

**Tullamore: 23<sup>rd</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

With so many top-ranking sites in Tullamore, there are a few which deserve special mention. The residential area of The Hawthorns wasn't just excellent with regards to litter but very freshly presented and maintained; O'Connor Square is a lovely town centre environment where great care has been taken with the presentation of the streetscape e.g., paving, planting, seating, etc. and it was exceptionally clean site. Improvements were noted at Lock 27 on Canal Walk but the derelict site continues to attract litter, bringing down the litter grade. By far the most heavily littered site surveyed in Tullamore was the Recycle Bring Centre on Daingean Road – it had been subject to dumping, as was 'heavily littered' Offaly Street.

**Arden Approach Road: Grade A.** Road surface / markings / signage were in good condition and the overall impression created along this route was not only welcoming but also an excellent one.

**The Hawthorns: Grade A.** This residential area is a template for a Grade A site. It was exceptionally freshly presented and maintained. There was a complete absence of litter throughout. Communal grass area was well cared for and there was the appearance of house-proud residents.

**O'Connor Square: Grade A.** The streetscape at this town centre environment was excellent e.g., paving, seating, tree planting, bicycle parking, planter boxes etc. and the painting of the electricity type box takes away the 'bare' look. The area is well served by litter bins. It was an exceptionally clean and tidy site.

**Recycle Bring Centre on Daingean Road: Grade D.** This facility wasn't just a littered one – it was subject to dumping to the rear of the units. A large number of large bags had been discarded to the rear of the recycle units. The area to the front of the units was untidy / littered.

**Bring Centre at St Kyrna's Street: Grade A.** A very freshly presented and maintained 'Bring Facility', all aspects of which were in good order. There were no litter / dumping issues. Some of the signage relating to the use of the facility was obscured by heavy vegetational growth.

**Dunnes Stores Shopping Centre: Grade A.** This site was very much deserving of the top litter grade – all aspects were in good order e.g., car park surface / planting / shrubs etc.

**Columcille Street: Grade A.** The paving, large scale tree planter boxes, silver bollards and the combined litter / recycle bins go a long way towards the overall impression created along Columcille Street. It was immaculate throughout.

**Offaly Street: Grade C+.** The overall impression along this street was an untidy and unattended one. There was a multitude of litter items just beneath the 'No Dumping' signage. Overall, a significantly littered site, subject to some dumping at the derelict / vacant sites.

**Cappancur / Daingean Road Approach: Grade A.** A freshly presented route, enhanced by some colourful planter boxes. It was characterised by tidy verges and litter free kerbs.

**Lock 27 on Canal Walk: Grade B.** A much-improved site compared previous surveys. However, there was still a definite litter presence around the derelict building and the hedgerow on the same side as the derelict building.