

## **An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 1, 2020**

**Maynooth: 5<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.**

**Maynooth has scored exceptionally well on its return to the Litter League , with seven out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade and no seriously littered sites. Some examples of top ranking sites included the residential area of Moyglare Abbey and the town centre streets of Mill Street and Leinster Street. The Car Park at Aldi and the Recycle Facility within Aldi were both moderately littered.**

**Kilcock Approach Road: Grade A.** This was an excellent route in to Maynooth, creating a positive first impression – this high standard was sustained for the majority of the remainder of the sites surveyed. Road surface, markings, signage, bicycle path and bollards were all in very good order and grass verges had recently been tended.

**Aldi: Grade B.** (Kilcock Road). The main car park area, trolley bay and entrance to the store were in good order and generally clear of litter. However, the shrubbery / planted areas surrounding the car park harboured litter – this took away from an otherwise well presented environment.

**Recycle Facility at Aldi: Grade B.** As well as the typical signage at a recycle facility there was a sign indicating that '13 Litter fines issued at this site in 2019 so far'. While not subject to the same dumping issues as other recycle facilities there was still a litter presence, mostly behind the units – sweet papers, cans, cardboard box, plastic bottles and a discarded plastic bucket were present.

**Leinster Street: Grade A.** This town centre shopping street presented well with wide paving, bicycle parking, attractive 'olde' style street names, bins etc. all in good order. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout, creating a positive impression.

**Carton Public Park: Grade B+.** (adjacent to Pound Lane) The main grassy area and pathway were good with regard to litter, but the site was somewhat downgraded due to items by the river / stream – mostly fast-food wrappers, cans and sweet wrappers.

**Mill Street: Grade A.** Mill Street scored well with regard to litter and the street bins provided the opportunity for both cigarette butts and chewing gum. The area was well served by litter bins and the restaurants presented well.

**Moyglare Abbey: Grade A.** The residential area of Moyglare Abbey was excellent in terms of presentation and litter. The large grass area was spotless, and the area was much enhanced by tree planting throughout.

**Kildare Co Council Car Park – adjacent to SuperValu on Straffan Road: Grade A.** The road surface, markings and signage were in good condition and the overall impression of the car park was a good one with regard to litter. Care needs to be taken at the Recycle Facility within the car park – items had become lodged at the base / underneath the recycle units.

**Straffan Road: Grade A.** The new road / pavement / bicycle path surface create a very fresh impression along this road – it was spotless throughout.

**M4 Dublin – Maynooth Link Road: Grade A.** The overall Grade for this route was a Grade A with the direction from Maynooth to Dublin cleaner than Dublin to Maynooth - minor litter items, e.g. plastic bottles and cans.