

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

**Maynooth: Overall 2018 result: 25<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

**Congratulations to Maynooth on reclaiming its Clean status after slipping earlier in the year. Over half of the sites surveyed in the town got the top litter grade and the remainder were moderately littered (i.e. no seriously littered sites). Top ranking sites included Maynooth Train Station, St. Mary's Primary School, Maynooth University and Main Street – the latter was much improved on IBAL Survey 1, 2018. There was an interesting sign at the Recycle Facility at Aldi '2 Litter Fines issued at this site in 2018 so far'.**

**Approach from Kilcock: Grade A.** This road presented very well and created a positive first impression of Maynooth. There was no visible litter.

**Main Street: Grade A.** The main street in Maynooth was excellent with regard to litter and particularly improved on IBAL Survey 1, 2018. It was the cleanest it has been in a number of years and it was particularly impressive that there were no cigarette butts at the base of the ornamental trees.

**Maynooth University – North Campus: Grade A.** Development continues apace but this didn't impact in any negative way on the litter situation. Paving, planting, signage and general maintenance was excellent. Despite plenty of activity and cafes there was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed. The Green Campus Flag flies proudly and is certainly well deserved in terms of lack of litter.

**Maynooth Train Station: Grade A.** Maynooth Train Station was very good with regard to overall presentation and litter. It was spotless throughout. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order e.g. bins, pathways, signage, railings etc.

**St. Mary's Primary School: Grade A.** All appeared in good order at the grounds of St. Mary's Primary School – there was no visible litter.

**Celbridge / Saggart Approach Road: Grade A.** The stretch of this road that passes through a residential area presented particularly well. Wooden bollards, blue bin, pathway and substantial tree planting were in very good order – an excellent site with regard to litter.

**Maynooth Harbour: Grade B.** The overall presentation of this environment was good with signage, pathway, low brick wall, bins, street lamps and railings in very good order. The main litter items were sweet papers and fast-food wrappers with lower levels of cans, plastic bottles and coffee cups.

**Recycle Facility at Aldi: Grade B.** An interesting sign at this recycle facility '2 Litter Fines issued at this site in 2018 so far'. There was loose litter in the planted area directly behind this sign and on the ground in front of the bins. The bins were generally in good order.

**Aldi: Grade B.** This site was well presented with planted areas, paving, car park surface in good order but it was let down by cans, plastic bags and sweet papers. With a little extra care and attention it could be a top ranking site.

**N4 Dublin – Maynooth Link Road: Grade B.** A moderately littered route with all of the litter food related e.g. coffee cups, plastic bottles, fast-food wrappers and sweet papers.