

## An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 1, 2020

**Ballybeg: 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

**Well done to Ballybeg, one of the few areas to improve on 2019, with seven out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade. Ballybeg Park Playground was particularly fresh in appearance and excellent with regard to litter. The residential areas of Glencurra and Meadowbank were also very much deserving of the top litter grade. The one blot on the landscape in Ballybeg was the common land by St. Saviours – this wasn't just a littered site but subject to dumping e.g. household furniture and other debris. This problem area has been highlighted in previous IBAL litter surveys – where does responsibility for this lie?**

**Recycle Facility at Tesco: Grade B.** The bins were fresh and clean, and signage was in good order. Some loose litter items took away from an otherwise freshly presented environment.

**Ballybeg Park Playground: Grade A.** Signage relating to use of this facility was clear and clean indicating that it is a no smoking / no alcohol zone, among other rules. The equipment was in very good order and the whole area was excellent with regard to litter.

**Derelict site - Ryan's pub: Grade B.** This site appears to have had some attention since last surveyed, although there was still some litter. Care needs to be taken at the single 'Clothing Bank' to ensure that it doesn't become an area for depositing of items.

**Common land by St. Saviours Club: Grade D.** This site has been problematic in the past and was no different this time around. Loose casual litter was mild compared to the dumping of large household items e.g. furniture and other debris.

**St Saviours GAA Club: Grade A.** As a contrast to land next door, this club surrounded by heavy fencing, was immaculately clean.

**Glencurra – Estate: Grade A.** The residential area of Glencurra was very good with regard to litter. The grass area / paving / etc. were in good condition.

**Meadowbank: Grade A.** Meadowbank was exceptionally freshly presented with the grass pockets in front of each house neatly cut and paving creating a very fresh impression. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

**Cork Road Approach Grade A.** There was no litter issue along this route. Road surface, markings and signage were in good order and the overall impression was a positive one.

**Ballybeg Drive Approach: Grade A.** This route got the top litter grade, but only just. Care needs to be taken that litter doesn't build up in the undergrowth beside the fencing where children pause to gaze at the horses.

**Tesco Supermarket: Grade A.** An excellent site in terms of presentation and litter. It was pristine throughout.