

Ballybane – Galway City: 28th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

After an improvement earlier in 2019, this area has slipped back somewhat, losing its 'clean' status. The top ranking sites were Ballybane Road, Ballybane Shopping Centre, Old Ballybrit Road / R339 Junction and the Library. By far the most heavily littered site was Ballybane Village – heavy levels of all manner of litter were persistent throughout. The residential area of Rocklands Avenue / Lios na Run was moderately littered but care needs to be taken especially the area at the base of the 'No Dumping' sign, positioned very high on a lamp-post – this area presents poorly.

Ballybane Road: Grade A. (from Old Ballybrit Road to Skerrit Roundabout). Overall, this road created a very good impression with just minor litter. There were plenty of bins at the numerous bus stops and the grass verges had been recently tended.

Glasán – Student Accommodation: Grade B+. The presentation of this student accommodation was excellent e.g. paving, tree planting, shrubbery, etc. but what primarily brought down the litter grade was the loose litter at the base of the large wheelie bins, in a few different locations. This took away from an otherwise very good site.

Ballybane Shopping Centre: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter at this shopping centre. The overall impression was generally a clean and tidy one, well served by litter bins.

Ballybane Village: Grade C. This area was poor with regard to litter and overall presentation e.g. double yellow lines were worn away / wearing away; a black planter box was very old and paint peeled away. Litter levels were very high with heavy levels of all manner of litter strewn about.

Castlepark Road: Grade B. There was litter on the kerbs throughout - the main litter items were cans, sweet papers, plastic bottles and coffee cups. The grass verges had been tended to relatively recently.

Old Ballybrit Road and R339 Junction: Grade A. Other than some cigarette butts at the junction this was very good with regard to litter.

Rocklands Avenue and Lios na Run (15-35): Grade B. There was a definite litter presence at this residential area with a wide variety of food related items throughout. It was persistent. The area at the base of a 'No Dumping' sign presented poorly

Ballybane Recycle Centre: Grade B. (Galway City Council signage at the site) On first impression this facility looked clean and tidy with just a minor amount of litter between the bins. However, the presence of bags to the side brings down the overall grade.

Ballybane Library: Grade A. The built environment of Ballybane Library and immediate environs was a fresh one. Paving and car park area were excellent with regard to litter.

Castlepark – Residential: Grade B. Broken bottles on the pavement on the entrance to the site. Litter in places on the kerbs at various streets throughout.