

## AnTaisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 1, 2019

**Cavan: 27<sup>th</sup> out of 40 Towns / Cities surveyed.**

Cavan is again clean, but it is disappointing that it has not got closer to “Cleaner than European norms” status. Cathedral and St. Felim’s Boys’ National School were among the top ranking sites surveyed. Not only were they very good with regard to litter but they were very well presented and maintained. The Bring Centre at Tesco Car Park has been a poor site in previous surveys and this time the situation had almost worsened – the area to the rear had been used as a dumping ground. A derelict site ‘Rear of Whitestar / Sinatra’s Restaurant’ has fallen into a poor state of repair with paint / plasterwork falling to the ground – the area immediately surrounding it was also heavily littered.

**Church Street: Grade B+.** With a little extra care and attention this could easily be a top ranking site. The street bins, flower pots, bollards, paving etc. were in good condition. Cigarette butts and chewing gum were pronounced with lower levels of food related litter.

**Cavan Bus Station – Interior: Grade A.** A fresh and clean environment – there was a virtual absence of litter. Seating, signage, bin etc. were in very good condition.

**Cavan Bus Station – Exterior: Grade B+.** Sweet papers and fast-food wrappers and heavier levels of cigarette butts and chewing gum were present outside Cavan Bus Station. This was particularly obvious near the seating and at the base of the drainpipe.

**St. Felim’s Boys National School: Grade A.** The grounds of the school were well presented and maintained – there was a complete absence of litter, despite large numbers of boys having recently left the grounds.

**R212 Approach: Grade A.** By and large this route into Cavan was clear of litter, creating a positive first impression of the town. The overall presentation was a good one, with a virtual absence of litter.

**Bring Centre – Tesco Car Park: Grade D.** Signage relating to the use of the facility was clear and clean. And here ends the words clear and clean when referring to this facility. Apart from the items stuffed between and beneath the units, the area to the rear was used as a dumping ground. This facility has been highlighted in many previous IBAL Surveys.

**Rear of Whitestar / Sinatra’s Restaurant – derelict site: Grade C.** This site creates a very poor impression with peeling paint / plasterwork, much of which has fallen to the ground. There was also some litter in the immediate vicinity. Where does responsibility for this site lie?

**Cavan Cathedral: Grade A.** The extensive grounds and immediate environs of the Cathedral were in excellent order – there was a complete absence of litter throughout.

**R212 Ballyhaise Approach Road: Grade A.** This route was well paved and tarmacked. The overall impression was a positive one with regard to presentation and litter.

**N3 / N54 Monaghan Link Road: Grade A.** The road surface, signage and markings were excellent along this road. There was no visible litter.