

Monaghan: 27th out of 37 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

Monaghan is among the many towns to have slipped somewhat since the previous survey. Top-ranking sites included the residential area of Manorwood, Milltown Business Park, Church Square and 'The Diamond' – the latter was excellent in terms of overall presentation. The Diamond Centre remains a heavily littered site. There were heavy levels of dumping at Recycle / Clothing banks at Long Stay Car Park on Broad Road; and a grass area beside Applegreen presented very poorly – it had significant accumulations of a wide variety of food related litter.

Manorwood: Grade A. An immaculate residential area. It was not just very clean with regard to litter but freshly presented and maintained – a credit to the residents.

Recycle / Clothing banks at Long Stay Car Park on Broad Road: Grade D. A poor ranking site in previous IBAL surveys, things were even worse this time around. It wasn't just casually littered but subject to very high levels of dumping, particularly to the rear of the units – not just recyclable items. Clothing was spilling out of the orange clothing unit.

Long Term Car Park on Broad Road: Grade B. The level of litter was such that it was almost a Grade C status. Litter was particularly obvious at the car park perimeter next to the pay stations and bins at the perimeter fences. All the litter was food related. The car park surface was uneven / potholed in places. The overall impression around the perimeter was quite a poor one.

N2 From Corlat Roundabout to Dublin Road: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this route into Monaghan. Road surface, markings and signage were in good order and grasslands / floral displays presented well.

Church Square: Grade A. This town centre shopping environment presented very well with lovely paving and planting. It was very good with regard to litter.

The Diamond: Grade A. The high standards of previous IBAL surveys have been maintained at this beautifully presented town centre environment. Paving, planting, seating, street bins, ornamental trees, historical information notices etc. were all in excellent condition. It was excellent with regard to litter.

The Diamond Centre: Grade C. There was little change at this site which has persistently been a seriously littered one. The difference between this and 'The Diamond' is stark. Heavy levels of fast-food wrappers, cigarette butts and sweet papers with lower levels of cans and plastic bottles prevailed.

Milltown Business Park: Grade A. The signage at the entrance to the business park was in very good condition and the planted areas were well maintained. An excellent impression was created at this business park.

N54 Cavan Road: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this road – road surface, markings and signage were in good order. Grass verges and hedges were well maintained.

Miscellaneous Site beside Applegreen Petrol Station: Grade D. There were heavy levels of a wide variety of food related litter on the grass. The area looked like it lacked a thorough cleaning for quite some time.