

An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 1, 2018

Waterford City - Ballybeg: 21st out of 40 towns / cities. Clean to European Norms.

Of all the city areas surveyed by IBAL Ballybeg was again among the best. Many of the residential areas scored well with regard to litter and general presentation e.g. Meadowbank, Priory Lawn and Glencara. Other top ranking sites included Ballybeg Community Development Project and St. Saviours GAA Club. There were two heavily littered sites, both of which appeared not just littered but neglected – derelict allotments beside the Community Centre have been used for dumping carpets and car items. Green Lane wasn't just casually littered but shrubbery area harboured broken toys and household items. Both heavily littered sites were somewhat hidden away and as a result of this probably more prone to dumping behaviour.

Meadowbank: Grade A. The individual gardens and large grassy area were in good condition – there was a virtual absence of litter in the area surveyed.

Clonard Park: Grade B. Much of this residential area presented well with regard to litter and with a little extra effort it could be a top ranking site. Cans and plastic bottles were the most prevalent items of litter, with lower levels of sweet papers and fast-food wrappers. The lawns were neatly cut and the overall appearance was a fresh one.

St. Saviours National School: Grade A. The grounds of the school appeared fresh and well maintained. There was a virtual absence of litter to be seen.

Ballybeg Community Development Project: Grade A. This development incorporates, amongst other, a crèche, garden centre and education project. Low lying planting, car park and built environment were in good order and there was no visible litter.

Miscellaneous site beside Community Centre– derelict allotments: Grade C. The area surveyed was beside the Community Centre and appears to have been used as a dumping ground. It was possible to see discarded carpets and car items behind the railings. Due to the fence and raised earth this area could easily be missed by the general public. It is only going to deteriorate even further if not addressed.

Green Lane: Grade C. There was a very clear and clean 'No Illegal Dumping' sign, accompanied by an illustration on littering and CCTV notice. Yet, there was very much evidence of same in the shrubbery area – broken toys and household structures.

Priory Lawn: Grade B. A variety of litter items were to be seen in this residential area – coffee cups, plastic bottles, cans and sweet papers. Most of the litter lay on the grass area, beside some bollards with a parking area.

St. Saviour's GAA Club: Grade A. The car park surface / markings created a very fresh appearance within the grounds and signage associated with the club were in very good order. There was a complete absence of litter in the area surveyed.

Glencara: Grade A. This residential area was greatly enhanced by large trees and planting. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good condition and clear of litter.

Tesco: Grade A. A very fresh and clean site. The large car park had good road surface / markings / signage. The trolley bays, bollards and paving were in excellent condition. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

Musgrave Business Park: Grade A. This business park presented very well with paving, planting, low-lying shrubbery, car park surface etc. all in excellent condition. It was spotless throughout.