

Mahon – Cork City: 36th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

From a relatively low base a number of years ago, Mahon has seen an improvement, but suffers from a lack of litter-free sites. The residential area of Mahon Drive – while not top ranking it was noticeably better than previously. The top ranking sites were Skehard Road, City Gate Business Park and Mahon Point Recycle Facility – the latter was a particularly fresh and well maintained facility. The most seriously littered sites were St. Michael's Cemetery Car Park, the residential area of The Maples and Open Space off Ringmahon Road – the latter wasn't just littered but had an abandoned car.

R852 Link Road: Grade B. (runs from the junction of Mahon Point to Skehard Road). With signage saying 'City Gate' at one building. Some of the built environment was in good order and created a fresh impression. However, there was a definite litter presence along a gap between the footpath and fencing, as well as in the immediate environs of a bus shelter – a wide variety of food related litter items were present with coffee cups the most prevalent.

Mahon Point Recycle Facility: Grade A. A small facility within the car park of Mahon Point – it was a very clean, tidy and fresh environment. The individual recycle units and signage associated with the facility were in good order.

Skehard Road: Grade A. A positive impression was created along this route with road surface / markings / signage in good order and bicycle path freshly presented. It was excellent with regard to litter.

Open Space off Ringmahon Road: Grade C. Open space surrounded by Sean Cronin Park, Ringmahon Road, Aldi and Ballinsheen Crescent. Large rolling urban park, which is generally well maintained. Concentration of a wide variety of litter on walkway and associated verges between Ringmahon Road and Aldi. There was also an abandoned car in the open space. While there was some evidence of maintenance of the area the overall impression was still quite poor.

St. Michael's Cemetery Car Park: Grade C+. There were accumulations of food related litter, mostly sweet papers, with lower levels of cans, coffee cups, plastic bottles and plastic bags in the car park. The empty plastic flower pot didn't add to the environment.

Avenue de Rennes: Grade B. While road sweeping has taken place there was a wide variety of food related items on the footpath and verges. The majority of the commercial premises were clean, Ladbroke's was less so. Plastic ties are an overlooked issue at Avenue de Rennes.

City Gate Business Park: Grade A. An exceptionally freshly presented and maintained business park, enhanced with large planter boxes. Apart from some chewing gum it was completely devoid of all litter. It is often the case that when other litter is present that chewing gum is not so obvious and this is a good example of that situation.

Mahon Drive – Residential: Grade B+. A significantly improved site compared to previous IBAL Anti-Litter surveys over the last number of years. Hopefully this can continue. Street signage was not just illegible but two had half the sign missing.

Lakelands – Derelict Car Park: Grade B+. A notably improved site. All the dumping is cleared and the derelict car park is really as clean as it possible can be. Tiny amounts of small items of litter and cigarette butts, chewing gum, tin foil found in the very uneven road surface.

The Maples – Residential: Grade C. Somewhat improved, but still a significant scattering of litter, predominately empty soft drinks containers and sweet packs all along the road and in grass areas. No dumping here today so this is progress, but from a very low base. Grass area / public area is well maintained.