

Ballinasloe: 26th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

It is encouraging to see Ballinasloe retain its 'Clean' designation this time round. Top ranking sites included the residential area of St. Grellan's Terrace / St. Anne's Park (clean, tidy and well presented), Ballinasloe GAA Club and the grounds of the Church of Ireland (significantly improved on the previous survey). Unusually for a town in the IBAL League, the Main Street was again heavily littered, as was the Car Park at the Hospital.

R446 approach from Garbally Road Roundabout to Hospital Grounds: Grade B. Generally the main stretch of the road into town was clean and tidy, with the properties on both sides in very good order. Two boarded up sites presented poorly, with litter stuck into recesses in wall. Also, a decommissioned old style letter box was stuffed with a variety of food related litter. Apart from these isolated areas this road was a good one.

Portiuncula Hospital: Grade A. The main entrance and picnic table area were nicely maintained with a virtual absence of litter. Attractive planting and the remainder of the grounds were in good order.

Car Park at Hospital: Grade C. This area, distinct from the hospital grounds, was heavily littered with a very noticeable litter presence. The newly planted shrubbery, was considerably littered along its length and on the opposite side the entire area running the length of the car park was showing dense littering of cigarette butts and other litter.

Ballinasloe GAA Club: Grade A. The main building and immediate environs were very freshly presented. The remainder of the grounds was virtually litter free, with all elements e.g. signage, railings etc. in good order.

Main Street: Grade C+. Some of the street has been re-surfaced and this stretch definitely presented a much fresher, cleaner appearance than the older surface. The opposite side of the street had moderate litter levels along the pavement and there were notable accumulations of litter underneath railings various spots.

St. Grellan's Terrace / St. Anne's Park: Grade A. A small residential development of semi-detached houses and cottages - with well maintained open communal areas of grass / shrubs. Individual properties were generally well maintained. The overall impression was a clean and tidy one.

Scoil an Croi Naoifa: Grade A. The grounds of this school were very well tended and the grass, shrubbery and planted areas were attractively presented and cared for. It was excellent with regard to litter.

The Fair Green: Grade B. A large number of 'barrel bins' were placed around the green at very regular intervals and yet the area was moderately littered - mostly coffee cups, plastic bottles, sweet papers and fast-food wrappers – much of the litter was around the perimeter fencing.

Church of Ireland grounds: Grade A. A very good site in terms of presentation and litter – vastly improved on previous IBAL litter survey. An adjacent area still has a run-down appearance but there was no litter impacting on the grounds of the Church.

R348 Society Street Approach: Grade B. (from Sarsfield Road in to junction with Main Street) The outer stretch of this road was clean and litter free - however the end closest to the town centre had litter in evidence e.g. cigarette cartons, coffee cups, fast-food wrappers and sweet papers. Some lovely old premises, very well maintained and in excellent order. The pavement was uneven in places.

M6 Connecting Road to Galway City: Grade A. This road was very clean and tidy with virtually no litter in evidence. One plastic bottle and some plastic wrap all that was to be seen.