

**Ballybeg – Waterford City: 33<sup>rd</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.**

It is disappointing that in both IBAL surveys in 2019, Ballybeg failed to retain the 'clean' status it had earned the previous year. Fewer than half of the sites examined were free of litter. The top ranking sites included residential areas of Glencarra and Meadowbank, Musgrave Business Park, Tesco and Ballybeg Community Development Project at the Campus – not only did they score well with regard to litter but they also presented well. By far the lowest ranking site was Common land by St. Saviour's GAA Club – this wasn't just littered but subject to major dumping (e.g. builders' rubble / radiators). A derelict site at Ryan's Bar and Lounge was not quite as bad but still presented poorly with burnt debris and sacks of clothing at the clothing bank.

**Recycle Facility at Tesco: Grade B.** The facility presents well with bin units / signage relating to the facility clean and in good order. The front of the units were generally quite clean but to the rear there were discarded miscellaneous items – care needs to be taken that this area doesn't deteriorate. A more thorough approach to cleaning is required.

**Musgrave Business Park: Grade A.** The overall presentation and maintenance for this business park was a good one with a virtual absence of litter throughout. Paving, bollards, shrubbery, tree planting, car parking areas etc. presented very well.

**Common land by St. Saviour's GAA Club: Grade D.** The grounds of the GAA Club were fine with regard to presentation and litter. The problems lay at grounds beside – it wasn't just casually littered but subject to dumping, including radiators and builders' rubble. Where does responsibility for this site lie?

**Tesco: Grade A.** A freshly presented car park / supermarket environment. There were no major litter issues.

**Glencarra: Grade A.** The residential area of Glencarra presented well and was very good with regard to litter. Communal grass area was in good order. Some of the individual gardens have taken great care with presentation of same, indicating a sense of pride in the area.

**Crystal Mews: Grade B.** This residential area didn't have the same level of care afforded it as Glencarra (above). There was litter in the bushes opposite each dwelling – fast-food wrappers were particularly pronounced with lower levels of sweet papers. The overall presentation was not great and could easily slide to seriously littered status.

**Ballybeg Community Development Project at the Campus: Grade A.** Signage '@ The Campus with signs for variety of community related projects include Family Support, Youth & Community Café, Horticultural Initiative, First Steps Crèche' etc. was bright and fresh, creating a positive first impression of this site. The buildings and grounds within were well presented and maintained and scored well with regard to litter.

**Meadowbank: Grade A.** A very well cared for residential environment. The wide expanse of grass presented well and there were no major litter issues throughout the area surveyed.

**Ballybeg Horticultural Project: Grade B.** There was a notable improvement on previous IBAL litter survey (i.e. mattresses have been removed) Now the issues are more 'litter' related as opposed to the previous 'dumping' situation. Clearly a careful eye needs to be kept on this site to prevent a slide to previous status.

**Derelict site at Ryan's Bar and Lounge: Grade C+.** Sign for Planning Application – dated August 2019. General presentation of this building was poor but this wasn't solely responsible for the downgrading of the site. Burnt debris on the ground, loose litter and the abandoned sack of items beside the green clothing bank didn't help either.