

Tipperary: 36th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Littered.

A very disappointing result for Tipperary, which is lagging behind most other towns when it comes to cleanliness. The town had just four top ranking sites (two of which were approach roads) and two litter blackspots. The vacant building at 'Bank Place' remains a very poor site with regard to litter – it was subject to dumping in the basement - where does responsibility for this site lie? It is clearly an ongoing issue since last surveyed in 2019. The Recycle Facility at Tesco was only a marginally better site but still very poor.

R497 Murgasty Approach Road: Grade A. The 'Welcome to Tipperary' signage with colourful flower arrangement creates a positive first impression of the town. The abandoned building by this signage has been adorned with colourful murals, taking away the 'bare look'. The grass was neatly cut, and this route was very good with regard to litter.

'Tipp Town F.C.': Grade A. There were no visible litter issues associated directly with this site. The overall impression was of well maintained grounds.

Main Street: Grade B. There was a notable litter presence along the main street, mostly cigarette butts, dog fouling and food related litter. Colourful planting was welcoming, especially given the high number of vacant / derelict premises, many of which had litter associated with them. The level of litter at this site in particular was such that it was verging on becoming a Grade C site.

Pearse Park: Grade B. Most of the litter at this residential area was in the car parking area, with lesser amounts on the freshly cut grasslands. Sweet papers were the most obvious with lower levels of cans, plastic bottles, coffee cups and face masks.

Building at 'Bank Place' signage: Grade D. This site wasn't just casually littered but subject to dumping. There were several light blue plastic bags of rubbish in the basement, along with a myriad of litter and miscellaneous items. This site was also very poor in last year's survey. Where does responsibility for this site lie?

Limerick Road Approach: Grade A. A very clean and tidy impression was created along this stretch with road surface, markings and signage in good order. There was a lovely stretch of colourful planting in front of Circle K, and Bohercrow Roundabout was in very good order.

Tipperary Town Shopping Centre: Grade A. This was not just good with regard to litter but a very well presented and maintained environment. Paving, planting, bollards, bins, seating, etc. were in excellent order.

Bring Centre at Tesco, Limerick Road: Grade D+. As well as items stuffed between and beneath the units, a couple of the clothing units had items stuffed / overflowing. Black sacks had been discarded to the front.

Public Park at Redmond Square and David Street: Grade B. A nicely presented park environment with very good visitor / historical information signage. Bins, seating, 'mutt mitt' facility, planting and grass area were in good order. Some casually discarded food related litter and face masks took away from an otherwise good site. With a little extra care and attention this could be a top-ranking site.

N24 Limerick – Tipperary Connecting Road: Grade C+. The litter problem along this route (as with other routes in the country) is that grass cutting took place without the litter being picked beforehand, resulting in 'chopped up' litter. All manner of food related litter items was present. The individual towns en route were very well presented and maintained, in particular, Oola.