

**Mullingar: 15<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

All three of the approach routes into Mullingar scored well and this high standard was sustained for the majority of the remaining sites, bar two, which were heavily littered. Other top-ranking sites included Mullingar Train Station (Exterior and Interior), Market Point and Oliver Plunkett Street – Market House building presents very well, with the area in front in good order. The first of the heavily littered sites was at Canal Bank – there was litter deep within the water and on the surface – this site has been noted in previous IBAL surveys. The ‘Bring Centre’, Main Car Park was badly let down by the accumulation of items to the rear of the units.

**N52 Tullamore Approach Road: Grade A.** An exceptionally freshly presented route leading to Mullingar with road surface / markings / signage / pathway all in very good condition. It was excellent with regards to litter.

**Mullingar Train Station – Exterior: Grade A.** It would seem that works have taken place, resulting in a reconfigured bus terminal. Paving was attractively laid out and very fresh in appearance. Planter boxes looked well. Overall, there was a virtual absence of litter at this site.

**Mullingar Train Station – Interior: Grade A.** The interior of the station was spotless! The flooring was sparkling on a sunny day. The seating which had been removed during Covid has been reinstated and the plasterwork appears to be freshly painted. All in all, this site was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

**Derelict Site, Patrick Street: Grade A.** Based on the Westmeath Co Co signage attached to the window, this site falls under the ‘The Derelict Sites Act 1990 – In accordance with section 8 (7) of the Derelicts Sites Ac, Notice has been Served on this Property’. Etc. The exterior was not littered but the dangling wires are a cause for concern.

**Market Point: Grade A.** All was in very good order at this site with a complete absence of litter throughout. Cars were neatly parked, planted areas were in very good condition.

**Bring Centre, Main Car Park: Grade C.** The recycle bin units were freshly presented, but the area to the rear and between the green fencing presented poorly with considerable ‘long-lie’ items. Bag of rubbish and other miscellaneous items had been left ‘beside’ the recycle bins. There were a considerable number of bottle tops on the ground in front of the units. The shrubbery close by was littered.

**Canal Bank: Grade C.** There was a significant litter presence, both food and alcohol related items. Some items were beneath the water surface, others were floating along the top. The overall impression was a poor one.

**Oliver Plunkett Street: Grade A.** There was a virtual absence of litter along this main shopping street. Large planter box is awaiting planting – care needs to be taken that it doesn’t become a magnet for litter. ‘Market House’ building presents very well and the area in front was in very good order.

**R390 Athlone Approach Road: Grade A.** The overall impression along this route was generally a good one, albeit with the occasional litter items – sweet papers / fast-food wrappers. The large expanse of grass along one side creates a great sense of space. The other side of the road was characterised by rough grass / brambles.

**R394 Castlepollard Approach: Grade A.** Apart from minor litter items, this route presented well. Road surface / markings / signage were in good order.