneath the water. Any minor visible items were land-based e.g., cigarette butts, fast-food wrappers and sweet papers.

**Mullingar Railway Station – Exterior: Grade A.** There were some bottles / cans / cigarette butts leading to the premises, but this area may be out of the remit of the station staff. The waiting area was clean and tidy.

**Mullingar Train Station – Interior: Grade A.** The inside waiting area has had the seating reinstalled (following removal during Covid restrictions). All was in good order within the interior area of Mullingar Train Station and station staff appear to be very attentive.

**Derelict site - Fairview Terrace R390: Grade A.** A Westmeath Co Co derelict site notice has been posted on this site, a former Polish delicatessen. Clearly a careful eye is kept on it as there was no litter directly associated with same.

**R390 Athlone Minor Approach: Grade A.** There was a virtual absence of litter along this minor approach road. Any visible items were food related e.g., plastic bottles, mineral cans and sweet wrappers.

**Market Point Retail Park: Grade A.** This shopping area was excellent with regards to litter – there was a complete absence throughout the area surveyed. Car parking arrangements were very tidy.

**R154 Castlepollard Approach Road: Grade A.** There was minimal litter along this route – some sweet papers and work gloves.