

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

**Ballybeg: Overall 2018 result: 29<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

**With well over half of the sites surveyed getting the top litter grade, Ballybeg is again among the best performing inner city areas in the IBAL League. However a number of very poor sites almost lost its Clean status this time round. Top ranking sites included Tesco (excellent in terms of presentation and maintenance), Ballybeg Community Centre, residential areas of Priory Lawn and Ballybeg Park. By far the worst sites surveyed were the site of the 'Former' allotments beside the Community Centre – this wasn't just casually littered but subject to dumping; the Common Area near GAA was also in a very poor state and subject to dumping.**

**Tesco: Grade A.** This was an excellent site in terms of presentation and litter. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

**Ballybeg Park / Close: Grade A.** There were no litter issues to report at this residential environment. The grass area was in good order.

**Ballybeg Square: Grade A.** This site got the top litter grade, but only just. The general impression was a tidy one, with a virtual absence of litter throughout.

**St. Saviour's GAA Club: Grade A.** The overall presentation of this environment was excellent. The area directly outside and the area visible throughout the railings was clear of litter – a very well respected and maintained facility.

**Common area near GAA Club: Grade D.** It wasn't so much that this area was littered but subject to dumping. Items included wooden planks, domestic rubbish (in bags and out of bags), a pile of sawdust and clippings.

**Priory Lawn: Grade A.** Overall, this residential area was a good one in terms of presentation and maintenance with individual garden areas in good order. There was a virtual absence of litter in Priory Lawn.

**No 119 Priory Lawn – Derelict House: Grade A.** Despite this house falling into a state of abandonment over a considerable length of time, it wasn't a littered one. Clearly a careful eye is kept on it.

**Ballybeg Community Centre: Grade A.** This was a clear and tidy environment. The road surface within seemed uneven as large puddles were evident.

**Former Allotments beside Community Centre: Grade D.** There has been a deterioration at this site since IBAL Survey 1, 2018. Large items have been dumped e.g. carpeting, planting and domestic rubbish. It will only continue to deteriorate if not addressed.