

An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 2, 2020

Sligo: 11th out of 37 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

Another fine showing from Sligo, as we have come to expect. Top-ranking sites included the residential areas of Beechwood Court and Pearse Crescent, and St. Joseph's Church (exceptionally freshly presented and maintained, spotless throughout). O'Connell Street was excellent, not just good with regard to litter, but the streetscape was very fresh. Enniskillen Approach Road was badly let down by accumulations of alcohol related litter, while the recycle facility on Connaughton Rd was heavily littered.

Old Bundoran Road and Avondale: Grade A. This route was very much deserving of the top litter grade – it was clean, tidy and well maintained. A derelict industrial / commercial premises has been cleared up since previous IBAL survey.

St. Edward's National School: Grade B+. The grounds were well tended with attractive planting. A small amount of litter inside the low wall took away from an otherwise top-ranking site.

St. Joseph's Church: Grade A. The church building and immediate environs was exceptionally freshly presented and maintained. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good condition. It was spotless throughout.

Ballytivnan Park: Grade B. An extensive parkland environment with enclosed astroturf playing field and picnic tables close by. There was notable litter, mostly fast-food wrappers and sweet papers scattered about, in no particular area.

Beechwood Court: Grade A. A well-presented residential development with grassland area – there were no litter issues throughout the area surveyed.

R287 off N4 Approach: Grade A. (from roundabout at Sligo Retail Park in to lights at Markievicz Park) Road surface and markings were in good order, creating a fresh appearance to this stretch of road. It was a clean and tidy route with a virtual absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

Pearse Crescent: Grade A. There were no litter issues at this residential area. A wooden bench and planter box are nice features. Care needs to be taken at the two houses under renovation to ensure that litter doesn't accumulate amongst the builders' rubble.

O'Connell Street: Grade A. The paving and streetscape were in very good condition, contributing to the fresh and clean impression. It was pristine throughout.

Recycle Facility at Car Park on Connaughton Road: Grade C. On first impressions this seemed like a fresh and clean recycle facility with the bottle / can units in good order. The problem lay at the clothing units were two mattresses and a head rest, along with a black sack had been discarded.

N16 Enniskillen Approach Road: Grade C+. While the presentation of this road was a good one, with road surface, markings, signage in very good condition, there were significant accumulations of a wide variety of litter - on the left (as one approaches the town) and alcohol cans / bottles at a small, recessed area along the red brick wall. Other items included a road directional sign and a car mirror.