

Up the Banner! - Ennis Green Guide

Ennis grew up around the Franciscan Friary, built around 1240. It has lots to offer its citizens and visitors. Our town is in a boom period with fast growing suburbs. This has caused a large increase in traffic and pollution problems.

The town centre is compact and easy to walk around, with some quiet pedestrian streets. The lovely Farmers' Market, busy on Friday mornings, is a great place to buy local and some organic produce.

Ennis has many local craft shops, bicycle shops, second hand charity shops, art galleries and much more. Supporting local businesses is essential for a long term sustainable economy. Otherwise, large chain stores tend to put local shops out of business.

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Studies have shown that around 85% of money spent in multinational stores flows straight out of the local economy.

Locally owned businesses recycle a much bigger share of money into the local economy because they buy more goods and services from other local businesses, than multinationals would.

source: <http://news.minnesota.publicradio.org/features/2005>

Ennis also has beautiful green spots such as around the Friary. There are plenty of enjoyable walks and cycles along the River Fergus, and the surrounding countryside just outside the town.

As the town expands, we need to preserve these green areas and ensure sustainable development. Creating more open green areas is much needed, where people can relax. As citizens of Ennis, we need to remind our local representatives of these issues.

"Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."
Bruntland, G (ed) (1987)

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