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The Showgrounds Shopping Centre in Clonmel, Co Tipperary had a fine year in 2018



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There's nothing like a milestone birthday to take stock of affairs. This year, to mark its tenth birthday, the Showgrounds Shopping Centre in Clonmel in Co Tipperary is doing just that.

The retail centre reported a bumper year in 2018, with footfall up by 11.4 per cent on the previous year. Building on that boost, Showgrounds is planning a fun-filled programme of special events and activities to celebrate its double-digit anniversary this year.

Anchored by Marks & Spencer, Showgrounds opened during the economic downturn in 2009 – arguably the worst possible trading period for retail. Despite the economic challenges, the centre developed further and now boasts some of the most popular branded retail tenants in the region, including TK Maxx, Argos, Dealz, Iceland, Eason, Pamela Scott, Name It, Vila, Only and Costa Coffee.

“2018 was a fantastic year for the Showgrounds with record footfall figures and some of our retailers reporting their best trading periods ever,” said Julian Smith, the centre's manager.

“We have a great mix of 20 retailers in the areas of fashion, homewares and food which attracts shoppers from throughout the counties of Tipperary, Kilkenny and Waterford. The centre trades on one level and has plenty of free parking, which all provides an enjoyable and convenient shopping experience for customers.”

Smith has announced a programme of special events to celebrate throughout the year: “Kicking off with our Game of Thrones event this month, we will have a series of celebratory events through to October,” he said.

“There will be everything from fashion shows to kids’ entertainment – something for all the family. We are very proud to have overcome a very challenging period for retail when we first opened, and to have proceeded to develop one of the most successful shopping centres in the south-east.”

For more details on the shopping centre, and planned events and activities, visit showgrounds.ie. For more details on lettings within the centre, contact joint agents HWBC at 01-7750500, or Cushman Wakefield at 01-6399300.