

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

Limerick City South - Galvone: 39<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Seriously Littered.

A very poor performance by Galvone, with just one out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade and three very poor sites – some of these were no stranger to Grade D ranking e.g. Recycle Facility at Tesco Car Park and Galvone Business Park – these areas were not just littered but subject to dumping. The Derelict site at the entrance to Churchfield / O'Malley Park presented very poorly and has deteriorated even further over the years.

**Rowan Court: Grade B+.** There was fresh litter at this residential area, mostly on the pedestrian laneway and grass areas. Plastic bottles, cans and sweet papers were the most obvious litter types, all casually discarded.

**Churchfield and O'Malley Park: Grade C+.** A very mixed site in terms of presentation and litter. Some parts of this area were fine with regard to litter, but others were very poor. The overall presentation of Churchfield Housing Development was excellent with very good road surface, markings and signage and small ornamental trees. There was a definite litter presence scattered about – a wide variety of litter items were present. The back laneways were heavily littered in the older part of this development. Some of the older houses presented very poorly.

**R511 Roxboro Road: Grade B+ .** (from William Street Upper to Roxboro Roundabout). The overall impression was quite good but it was let down by plastic bottles, cans, sweet papers and face masks. With a little extra effort this road could easily be top ranking.

**Recycle Facility at Tesco Car Park: Grade D.** This site is no stranger to a Grade D ranking – it wasn't just littered but subject to dumping, on a monumental scale. It was in a shocking state, one of the worst of all recycle facilities ever seen by IBAL surveyors. There were at least a dozen full black sacks at one end alone, not to mention a myriad of other discarded items. The signage indicating 'Fine: €3,000' is having absolutely no impact.

**Roxboro Shopping Centre: Grade A.** Thankfully none of the debris / litter items the recycle facility have made their way to the main car park of Roxboro Shopping Centre – it was absolutely fine with regard to litter and the grass / planted areas were well maintained.

**(R509) Childers Road: Grade B.** (from Roxboro Roundabout to Parkway Roundabout). A generally littered impression prevailed along this route, with litter most pronounced closer to Roxboro Roundabout end of the road. There was a mix of both old and new litter, all of it food / drink related.

**Galvone Business Park: Grade D.** The problem, as always, was at the end of the business park. It wasn't just casually littered but subject to domestic and industrial dumping and neglect e.g. broken wooden pallets with nails sticking out. A field behind grey gates was particularly bad. Horses were feeding where heavy levels of litter abounded.

**Derelict site at entrance to Churchfield / O'Malley Park: Grade D.** This site incorporates a former 'off licence' and various other premises. It has been getting progressively worse over the years with domestic dumping in the hedges and environs very much in evidence. The whole site creates a very poor impression. The CCTV signage in the immediate vicinity is being ignored.

**Bawnmore Road: Grade B.** The level of litter at this residential area was such that it was virtually a Grade C status. Heavy levels of plastic bottles and sweet papers with lower levels of plastic bags, cans and coffee cups were scattered along the pavement, creating a very untidy impression. A heavily weeded corner site will only attract further litter if not addressed and a boarded up house could easily become a magnet for dumping.

**Kennedy Park: Grade B+.** Much of the large expanse of grass was good with regard to litter but there was definite litter presence by the trees in the middle of the park and at a gate area.