

## An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 2, 2020

**Roscommon: 20<sup>th</sup> out of 37 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.**

Two litter blackspots have contributed to Roscommon losing its clean status and dropping from its high ranking in previous surveys. The Recycle Facility has been highlighted before, but it was particularly poor this time around. The other poor site was the laneway off Main Street – ‘long-lie’ litter indicated a lack of thorough cleaning for quite some time. Loughnaneane Park and Hawthorn Drive were both excellent, not just with regard to litter but also the way in which they have been presented and maintained.

**N61 From speed limit signs to Ardsallagh Roundabout: Grade B+.** On the whole, this was a well presented route with road surface and markings in good order and freshly cut grass verges. Much of it was good with regard to litter but some isolated areas prevented the top litter grade being awarded.

**Side Lane off Main Street: Grade D.** (leading to the Matrix Gym / Boyle Sports and Zion Family Christian Church). There was persistent litter, with accumulations in places, along this narrow laneway. It was a mix of recent and ‘long-lie’, the latter indicating a lack of thorough cleaning for quite some time.

**Bring Facility at Tesco: Grade D.** Huge volumes of bottles and other recyclable items had been left at the base of the full / overflowing units. This is despite the ‘*movement activated recording*’ asking to refrain from doing so. The area to the rear of the units also presented poorly, with a build up of other miscellaneous items.

**Loughnaneane Park: Grade A.** A wonderful parkland environment which a variety of features including pond and playground. The whole area has been very well presented and maintained with all aspects in very good condition e.g., seating, playground equipment, litter bins, life-belt equipment, signage etc. It was excellent with regard to litter.

**Roscommon Railway Station: Grade A.** A clean and tidy environment with no notable litter issues, bar some chewing gum at the base of the litter bins.

**Circle K Complex on Ardsallagh More Roundabout: Grade B+.** There are a variety of eating options with outdoor seating, at this facility. With a little extra care on behalf of smokers and chewing gum users, this could be a top-ranking site. Older litter was seen at the rear of the complex.

**Hawthorn Drive: Grade A.** An exceptionally freshly presented and maintained residential area – all aspects within were in very good order. Colourful planting on the grass looked very well. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

**Main Street: Grade B.** The paving looked well and area at obelisk was attractively laid out. Cigarette butts and chewing gum were the most obvious litter items, with lower levels of dog fouling, sweet papers, fast-food wrappers and glass bottles. Some of these had been deposited in the planter boxes / ornamental trees.

**Brogan’s Lane: Grade B.** As well as casually discarded food related litter there was some industrial wrapping. The seating and street bin were in good condition.

**Goff Street: Grade A.** There were no litter issues of note along Goff Street. Large planter boxes are a lovely feature.