

## **An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 2, 2018**

**Letterkenny: Overall 2018 result: Joint 14<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

Over the past two years Letterkenny has established its position as a consistently Clean town. It scored very well this time out, with over half of the sites surveyed getting the top litter grade and no seriously littered sites. Top ranking sites included Ballymacool Park (an excellent park site with regard to presentation and litter) and both the residential areas of West Hill and Ballymacool. Any of the sites which were littered could be easily addressed as litter tended to be in very specific and identifiable locations within the survey site.

**N56 Approach (from Polestar Roundabout to Dry Arch): Grade A.** The overall presentation of this road was a positive one, with individual properties in good condition. There was a vacant site and this too was virtually litter free.

**Recycle Facility at Public Services Centre: Grade B+.** With a little extra effort this could easily be a top ranking site. It was generally well maintained with the bins in good condition.

**L5944 Approach, Kirkstown: Grade A.** This small, narrow road was good with regard to litter, only some minor items.

**Ballymacool Park: Grade A.** Ballymacool Park was an excellent site. The park has been attractively laid out with open grass areas, paved path, play areas, toilets etc. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good condition and it was pristine throughout.

**Ballymacool: Grade A.** This residential area scored well. Grass area, mature trees etc. were in very good condition.

**Aura Leisure Centre: Grade B+.** Much of Aura Leisure Centre was well presented and maintained e.g. children's playground, large parking area and recycle bank. Food related litter in the shrubbery took away from an otherwise very good site. Not much effort is required for this site to get the top litter grade.

**West Hill: Grade A.** The overall impression of this area was of a very well cared for residential environment. There was no visible litter.

**Letterkenny Retail Park: Grade B.** The presentation of this retail environment was a good one and the overall impression was fresh. It was let down by some sweet papers, plastic bottles, coffee cups and drinks cartons near the Lidl shop. The remainder of the site was very good with regard to litter.

**Oliver Plunkett Street: Grade A.** This was an excellent site with regard to litter. The vacant property 'Piano' was quite run down looking, creating a poor impression. The remainder of the street was in good order.

**N13 + N15 Letterkenny to Sligo Link Road: Grade B.** There was scattered, mostly food related, litter along this route. It was spread evenly between the three council areas. It was most obvious in the lay-by areas. As well as the food related litter there was some plastic wrapping, cardboard and broken polystyrene.