

## **An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 1, 2018**

**Letterkenny: 19<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

**With seven top ranking sites Letterkenny has scored very well. Some of the top ranking sites were not just free of litter but also well presented and maintained e.g. Main Street, Scoil Cholmcille National School, Church of Ireland (Diocese of Raphoe) and Ballymacool Town Park – the latter was beautifully landscaped and is clearly a very well respected environment. By far the most heavily littered site surveyed in Letterkenny was the Recycle Facility at rear of Dunnes Stores Car Park.**

**R250 Glenties Approach Road: Grade A.** There was virtually no litter along this busy built up route to Letterkenny. There was a mix of properties and businesses and they were all in good order.

**Ballymacool Town Park: Grade A.** Ballymacool Town Park is a wonderful facility. It has been beautifully landscaped and is clearly a very well respected environment. Not only was there a complete absence of litter throughout but all aspects of the area surveyed were in excellent condition e.g. car parking area, visitor information notices, playgrounds, walking / cycling trails etc. Being set on a hill, the views were stunning.

**ScoilCholmcille National School: Grade A.** The grounds of Scoil Cholmcille were in very good order and it scored very well with regard to litter – fitting for a Green Flag School. There was plenty of greenery with planting, shrubs and trees.

**Church of Ireland – Diocese of Raphoe: Grade A.** (beside car park, opposite Cathedral). All aspects of the grounds and cemetery were in excellent condition – it was pristine. There was a complete absence of litter throughout. Clearly it is a very well respected environment.

**Beechwood Road: Grade A.** The individual gardens and public areas along this residential road were all in good order. There were no major litter items to report.

**Community Centre: Grade B.** (up the hill, behind the theatre) Overall, this site was much improved on previous IBAL Survey. Not much effort is required for it to get the top litter grade. Cigarette butts were still quite pronounced on the steps, with lower levels of fast-food wrappers, cans and cardboard. The built environment was in very good order.

**Main Street: Grade A.** All elements of the main street were in excellent order – business properties were freshly maintained and the pavements and planting were in very good order. The overall impression was of a very well cared for street.

**Recycle Facility at rear of Dunnes Stores Car Park: Grade C.** Black sacks had been discarded in front of the units and there were plenty of cardboard boxes, some not even folded, to the rear. An air of neglected prevailed at this facility. There was notification indicating replacement recycle facilities, yet these units were still accessible and being used.

**R245 Ramelton Approach Road: Grade A.** A welcoming approach to Letterkenny with well tended verges and pavements. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

**N15 – N13 Sligo – Letterkenny Connecting Road: Grade B.** This was a moderately littered route with fast-food wrappers, plastic bags and plastic bottles the most obvious litter items.