

AnTaisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 1, 2019

Galvone: 38th out of 40 Towns / Cities surveyed. Littered.

Galvone has benefited from major redevelopment at O'Malley Park since the last survey in 2017. Work is still underway but already there are big changes in the overall presentation and maintenance of this residential area and the dumping problems which had been an issue were no longer. Roxboro Shopping Centre scored well with regard to litter but the Recycle Facility within continues to be a problem – it remains an abused and neglected site. There was no change in the dumping situation at the back of Galvone Industrial Estate. The remainder of the sites in Galvone were moderately littered.

Roxboro Shopping Centre: Grade A. The overall impression at this shopping centre car park was a good one. Car park surface, markings and signage were in good order and there was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Recycle Facility at Roxboro Shopping Centre: Grade C. A poor ranking site in previous surveys and things were no different this time around. Cardboard boxes were abandoned in front of the recycle units, left in their full box state, not even squashed flat. But the real litter issue was to the rear of the bins where dumping had taken place. There were piles and piles of plastic bottles and cans, which could so easily be recycled. A bag of rubbish and suitcase were also present. This site was almost a litter blackspot.

Roxboro Road: Grade B. A wide variety of litter was present along the kerbs e.g. sweet papers, cans, fast-food wrappers and plastic bottles. To the casual observer this would have been a littered road.

Galvone Road: Grade B. This was a moderately littered residential environment. The area outside 'Our lady of Peace Credit Union' had a definite litter presence. There was also some litter on the grasslands, kerbs and pavements.

Childers Road: Grade B. (from Parkway Roundabout to Tipperary Roundabout). The road surface, markings and signage were in good order but this road was let down by a wide variety of litter, especially along the pedestrian pathways.

Galvone Business Park / Enterprise Centre / Industrial Estate: Grade D. On first impression this industrial environment appeared moderately littered. Deeper within the estate there were heavy levels of dumping, some of it directly in front of a gate with G4S (security company) signage. Despite an absence of a year in IBAL litter survey there has been no shift in this situation. As well as some casually discarded litter there was some horse fouling.

O'Malley Park and Environs: Grade B+. There has been and continues to be massive redevelopment at this extensive residential area since the last survey in 2017. The entrance and interconnecting roads were very freshly presented with tree planting a welcome addition. There were still boarded up / burnt out houses within the estate. Dumping problems which had previously been an issue were not a problem this time around. As well as loose litter there was some horse fouling.

Rathbane Cemetery Car Park / Pike Rovers FC / Environs: Grade B. Much of the area surveyed presented well and created a tidy impression. It was let down by a very obvious litter presence in the car park area for the cemetery – it was a corner site and the litter will only deteriorate further if not addressed

Kilmallock Approach Road: Grade B. The overall impression created along this road was a moderately littered one, with a wide variety of food related litter items present. It was particularly pronounced at the base of the shrubbery area, beside the footpath.

Carew and Kincora Estates: Grade B. This was a mixed site in terms of presentation and litter. Some areas were litter free and others were littered. It was noticeable on the grasslands beside 'Star Court'.