

## **An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 1, 2021**

**Tipperary: 16<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

Finally Tipperary town sheds its littered status of recent years and is deemed Clean. With seven sites getting the top litter grade, a few deserve special mention – The Excel Centre, Tipp Town Shopping Centre Car Park, Kickham Place and Public Park at Emmet Street / Redmond Square were not just good with regard to litter but very well presented and maintained. By far the most heavily littered site will come as no surprise – Main Street from Bank Place to Davis Street. The red building at Bank Places has been highlighted in many previous IBAL litter surveys and much of the litter along Main Street was associated with the myriad vacant / closed down / derelict properties.

**Thurles Approach Road: Grade B+.** Much of this route presented well with nice use of floral displays and well attended grasslands. It was a pity to see litter in the immediate vicinity of the 'Welcome to Tipperary' signage in the form of a well and along grass verges – mostly food related items.

**Main Street: Grade C.** (from Bank Place to Davis Street) The red building at Bank Place remains a heavily littered and abused site – there has been no change at this site for a number of years. Where does responsibility for it lie? The remainder of the street had a generally untidy appearance, not helped by the poor condition of the high number of closed down / vacant / derelict premises – much of the litter along the street was associated with them.

**Kickham Place: Grade A.** The streetscape was in good order with street bins, wooden seating, bollards, visitor information and planting in good condition. Apart from cigarette butts there were no litter issues of note.

**Public Park at Emmet Street and Redmond Square: Grade A.** This small green space was very well presented and maintained. Bins, signage, seating, bandstand were in good order and there was plenty of notification re dog fouling, with 'mutt mitt' facility.

**R497 from Springfield Road: Grade A.** A very fresh impression was created along this route with new paving / kerbs contributing to the overall appearance. The road was litter free throughout.

**N24 from speed limit sign to Bohercrow Roundabout: Grade A.** Bohercrow Roundabout was particularly freshly presented with colourful flowering beneath the signage. A lovely feature was the low-lying flower beds along one stretch of the road. There was minimal litter throughout.

**'Tipp Town' Shopping Centre Car Park: Grade A.** This site has frequently been a top ranking one and things were no different this time around. Attractive planting, fresh litter bins, steel bollards, good road surface / markings / signage all contribute to the overall impression created here. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

**Bring Centre at Tesco: Grade B.** The overall impression at this facility was a somewhat littered one. Cardboard boxes, loose glass bottles and items to the rear of the units will only encourage further littering. If not addressed this site could quickly deteriorate. There was plenty of anti-dumping / covert CCTV notices in place.

**Abbey Street Car Park: Grade A.** A clean and tidy car park environment with no particular items of note except cigarette butts on the steps leading to the car park.

**Excel Centre: Grade A.** This was an exceptionally freshly presented and maintained environment with paving in great order. It was excellent with regard to litter.