

Ballybane – Galway Inner City: 26th out of 37 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

Some improvements were noted at Ballybane at a time when most towns were registering higher litter levels. One hugely improved site was the grounds of St. Brigid's Church – this has been a very poor site in a previous IBAL survey. The residential area of Fana Glas was somewhat improved, though not quite yet deserving of the top litter grade. The Recycle Facility at Ballybane Shopping Centre deserves special mention as it was such a freshly presented and clean environment. Ballybane Village wasn't just casually littered but subject to dumping.

Fana Glas: Grade B. There was a notable improvement at this residential area, but it is clearly one which needs very close monitoring based on signage and large boulder presence.

Rahylin Glebe: Grade A. A freshly presented and maintained residential area with all elements in good order. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Bothar na Mine: Grade B+. Much of this route presented well with road surface / markings in good order. Other than occasional loose litter items, there was one area with fallen shrubbery which had noticeable food related litter (plastic bottles, plastic bags and sweet wrappers) at the base. String and twine were also evident.

Ballybane Library: Grade B. The paved area immediately outside the library presented well with regard to litter. But it was the litter in the surrounding shrubbery which brought down the litter grade – as well as casually discarded food related litter there was a street cone.

St Brigid's Church: Grade A. This had been quite a problem site in previous IBAL surveys but not so, this time around. All the old build-up of litter has been removed. Not only was it very good with regard to litter, but it was also an exceptionally freshly presented and maintained environment.

R339 Monivea Road: Grade B+. The main litter items along this road were sweet papers and fast-food wrappers with a bird enjoying the remnants of same. The main road presents well but care does need to be taken that litter doesn't build up at the three derelict sites – these present poorly and risk deteriorating if ignored.

Ballybane Mor: Grade B. Much of this road presented well but there were a couple of isolated areas which detracted from overall appearance and both of these had obvious litter in the immediate vicinity – a boarded up premises with old worn and weathered hoarding and another side with fencing.

Recycle Centre at Ballybane Shopping Centre: Grade A. An exceptionally clean and freshly presented facility. The clothing, bottle and can units were in excellent condition and the immediate environs was spotless.

Oldenway Business Park: Grade B+. The individual business premises in this business park were in very good condition with most of the forecourts and buildings clean, tidy and well maintained. Plastic bottles, fast-food wrappers, cigarette butts and sweet papers took away from an otherwise good site.

Ballybane Village: Grade D. This was by far the most heavily littered site surveyed in Ballybane this time around. There were significant levels of casually discarded litter, but it was the area to the rear which really brought down the litter grade – this wasn't just casual litter but dumping. There were also litter accumulations behind the fencing of the development site.