

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

Eight out of the 10 sites surveyed in Mallow got the top litter grade, with some of these deserving special mentions. Mallow Town Park was wonderfully presented and maintained, a large expanse of green space - no mean feat to have it looking so clean. West End was picture postcard perfect, while the Train Station looked very well with all aspects in very good order and the IDA Business & Technology Park was superb. Chemist Warehouse was in sharp contrast to all the other sites surveyed – it was heavily littered throughout the stairwell, car park, covered pedestrian area, with accumulations in the corner.

Mallow Train Station: Grade A. All aspects of the train station were freshly presented and in very good order e.g. station signage, bollards etc. The pedestrian access was clearly delineated by virtue of being a different colour. Apart from a few cigarette butts, there were no other litter items throughout

Roundabout and environs on N20: Grade A. This area creates a very positive first impression of Mallow – not only was it excellent with regards to litter but the overall maintenance was very good. The area near the grotto was spotless.

West End: Grade A. This route, a mix of residential and commercial was a template for a Grade A site – it was picture postcard perfect. Not only was it exceptionally clean, but the whole presentation of the area was also excellent.

Emmet Street: Grade A. Clearly a careful eye is kept on the large derelict site as there was no litter directly associated with it. The overall impression created along this mixed-use street was a very good one – it would seem that there is great pride in keeping the area looking well.

Mallow Town Park: Grade A. This wonderful expanse of green space, including playing fields, was in superb condition. The smooth cement footpath, with wooden seating were freshly presented. All was in very good order throughout. The only visible litter items were at the base of the litter bin, which didn't appear to be overflowing.

Discount Chemist Warehouse & Car Park: Grade C. This was by far the most heavily littered site surveyed in Mallow, in sharp contrast to all the other survey sites. The overall impression was of a heavily littered environment, not just loose items along the stairwell, car park, covered pedestrian pathway but accumulations in a corner location. There were heavy levels of fast-food wrappers, sweet papers, cigarette butts, vapes, with lower levels of a wide variety of other food related items.

Thomas Davis / Main Street: Grade B+. The fresh paving, seating, sculpture, on-street planters looked very well along some parts of the street. Other stretches of paving looked tired and grubby. Clearly a careful eye is kept on the overall litter situation as there was minimal litter throughout.

Beecher Street: Grade A. This route creates a positive first impression of Mallow with a virtual absence of litter throughout. The Mouse Trap is a lovely building, clean and welcoming. The small green space with old benches next to grotto were clean.

IDA Business & Technology Park: Grade A. This was not only excellent with regards to litter, but the overall presentation and maintenance was excellent. It was immaculately maintained throughout. Clearly it is a popular spot for dog walkers, based on the dog fouling signage and the provision of 'poop & scoop' facilities – appears to be having the desired effect as there was none to be seen.

Market Square – Shopping Centre: Grade A. A modern take on the old town market this, this was a very well presented and maintained environment with lovely benches surrounding the seating the large planter, encouraging people to linger / relax. There was a very small amount of litter, primarily cigarette butts and older chewing gum. The summer bedding outside Dunnes Stores adds to the area. The Deposit Return Scheme facility was in good order.