

Mullingar: 25th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

A significant improvement for Mullingar after a disappointing result in late 2020. All three of the approach roads which were surveyed got the top litter grade. Other top-ranking sites included Oliver Plunkett Street (the pedestrianised zone was particularly freshly presented and maintained) and the Town Park – a lovely park environment with all elements within, in good condition. By far the most heavily littered site surveyed was the Canal – it wasn't just casually littered but subject to dumping of larger items e.g., shopping trolley and other miscellaneous items. The Bring Centre at Council Building Car Park was a poor site due to the state of the area to the rear of the units.

R394 Crookedwood Approach Road: Grade A. There were no litter issues of note along this approach road. Some of the road markings were a little worn.

Oliver Plunkett Street: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter, bar cigarette butts, along this shopping street. The expanse of pedestrianised area was excellent with lovely paving, planting, seating and street furniture. Outdoor dining hadn't impacted on litter situation. Some of the street bins were a little grubby.

Canal Bank: Grade D. This was by far the most heavily littered site surveyed in Mullingar. There were copious quantities of food and alcohol related litter floating on the surface of the water. Buried within the water, there were plenty of other miscellaneous items e.g., trolleys.

Mullingar Train Station – Exterior: Grade B. The built environment presented well with paving bollards, railings etc. in good condition. Cigarette butts were pronounced in many areas, with lower levels of sweet papers. Perhaps the installation of 'cigarette butt' notices could address this issue?

Mullingar Train Station – Interior: Grade A. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the interior and platform area of the station. The area was very well served by litter bins.

Bring Facility, County Building Car Park: Grade C. Facility signage was clear and legible, reminding users about usage of same. On first impressions, all seemed in good order. The area to the rear of the units tells a different story – it wasn't just casually littered but discarding of various miscellaneous items had taken place.

Exterior of Public Lavatories, by County Buildings: Grade A. A temporary facility, the area immediately surrounding these units had a virtual absence of litter. Cigarette butts were a feature.

Town Park: Grade A. A shiny sculpture, with quote '*Like a Joycean stream of consciousness, Stream Spire rises over the Brosna reflecting the life of Mullingar town*' looked very well. The letter font of the entrance to the Town Park was a lovely gold colour and the entrance was further enhanced by planter boxes. Paving within was in good order, some seating had a bin right beside it and playground equipment was in good condition. The whole environment was very good with regard to litter.

N52 Navan Approach Road: Grade A. A freshly presented route with wide pavings, creating a positive first impression of Mullingar. Road surface, markings, signage and pavings were in good order.

N52 Tullamore Approach Road: Grade A. An excellent road with regard to litter and overall presentation. Paving and grass areas were spotless.