

**Sligo: 18<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities. Clean to European Norms.**

Another fine performance from Sligo, which was let down by two poor sites. Top ranking sites included Mitchell Curley Park, not just good with regard to litter but very well presented and maintained; 'City Hall 1865' / Town Hall – was excellent with regard to litter and all aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order; the two residential areas of Kevinsforth Heath – 1-17 and Sea View Villas Apartments were also very much deserving of the top litter grade. Sligo General Hospital got a poor litter grade due to the quantity of disposable face masks within the grounds of the hospital. The other poorly ranking site was an abandoned filling Station on the L3058 – this presented very poorly and will only deteriorate further if not addressed.

**R292 Strandhill: Grade A.** (from Ransboro Roundabout at Strandhill to junction with N59). This approach to the city was very clean and in order. It is a very busy road with residential houses and open farmland. All along its length the properties were in very good order and there was virtually no litter.

**Mitchell Curley Park: Grade A.** A wonderful park facility with play area and sports pitches, walks and cycle areas – all were in excellent condition and very well maintained. It was excellent regarding litter – a credit to the users and those responsible for same.

**Kevinsfort Heath – 1-17: Grade A.** This residential area was spotless throughout and the communal grass area was in excellent order – a very pleasant setting.

**Sea View Villas Apartments: Grade A.** A very well maintained residential development with grass and planted areas in good order. Care needs to be taken that a corner site with some soil waste and wooden debris doesn't become a magnet for litter.

**'City Hall 1865' /-Town Hall : Grade A.** This site was very much deserving of the top litter grade. The City Hall building and surrounding environs were excellent with regard to litter – it was pristine throughout. The paving, seating, planting, signage etc. were all in very good order.

**The Famine Family Monument and Environs: Grade A.** A small monument situated close to the river in the town centre. An excellent site in terms of presentation and apart from some cigarette butts at the base of one bench, it was very good with regard to litter.

**Quayside Shopping Centre: Grade B+.** Visitor Information notice, paving, bicycle parking, seating and planting were in very good order. With a little extra effort this site could easily get the top litter grade – a variety of food related litter items took away from an otherwise very well presented environment.

**Sligo General Hospital: Grade C.** This site was brought down solely by the discarded face masks strewn within the grounds of the hospital – these were all single use 'disposable' masks. Apart from one plastic glove, there was a virtual absence of litter throughout the remainder of the grounds.

**L3508 Ransboro: Grade A.** (from roundabout at Strandhill to junction at Oakfield Crescent – Ballydougan Road) The road is part of the access route to very high profile tourist sites of Carramore Neolithic cemetery and Knock na Rea - the road verges and grass banks were all very well trimmed and in excellent order. Virtually no litter visible. (see separate survey site for Abandoned Filling Station)

**Abandoned Filling Station on L3508: Grade C.** (close to the roundabout, where there is a church and a school) A poorly presented environment which will only deteriorate further if not addressed.

**N4-N17- N5: Swinford – Sligo Link Road: Grade B.** A mixed site, with some parts in better order than other. The stretch between Swinford and the exit from the N5 at Charlestown was more noticeably littered (Mayo Co Co) than the stretch from Charlestown on towards Sligo which was clear up to N4. From Collooney towards Sligo there was noticeable litter along the roadside.