

Clonmel: Joint 6th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

All of the routes leading into Clonmel got the top litter grade and this set the tone for the majority of other sites surveyed. Other very good sites included Oakville Shopping Centre, O'Connell Street and The Recycle Facility – the latter was particularly well presented. This is in sharp contrast to many other recycle facilities throughout the country.

Churchyard off Wolfe Tone Street: Grade A. This churchyard was in a mature setting with the grounds very well maintained. There was plenty of greenery about and the grass was neatly cut. There was a complete absence of litter throughout.

Recycle Facility: Grade A. A small facility for recycling bottles and cans, tucked neatly into a corner and flush against the walls – hence, no opportunity for items to get 'trapped' or 'stuffed' either behind / between the bins. The overall impression created here was a positive one – the bins themselves were fresh and clean.

O'Connell Street: Grade A. The ornamental trees along this street appear to be a relatively new addition and are a welcome feature. Many of the bins were very fresh in appearance. Work was being undertaken at a premises but thankfully this didn't impact in any negative way on the litter situation. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Derelict site – No 9 Anglesea Street: Grade B. A fine, tall and handsome house, spread over several floors, No. 9 has been allowed to fall into a state of disrepair. A window on the first floor was broken and litter had accumulated at the doorway – mostly broken glass and fast food items. Care needs to be taken to ensure that it doesn't deteriorate further.

Clonmel Train Station: Grade B. The general presentation of the station was in good order but it was let down by a definite litter presence – sweet papers, fast-food wrappers and cigarette butts. With a little extra care and attention this could easily be a top ranking site.

N24 Approach to Tipperary: Grade A. A clean and fresh impression is created along this road. The road markings and surface were in good order and the paving and cycle path were well maintained.

Oakville Shopping Centre: Grade A. A neat and tidily presented relatively new shopping environment. Despite heavy levels of activity there was an absence of litter throughout.

R688 Cashel Approach Road: Grade A. The overall presentation of this route was very good with road surfaces in excellent order – there was a virtual absence of litter in the area surveyed.

Rock of Cashel: Grade A. This was an exceptionally well presented and maintained site of important historic interest. It was thronged with visitors on the day of the survey and there wasn't a piece of litter throughout. The vast sweeping landscape was equally clear of litter. It is a credit to those using the amenity and those responsible for the maintenance.

N76 Clonmel – Kilkenny Connecting Road: Grade A. A good impression was created along this road with only very occasional items of litter to be found.