

An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Survey 2, 2024

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

An excellent result for Tullamore with eight out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade and no heavily littered ones. Top- ranking sites included Columcille Street, the residential area of Harbour Drive and the Bridge Shopping Centre. Considerable improvements were noted compared to previous IBAL surveys at Car Park, Daingean Road – well done to all concerned. Clearly a careful eye is kept on the various vacant / derelict sites along Main Street – there was no litter directly associated with them.

N52 from Ardan Road Junction to Ardan Road Roundabout: Grade A. A fresh and welcoming approach route to Tullamore with all aspects in good order e.g. grass verges / road surfaces etc.

L1024 Tinnycross Approach Road: Grade A. There was a nice use of floral displays along this route, adding to the fresh and welcoming impression. There were no visible litter issues throughout.

Harbour Drive: Grade A. The residential area of Harbour Drive was attractively laid out, with lovely tree planting. There was a complete absence of litter throughout – well done to all concerned.

Bury Quay: Grade B. The main litter items at this waterside environment were food related e.g. coffee cups, plastic bottles and sweet wrappers – much of which was at the waters' edge / in the reeds. The overall environmental is attractively laid out.

Columcille Street: Grade A. The streetscape was in very good order with attractive paving / silver stainless steel bollards / large planter boxes etc. The overall impression was a very positive one and it was excellent with regards to litter.

The Bridge Shopping Centre: Grade A. This shopping centre / car parking environment was very much deserving of the top litter grade – all aspects were in good order e.g. seating / litter bins / car park surface & markings etc.

Main Street: Grade A. Clearly a careful eye is kept on the various vacant / derelict buildings as there was no litter directly associated with them. There appeared to be plenty of bins.

Car Park at Daingean Road: Grade A. Considerable improvement was noted here with the removal of the Bring Facility resulting in a much cleaner site. This time around there were minimal litter items.

Fiona's Way: Grade B+. An attractive waterside environment which just missed the top litter grade. Fast-food wrappers and sweet papers took away from an otherwise well-presented site.

Arden Road – approach: Grade A. A clean and welcoming approach with all elements in very good order.