

An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 2, 2018

Roscommon: Overall 2018 result: Joint 14th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

A big improvement for Roscommon this time out with 90% of sites surveyed getting the top grade – these were not just good with regard to litter but very well presented and maintained. Some of the particularly noteworthy sites included Loughnaneane Park – it was in fantastic condition; St. Ciaran’s Park has seen redevelopment of former derelict houses and this created a very positive impression; the Main Street was excellent with regard to overall presentation, maintenance and litter. Heavily littered Curraghboy Approach Road was the only let down.

R392 Approach Road - Lanesborough: Grade A. The verges along this route were well kept and the grass was particularly clean and tidy. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

St. Ciaran’s Park: Grade A. This residential area has seen some formerly derelict homes redeveloped, creating a much better impression in terms of presentation of the overall environment. The large grass area was clear of litter and the abundance of trees created a lovely autumnal effect.

Pedestrian access to Loughnaneane Park: Grade A. This site got the top litter grade, but only just. It had been subject to alcohol related litter for some time - there was a virtual absence of same this time around. Presentation of this pathway was poor with a couple of broken windows and some graffiti.

Loughnaneane Park: Grade A. The vast expanse of park space and all amenities within were in excellent condition. It is clearly a very well maintained and respected environment and all this just moments from the Main Street. It was spotless throughout.

Derelict site - ‘Sunny Side’ House & adjacent buildings, Castle Street: Grade A. A short series of buildings, some of which were boarded up. Clearly a close eye is kept on this area as there was no litter associated with same.

L1812 Curraghboy Approach Road: Grade C. The road itself presented well but over a very low well there were accumulations of a wide variety of food related litter, car parts and builder’s rubble.

Recycle Bank at Tesco Car Park: Grade A. The overall presentation of this recycle facility was a fresh and clean one. There was plenty of signage relating to usage / No Dumping / Litter Hot Line. The individual units were in good order. There was a virtual absence of litter at this site.

Main Street: Grade A. The Main Street presented very well with plenty of litter bins throughout – it was very good with regard to litter and overall maintenance.

Harrison Centre: Grade A. A small shopping centre, accessed by pedestrians from the Main Street by a narrow pedestrianised alleyway. The overall impression was a positive one with regard to presentation, maintenance and litter. There were at least three closed down units but thankfully there wasn’t any litter associated with them.

N63 Connecting Road to Longford: Grade A. All appeared in good order along this busy road. It was well maintained and virtually free of litter.