

Galvone – Limerick City South: 37th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Littered.

We continue to see gradual improvement in Galvone generally. Galvone Road was much improved on previous IBAL litter surveys. The residential area of O'Malley Park continues to be re-developed – it was problematic with regard to litter in previous litter surveys, this time it was somewhat improved, but still littered. Kennedy Park – large expansive grass area was well presented and maintained and very good with regard to litter. Galvone Business Park / Industrial Estate was deemed a litter blackspot due to the dumping at the end of the estate - it was in a shocking state, and this has been highlighted before. Where does responsibility for this area lie as the remainder of the estate was generally good with regard to litter? Recycle Facility at Roxboro Shopping Centre was also a very poor site – again, no stranger to this very poor ranking. It wasn't just casually littered, but subject to dumping.

Bawnmore Road: Grade B. There was a definite litter presence along the kerbs and against the walls of this residential area – examples included cigarette butts, plastic bottles, cans and sweet papers.

Childers Road: Grade A. The overall impression along this road was a positive one with a virtual absence of litter. The road surface and markings were in very good order, creating a fresh impression and the hedges / grasslands had been recently tended.

Galvone Business Park / Industrial Estate: Grade D. The main thoroughfare of the business park was generally fine with regard to litter but the area at the very end was in a terrible state – it has been used as a dumping ground. It was in a shocking state. This has been highlighted in previous IBAL Litter surveys – where does responsibility for this area lie?

Galvone Road: Grade A. It was noted that Galvone Road was much improved on previous IBAL litter surveys. The overall impression with regard to litter was a good one, deserving of the top litter grade.

Kennedy Park / Rathuard Road: Grade A. The large expanse of grass area was excellent in terms of presentation and maintenance – it was also very good with regard to litter.

O'Malley Park / Churchfield: Grade B. There has been / continues to be major redevelopment at this large residential area. The entrance is now freshly presented with road surface / markings / signage in excellent order, creating a positive first impression. It is a very extensive site. The old O'Malley Park area was good with regard to litter. There are still several boarded up / burnt properties but clearly a careful eye is kept on them as there was no litter directly associated with them. However, there was food related litter in the newly developed areas e.g. parking areas and behind some barriers.

Rathbane: Grade B+. Much of this road was in good order but it was let down by coffee cups, plastic bottles, cans and sweet wrappers in parking area opposite the entrance to the golf club. Not much effort is required for this to get the top litter grade.

Roxboro Shopping Centre: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter at this site. Car park surface / pavement were in good order. Little has been done to enhance the overall environment, but it wasn't a littered one.

Recycle Bank at Roxboro Shopping Centre: Grade D. Right beneath the signage 'Do Not Leave other Waste or Packaging in the area, Freefone Litterline Fine €3,000.00' there was a huge pile of dumping. This wasn't recyclables but domestic waste. There were also bags and bags of rubbish to the rear of the recycle units.

Roxboro Road: Grade B+. Much of the road was in good order with regard to litter but it was let down by coffee cups, plastic bottles, sweet papers and cans on the railway bridge and on the kerbs on exiting the city centre.