

**Castlebar: 12<sup>th</sup> out of 37 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

**A good result but a slight slip in cleanliness in Castlebar, with a number of heavily littered sites to blame. The two offending sites were N5 Business Park (communal areas need attention due to the heavy accumulations in the low-lying shrubbery) and the Main Street – the latter was let down not just by litter on the street but also the significant litter behind the railings of the former premises for hair / beauty supplies. Residential areas of The Cedars and Breaffy Court were both not just very good with regard to litter very freshly presented and maintained. Some sites within Castlebar just missed getting the top litter grade e.g., St. Brid's Primary School and the N5 Dublin Approach and N84 Galway / Ballinrobe Approach**

**Roscommon Approach Road: Grade A.** A pleasant approach to Castlebar with properties, verges, paving and planting in very good order. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

**Main Street: Grade C.** Much of the streetscape was freshly presented, with paving, seating, ornamental trees (with colourful planting at the base) in good order. Many of the properties were freshly presented, but not all. Heavy accumulations of a wide variety of litter had gathered behind the blue gate of the closed down hair and beauty supplies.

**N5 Dublin Approach Road: Grade B+.** Overall, this was quite a clean route into Castlebar but there were simply too many plastic bottles, coffee cups and cans to get the top litter grade.

**N5 Business Park: Grade C.** Signage at the entrance to the business park was very fresh. While the individual premises were generally well presented and maintained, it was the communal areas which were responsible for the poor litter grade. The shrubbery areas had accumulations of 'long-lie' litter, indicating a lack of thorough cleaning for quite some time. As well as heavy levels of food related items there was industrial plastic wrapping, cardboard boxes and other miscellaneous items.

**Breaffy Court: Grade A.** The residential area of Breaffy Court was exceptionally freshly presented and maintained. There was a complete absence of litter throughout. A commendable site.

**N84 Galway / Ballinrobe Approach: Grade B+.** The main litter items along this road were plastic bags, sweet papers and cans. Road surface, markings and signage were in good order. With a little extra effort this could be a top ranking site.

**The Cedars: Grade A.** All aspects of this residential area were in very good order – it was excellent with regard to litter.

**St. Brid's Primary School: Grade B+.** Litter in the shrubbery inside the low wall took away from an otherwise very well tended site.

**Castlebar Celtic FC: Grade A.** There were no litter issues of note at this facility. Grounds were well maintained.

**Linenhall Street: Grade A.** A simple solution for the separation of waste exits on Linenhall Street - two litter bins were positioned right beside each other, almost identical, but a small, coloured symbol on one of them indicates that it is for recyclable items. The properties were well presented, and the overall impression was a good one with regard to litter.