

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

Limerick City South: 13th out of 40 town / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

Well over half of the sites surveyed in Limerick City South got the top litter grade – examples included Our Lady of Lourdes National School, the residential area of Ballincurra Gardens and Lidl. These sites were not just good with regard to litter but also presented very well. By far the most heavily littered site was the recycle facility at Crescent Shopping Centre – it had been subjected to dumping.

Childers Road: Grade B. Much of the road was moderately littered, with some parts cleaner than others. However, there was 'chopped up litter' due to grass cutting before the litter was removed. All of the litter was food related e.g. sweet papers, fast-food wrappers, plastic bottles and coffee cups with lower levels of cans.

Portland Park: Grade A. All appeared in good order at Portland Park. There was no visible litter and a clear 'No Dumping' sign beside the gate.

Lidl: Grade A. Lidl was a very freshly presented environment with car park surface area in good order and planted area well maintained. All signage relating to the shop was fresh and clean.

Ballincurra Gardens: Grade A. This is an extensive residential area with many interconnecting roads. The overall impression created was a positive one, with an absence of litter throughout.

Recycle Facility at Crescent Shopping Centre: Grade C. The area to the rear of the recycle bins had trapped litter – sweet papers, cans, plastic bags and plastic bottles, but it was the 'dumping' right in front of the bins which is responsible for bringing down the litter grade. The car park area immediately surrounding the recycle facility was clear of litter.

Limerick Enterprise Development Partnership: Grade A. The overall presentation of this environment was a positive one. It was fresh and generally clear of litter, except for some cigarette butts. The grounds and general environs were very well maintained.

Aldi and Maldon Hotel: Grade A. As Aldi and The Maldron Hotel are right beside each other they were surveyed as one survey site. A positive impression was created in the area surveyed with the grounds in very good order - there was a virtual absence of litter.

Our Lady of Lourdes National School: Grade A. All appeared in very good order at the grounds of the school and freshly cut grasslands. There was a complete absence of litter in the area surveyed – it was immaculate throughout.

Young Munster RFC: Grade A. The grounds appeared clean and very well attended with a caretaker on site at time of litter survey. The entrance area was clear of litter.

Griffith Avenue and Greenmount Avenue: Grade B. There was a definite litter presence in this residential area - all of the litter was food related. There was also, what appeared to be the remnants of an old bonfire or fire.