

**Ballinasloe: 26<sup>th</sup> out of 40 Towns / Cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

**A good recovery for Ballinasloe having lost its Clean status at the end of 2018. Top ranking sites included all approach roads, the residential area of St. Joseph's Place and Ballinasloe Train Station. Not only were they good with regard to litter but they also presented very well. By far the most heavily littered site was the Main Street – not only were litter levels very high but the overall impression was of a very tired and neglected street. It is rare in IBAL litter surveys to see main streets score so poorly.**

**R446 from Gorbally Roundabout to Spar Shop: Grade A.** Overall, a clean and tidy approach to Ballinasloe with a virtual absence of litter throughout. There was a boarded up cottage which created a poor impression but didn't harbour any litter. Road surface, markings and signage were in very good order.

**Portiuncula University Hospital: Grade B.** 'Welcome' signage indicates 'this is a no smoking campus – butts were not an issue here. Much of the grounds were fine with regard to presentation and litter but it was impossible to ignore the food related litter and blue hospital gloves on the ground beside a picnic table. There was other scattered litter around the grounds.

**Fair Green: Grade B.** The main area of the green presented well with regard to litter but the edge and near the bollards had some cans, plastic bags, plastic bottles and promotional flyers. The remainder of the environment was fine.

**N63 Approach: Grade A.** Road surface, markings and signage were in good order and there were no visible litter issues along this route. Individual properties presented well and pavement / grass areas were in good condition.

**Ballinasloe Train Station: Grade A.** The 'olde' style station buildings were in good order and there was a virtual absence of litter throughout the station. Station platforms were fresh and clean, with some 'tired' looking planter boxes. Car park signage was clear and clean. Overall, this was a top ranking site.

**Town Centre Recycle Facility: Grade B.** The purple clothing units were very fresh in appearance and bottle / can units were good. However, there was a definite litter presence on the ground to the front and rear, as well as items stuffed between the units. The level of litter was such that it could quickly slide to a Grade C status.

**Main Street: Grade C.** The Main Street in Ballinasloe has a general tired and neglected air about it – not to mention a significant level of litter. It is rare enough to see Main Streets with a Grade C status. The public pay phone kiosk was very old and worn, litter bins were very old (some overflowing) and weeds were pronounced. A number of the properties presented poorly.

**Ballinasloe Harbour - Marina: Grade A.** This was a very good site with regard to overall presentation and maintenance and it was excellent with regard to litter, both on land and the water. All elements of the area surveyed were in very good order, bar one sign. Signage relating to 'This Town has CCTV in Operation' was not only worn away but also broken in the top right corner.

**St Joseph's Place: Grade A.** A very clean and tidy residential environment. Grass was neatly cut and the blue planter box was abundant and well maintained.

**M6 Ballinasloe – Athlone Link Road: Grade A.** A very fresh and new looking route which presented very well and was very good with regard to litter.