

Tipperary Town: 29th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

With six top ranking sites you would expect Tipperary town to retain its 'Clean' status but the presence of a litter blackspot and a seriously littered site brought down the overall ranking. By far the most heavily littered site was the fine old building with 'Bank Place' signage (lock on the gate) – the basement had been used as a dumping ground. The Bring Centre at Tesco (Limerick Road) was not quite so bad but non-recyclable items had been discarded around the recycle units. The 'Field with IDA Signage' has had a big clean up since the previous survey but now fencing was discarded within, a potential hazard for horses grazing in the field. Top ranking sites included the approach roads, Tipp Town Shopping Centre and the Main Street – despite the latter having a very high number of vacant / closed down properties, many of which presented very poorly.

Cashel Approach Road: Grade A. Some nice tree planting on the left side, opposite the graveyard on the right, created a positive impression. All appeared in good order with regard to litter.

Field with 'IDA' signage: Grade B. This field was in a very poor state at IBAL Survey 1, 2019 survey. A big clean-up has clearly taken place (i.e. removal of bath and other large items) but there were a couple of rolls of fencing - not only unsightly, but a hazard for horses grazing in the field. Adjoining boarded up industrial site (For Sale) was generally quite good with regard to litter.

Abbey Street Car Park: Grade A. Street level council car park. While not as attractively presented as Market Yard Car Park in terms of planting / paving / signage etc. Abbey Street Car Park was not littered. . Some of the signage within the car park was quite old / illegible, most notably the signage relating to 'littering'. There were cigarette butts on the steps at one pedestrian access to the car park.

Bring Centre at Tesco (Limerick Road) Grade C. Small corner site with facilities for clothing / bottles. It wasn't just littered but items have clearly been discarded e.g. toaster / umbrella and bags of rubbish. Items were stuffed between / behind the recycle units and there were several cardboard boxes.

Old building with 'Bank Place' signage: Grade D+. Lock on the railings of this fine old building. The basement has been used as a dumping ground e.g. some black sacks of rubbish and a myriad of loose litter items. The street level was heavily weeded and lightly littered. Where does responsibility for this building lie?

Main Street: Grade A. Despite a very high number of vacant / unoccupied sites along the Main Street, it was not a littered one. Very little has been done to 'take the bare look' off these sites - 'Façade' painting could make all the difference. However, they were not littered - clearly there is a careful litter cleaning regime in place. There was some occasional colourful planting which does give the street a bit of a lift. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Tipperary Town Train Station: Grade B. This was a mixed site in terms of litter. The station platform and immediate environment were in good order but there was a definite litter presence on the train tracks, most notably over the white barrier, beneath the pedestrian bridge. There was also some litter at the entrance to a field with CIE signage - on the right-hand side, coming from the town.

Tipp Town Shopping Centre: Grade A. All aspects of the area surveyed were excellent with regard to overall presentation and litter. Attractive, low-lying planting at the entrance; nice wooden seating outside; bins in very good condition. Tree planting within car park; sparkling floor within the interior of the shopping centre - spotless throughout.

R515 Charleville Approach: Grade A. A narrow, rural route leading into windy Tipperary. There was no visible litter and a pleasant route. 'Anti Litter and 'Don't Rubbish Tipp' signage were present.

N24 Limerick – Tipperary Link Road: Grade A. The overall impression created along this road was a positive one with regards to litter and overall presentation. There was only some very occasional and isolated litter items.