

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

Fermoy: Overall 2018 ranking: 1st out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms

Fermoy exceeded its usual high standards of cleanliness throughout 2018. It was notable at many of the sites that great care has been taken not just with regard to litter but also overall presentation e.g. plenty of planting throughout. Some of the particularly good top ranking sites included Patrick Street and all of the residential areas surveyed (Coolmona, Richmond Hill and Devlin Street). Fermoy AFC was also a top ranking site and care has been taken with the presentation of the environment as well as being excellent with regard to litter.

R639 Dublin Road: Grade A. This road provided an excellent introduction to Fermoy - it was litter free throughout with some nice autumnal colours at the edge of the town.

Coolmona: Grade B+. The overall presentation of this residential area was a good one with a great sense of trees, greenery and space throughout. However, there is a small amount of well scattered litter – mostly sweet papers and plastic bags. With a little extra effort this could easily be a top ranking site. There was a large Dog Fouling Notice attached to a low wall.

N72 Courthouse Road: Grade A. The road surface, signage and markings were in very good order along the N72 road. Closer to the town there was substantial colourful planting, creating a welcoming effect. This was a top ranking site throughout.

Recycle Facility at Cork County Council Mart Car Park: Grade B. A notice re CCTV usage to detect fly tipping and rubbish dumping was located on a wall, some distance from the actual recycle units. The clothing and bottle / can units were in good condition while the car park itself was less well maintained with heavy weed growth and uneven car park surface, resulting in large puddles. A paper bag was stuffed between some units with other loose items and a mattress.

Patrick Street: Grade A. The overall appearance of Patrick Street was a very fresh and clean one. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order e.g. plant boxes, ornamental trees, signage, road surface and pavement – the latter creates a very positive impression.

Richmond Hill: Grade A. This residential road is located on a hill, with little greenery but some residents have taken great care to provide same e.g. No. 1 deserves a special mention for the beautiful display of dahlias. Railings, pathway, seating etc. were all in very good order. There was a complete absence of litter along Richmond Hill.

College Road: Grade A. A very good road with regard to litter. The large green space, (pitches and Health Campus) managed by St. Colman's College was in exceptionally good order.

Devlin Street: Grade A. The communal grass area was clear of litter, as was the main thoroughfare. A corner seating area was in good condition. Signage relating to 'Green Dog Walkers – Any Bag, Any Bin'.

Fermoy AFC: Grade A. The road leading to Fermoy AFC was lined on the right hand side with some lovely trees and at the entrance gate there was some colourful plant pots. All appeared in good order within the grounds with regard to litter.

M8 Fermoy – Cork Link Road: Grade B (from J15 – J18). Very clean leaving Fermoy entering the M8 @ J15. Small amounts of litter scattered here and there with more obvious amounts on the left hand side approaching Cork. The motorway maintenance was excellent. A variety of food related litter was present.