

Ballybeg – Waterford City: 22nd out of 37 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

Ballybeg has lost the clean status which it achieved previously in 2020. There were two litter blackspots which didn't get into this state overnight - Wasteground beside St Saviours GAA (highlighted in previous IBAL surveys) and the area to rear of Ryan's Pub – they weren't just casually littered but subject to heavy dumping. The top-ranking sites were not just good with regard to litter but most of them were very freshly presented and maintained e.g., Ballybeg Playground, Ballybeg Link Road Roundabout to Ballybeg Drive Roundabout, the residential area of Meadowbank and Bring Centre, Tesco, Ballybeg – the latter was in particularly good order for a Bring Centre.

Ballybeg Playground: Grade A. This 'playground' is an open green space, incorporating play equipment, basketball court and wooden sculptures. The whole area was very well presented and maintained. There was a virtual absence of litter, but care needs to be taken that litter doesn't build up around the basketball court.

Boarded up house at Ardmore Terrace: Grade C. Boarded up residence with County Council notice relating to 'no illegal dumping' is being ignored - items included golf bag, clothing, loose litter and pieces of wood.

Ballybeg Close: Grade A. This small residential area was good with regard to litter. Road signage was in good order.

Ballybeg Link Road Roundabout to Ballybeg Drive Roundabout: Grade A. A very freshly presented route which was excellent with regard to litter. The grass, road surface, markings and signage were in very good order.

Meadowbank: Grade A. All aspects of this residential area were in very good order and there was a virtual absence of litter throughout. The grass areas and interconnecting roads were well presented and maintained. This was a very freshly presented environment.

St Saviours National School: Grade A. All appeared in good order within the grounds of St. Saviours and there were no litter issues directly outside.

Bring Centre, Tesco, Ballybeg: Grade A. A freshly presented 'Bring' facility with none of the units overflowing or items discarded at the base / to the rear, as so often happens at such facilities. All aspects of the facility were in very good order e.g., the units / signage and immediate environs.

Wasteground beside St Saviours GAA: Grade D. A 'long-lie' dumping problem exists here, noted in many previous IBAL surveys - not so much casual litter but larger items, including builders' rubble.

Priory Lawn: Grade B+. The main interconnecting roadways and grass areas were good with regard to litter but there were a couple of corner areas which had miscellaneous items - care needs to be taken to ensure that this doesn't build up.

Area to rear of Ryan's Pub: Grade D. The front of Ryan's has featured poorly in previous IBAL Surveys - this time around it was fine but the area to the rear was in a very poor state - site had application for planning permission and in the interim, the area has been used as a dumping ground for large items e.g., bicycle, chair, rolled up furnishings / bags of domestic rubbish and other large miscellaneous items. The area is accessible to the public on the way in to Ballybeg Business Park. The blocking of access could make a difference here.