

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

Naas: Overall 2018 result: 4th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

This excellent result mirrors that of earlier in 2018 , with 80% of sites surveyed getting the top litter grade. Some examples of these included the Main Street, Tesco Metro, St. Corban's Primary School and the People's Park – these areas presented well and are clearly well respected by the users of same.

The Sycamores: Grade A. The presentation of this residential environment was excellent. It was lovely and leafy, with a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

Main Street: Grade A. The main street in Naas was a very good site in terms of streetscape and overall presentation. Many of the individual shop fronts were in 'olde' style and the fine Town Hall building looked very well. Despite plenty of activity, in terms of traffic and pedestrians it has scored well with regard to litter.

Tesco Metro: Grade A. The bins, bollards and overall impression at this Tesco Metro was of a freshly presented environment. All was in good order with regard to litter.

People's Park: Grade A. The large expanse of greenery was in very good order. Pathways were clear of litter and the overall impression was of a clean and tidy environment.

Recycle Facility: Grade A. (opposite the park). A fresh and clean recycle bank – bins and signage associated with use of same were in good order.

St. Corban's Primary School: Grade A. All aspects of the area surveyed were in good order. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

Naas Christian Brothers Secondary School: Grade B. Sweet papers, fast—food wrappers were the most prevalent litter types with lower levels of plastic bottles. With a little extra effort this could easily be a top ranking site.

Sallins Approach Road: Grade A. A clean and well presented route, creating a positive first impression of Naas. Substantial and mature planting was very much a feature.

Blessington Approach Road: Grade A. The road surface, signage and markings, along with bollards and low wall were in very good condition. There was no visible litter along the area surveyed.

M7 Portlaoise Link Road: Grade B. A moderately littered site with the stretch outside Naas quite noticeable.