

Sligo: 20th out of 40 Towns / Cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms

Sligo failed to match last year's stellar performance but was clean. It was let down by the Train Station and Bus Station – both presented poorly and were heavily littered. Seven out of the ten sites surveyed in Sligo town got the top litter grade – examples included the residential areas of Springhill Court and Treacy Avenue. Quayside Shopping Centre was excellent in terms of presentation and litter.

Maugheraboy Approach Road: Grade A. A very clean and fresh approach to the town. It was characterised by pleasant planting. Road, pavements and properties were all very well tended. There was one empty property in need of attention but it didn't impact in any negative way on the litter situation.

Springhill Court – Residential: Grade A. This quite large development was in very good order with the houses and communal areas all well cared for and clean and tidy. The chalk drawing on the pavement will wash away when rain comes.

Kingsbridge Hospital Grounds: Grade A. Overall, the grounds of this hospital were clean and tidy. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Treacy Avenue – nos 60 -106: Grade A. The individual properties and all communal areas of this residential area were clean, tidy and well maintained. Nice open grass areas. A few small weeds here and there and virtually no litter in sight.

Sligo Rovers Football Club: Grade A. All appeared in good order at Sligo Rovers Football Club. Apart from some small graffiti scribble on a few poles / railings, the entire area visible from the road was in an excellent state fresh and clean.

Sligo Train Station: Grade C. There was a very definite drop in the overall presentation and maintenance of the train station compared to previous IBAL litter surveys. This time around the overall impression was one of neglect. The planted areas were overgrown and neglected and the the impression was of a heavily littered environment. The inside areas were spotless.

Sligo Bus Station: Grade C. The main area in front of the building was relatively clean. However, the main outside areas were not only heavily littered but also neglected e.g. tourist notice board was both dirty and almost overgrown with ivy. A rear entrance also presented poorly in terms of litter. Cigarette butts were very pronounced close to where people clearly congregate to smoke. The bus station was somewhat run down.

Quayside Shopping Centre: Grade A. A clean, tidy and fresh centre with a welcoming air. All elements in very good condition. Lots of open communal areas and all individual units well maintained. This was an excellent site throughout.

R286 Hazelwood Road: Grade A. A clean and tidy, welcoming area to the town. This route passes through a peaceful residential roadway with pleasant well cared for properties.

N59 Sligo – Ballina Connecting Road: Grade B. Overall, the road was pretty litter free with two exceptions. Most particularly, the stretch of N4 outside Sligo had a number of lengths of plastic wrapping strewn along the verges. Closer to Ballina the road had a number of scattered pieces of litter on the verges. Otherwise for the majority of the route it was clear and litter free.