

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

Sligo: Overall 2018 result: 6th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

This was a breakthrough year for Sligo as it entered the upper echelons of the IBAL League – a great achievement. All of the approach roads surveyed presented well, creating a very positive first impression of the town. This high standard was sustained for many other sites surveyed and there were no seriously littered sites. Other top ranking sites included the residential area of Avondale, the Recycle Facility behind the Model Arts Centre (Niland) and the public park at Ballytivnin Park.

Caltragh Approach Road: Grade A. (from Caltragh Roundabout at exit of N4 to Crozon Roundabout). The overall impression created along this road was a very positive one. It was very clean and tidy with the grass on both roundabouts cut and well maintained. There was no visible litter throughout.

Crozon Crescent & Crozon Park: Grade B. Some parts of this large residential area were surveyed as follows: Crozon Crescent 12-35 & 36-42 and Crozon Park 1-11. Most of the area was fine with regard to litter but there was a definite presence in the shrubbery and kerbside between numbers 12-35 – plastic bottles, cans, sweet papers and glass bottles were present.

Hawkswell Theatre: Grade B+. Overall, this amenity was fairly well kept with regard to presentation and maintenance. The most pronounced litter item was cigarette butts (surveyor observed smokers discarding their butts on the ground) with lower levels of chewing gum, glass bottles and plastic bottles.

Ballytivnin Approach Road: Grade A. A very clean, tidy and well maintained approach to Sligo town. It was excellent with regard to litter. A derelict site was run down looking but it didn't impact in any negative way on the litter situation.

Avondale: Grade A. The overall impression created at this residential area was a very positive one. It is attractively laid out with communal grass areas, all in very good order. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Ballytivnin Park: Grade A. This public park area was clean and well cared for. The facilities within were in good condition e.g. children's playground, park benches, picnic tables etc. It was spotless throughout.

Recycle Facility at Car Park behind Model Arts Centre (Niland): Grade A. The overall presentation of this facility was a good one with the recycle bins clean and fresh. There was a virtual absence of litter.

Grattan Street: Grade A. The majority of the properties along this shopping street were in good order. A couple of vacant ones had notices saying 'Cleaned by Sligo Tidy Towns Committee'. One of the empty buildings looked quite run down. Apart from old chewing gum and cigarette butts, the street scored well with regard to litter.

Car Park at Retail Centre, off Wine Street: Grade B. There was a definite litter presence at this shopping environment. As well as a variety of food related litter items there was an umbrella, advertising poster and cigarette related litter. The litter took away from what was otherwise a well presented environment.

N4 – N17 – N5 Sligo – Castlebar Connecting Road: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along the entire length of this route.