

**Tralee: 5<sup>th</sup> out of 40 Towns / Cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms**

As well as the streetscape / repaving and general presentation of town centre sites, there have been big improvements in Tralee with a clear and concerted effort on behalf of the wider community e.g. 'Love where you live, don't let litter spoil it – 2 Minute Street Clean' placard at Imperial Hotel. The Mall had been attractively paved with large planting boxes and seating – all in very good order. The Square (Central Plaza) was a town centre environment which presented very freshly with all aspects of the area surveyed in very good order. Rose Garden – Tralee Town Park was spotless throughout.

Tralee would appear to be a good example that if the citizens are provided with an attractively presented environment then there is a greater likelihood of it being kept clean. The likely enhancement of part of 'The Green' town park into a wildlife area, brought about by people power, augers well for the future of the town.

**Killarney Approach Road: Grade A.** There was a virtual absence of litter along this road into Tralee. Grass / verges were somewhat unattended along some stretches but not in any obvious way.

**Denny Street: Grade A.** Denny Street presented very well with some beautiful planting. The wide street, combined with the mature trees, create a great sense of space. Street bins, visitor information notice etc. were all in good order. The Imperial Hotel had a 'Two Minute Street Clean – Love Where You Live' placard. It was excellent with regard to litter.

**Edward Street: Grade A.** There was a virtual absence of litter along Edward Street. Paving was particularly fresh along some parts of the road and signage was in good order.

**Milk Market Lane: Grade B+.** Much has been done with the overall presentation of Milk Market Lane, resulting in a much improved site. Chewing gum was pronounced on the black tarmac paving, less so at the other end outside the Information Centre. Graffiti was pronounced at a warehouse type building, along the vehicular stretch of the lane. This building presented poorly.

**Rose Garden – Tralee Town Park: Grade A.** An excellent public green space with regard to presentation, maintenance and litter. The water feature was spotless. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good condition – bins, tasteful signage, sculpture, seating, etc. A top ranking site throughout.

**St. Mary's Road: Grade A.** There was a virtual absence of litter along this residential road.

**The Mall: Grade A.** The Mall deserves a special mention as it is a lovely town centre environment which has been attractively paved and landscaped. Large planter boxes, wooden seating and fresh bins all contributed to the overall appearance. All aspects of the area surveyed were in excellent condition.

**Castle Street Lower: Grade A.** This site got the top litter grade but only just due to chewing gum and cigarette butts. The street bins were fresh, however, some of the cigarette butt units were very grubby (as it likely to be the case if not cleaned).

**The Square – Central Plaza: Grade A.** An excellently presented environment which was attractively paved and landscaped. All aspects of the area surveyed were in pristine condition e.g. paving, bollards, planter boxes, street bins, ornamental trees etc. It was very good with regard to litter.

**Dingle Approach Road: Grade A.** The overall impression created along this road was an excellent one with regard to litter.