

Tipperary Town: Joint 29th out of 40 Towns / Cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

Tipperary just hangs on to Clean status on its return to the League after an absence of several years. The top ranking sites included Market Yard Car Park, Tipp Town Shopping Centre and Tipperary Council Offices – these were not just very good with regard to litter but also well presented and maintained. The Main Street / Bank Place wasn't just littered but presented poorly and there was a high number of vacant / unoccupied premises. These created a poor impression especially as little had been done to minimise their impact. The field labelled IDA Industrial Estate – a litter blackspot - is being used to house some ponies and as a dumping ground. Is the IDA still responsible for this site?

N24 Waterford Approach Road: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this route into Tipperary town. The overall presentation and maintenance were fine.

Main Street / Bank Place: Grade C+. Every town has vacant / unoccupied properties and premises but Tipperary town appears to have more than most, creating a very poor overall impression. The appearance of such premises can be improved with 'façade' painting / wall murals etc. An old building at Bank Place has heavy accumulations of a wide variety of litter in the basement, with some at street level.

Market Yard Car Park: Grade A. Attractive visitor information notice on access from Main Street. Attractive paving, some 'olde' style street lamps (along with some more modern ones) and a raised planted area with sculpture create a positive impression at this car park. It scored very well with regard to litter.

Tipperary Council Offices / Dept of Justice and Equality Campus: Grade A. An exceptionally clean site with regard to litter. The area has been very attractively landscaped with water feature and sculpture and seating. All aspects of the area surveyed were in excellent condition

N74 Cashel Approach: Grade A. All appeared in good order along this stretch of road with no visible litter

Field with IDA Industrial Estate sign: Grade D. (Aherlow Court) The IDA Signage still stands in a field which was host to at least two ponies and has been used as a dumping ground – examples included a discarded bath, bicycles, scooters and other household items. The fence was broken in several places. Perhaps, if the IDA is no longer involved in this field they might like to remove the signage? Or else, claim responsibility for same.

Sean Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool: Grade B. The main area was generally fine with regard to litter but there was a definite litter presence around the perimeter of the parking area and inside the gate on the left hand side - mostly food related litter and a street cone.

Tipp Town Shopping Centre: Grade A. This was an excellent site with regard to presentation, maintenance and litter. The paving was attractive and ornamental trees, seating and planting throughout were all in good condition. Plenty of fresh looking bins, creating a positive impression. There was a complete absence of litter throughout.

St. Michael's Graveyard: Grade A. Grounds of the graveyard were being maintained at time of IBAL survey. - e.g. grass cutting, strimming etc. There were plenty of notices around the perimeter wall with regard to 'No Dumping'. Despite very wide footpath bollards preclude parking directly outside graveyard.

N24 Limerick – Tipperary Link Road: Grade B. A lush green route which generally presented well and passed through an exceptionally quaint area with thatched premises. Almost the whole route was very good with regard to litter but there were a couple of areas of litter on the left side of the road which couldn't be ignored.