

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

**Roscommon: 7<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.**

**A welcome return to the Top Ten for Roscommon, with nine out of the ten sites getting the top litter grade. The two residential areas of Ard Aoibhinn and Cluain Fhaoigh were not just good with regard to litter but presented very well. The Main Street and Goff Street were also top ranking. By far the most heavily littered site in Roscommon was the Recycle Facility at Tesco – there were heavy accumulations of cans and glass bottles / jars and some broken glass.**

**N63 Longford Approach Road: Grade A.** A clean and tidy route, creating a positive first impression of Roscommon – this high standard was maintained for all bar one of the sites surveyed in Roscommon. Road surface, markings and signage were in good condition. Roundabout was enhanced by tree planting and low lying shrubbery, surrounded by grass.

**Memorial at Brogan Lane: Grade A.** A small area to rest, with stone seating and picnic table and some planting. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order and it was clear of litter.

**Goff Street: Grade A.** A very clean and tidy impression was created along Goff Street – it was excellent with regard to litter and it was commendable for a town centre shopping environment. Bright window boxes at one building added a lovely splash of colour.

**Ard Aoibhinn: Grade A.** The residential area of Ard Aoibhinn was exemplary – not only was there a complete absence of litter throughout but the overall impression was of a very well cared for environment. The large green area was spotless.

**Main Street: Grade A.** The Main Street in Roscommon was excellent with regard to presentation and litter. Bollards, street bins, signage, planting, floral displays etc. were in very good order and the overall impression created here was a positive one.

**R1812 Curraghboy Approach Road: Grade A.** There were no litter issues along this route into Roscommon. Maintenance was good, with recently cut grass not throwing up 'chopped up litter', as can so easily happen.

**Cluain Fhaoigh: Grade A.** At the entrance to this residential area, there was a 'Welcome to Cluain Fhaoigh' sign asking people to 'Please Keep our Neighbourhood Safe, Clean and Tidy' – it certainly was a clean and tidy environment on day of IBAL survey. Clearly it is a very well cared for environment.

**Tesco Car Park: Grade A.** A freshly presented and maintained car park environment with tree planting and shrubbery. It was spotless throughout the extensive area, creating an excellent impression.

**Recycle Facility at Tesco: Grade C.** There were heavy accumulations of cans and glass bottles / jars to the side and rear of the units and broken glass to the front.

**N61 Roscommon – Athlone Link Road: Grade A.** This route got the top litter grade, but only just. Taken in its entirety the overall impression was fine, with the Co Roscommon stretch clearer than the stretch closer to Athlone. There were some isolated areas of litter, mostly food related.