

**Ballybane - Galway Inner City: 35<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Littered.**

After an improvement last time, a disappointing drop in cleanliness in Ballybane, with only three top ranking sites and two litter blackspots. Previously highlighted as a litter blackspot, Ballybane Village was heavily littered to the front but to the rear of the buildings there was significant dumping of all manner of large household items. The communal areas of Ballybane Industrial Estate presented very poorly – an air of neglect prevailed throughout, along with heavy levels of a wide variety of long-lie litter.

**Bring Facility at Joyce's Supermarket: Grade B.** A freshly presented 'Bring Facility' with bin units in good order. The site was brought down due to bags of items left beside the units.

**Joyce's Supermarket / Car Park: Grade A.** An exceptionally freshly presented environment, car park surface, markings and signage were in good order. Clearly a careful eye is kept on the closed down premises as there was no litter directly associated with them. The cigarette butt unit was in good order but the black bin presently poorly.

**Clearview Park: Grade C.** (off Castle Park) The overall impression at this residential development was a heavily littered one with a wide variety of food and alcohol related items throughout the paving and communal areas. A dog fouling / litter awareness notice was attached to a wall - clearly it is not having the desired effect.

**Ballybane Industrial Estate: Grade D.** The signage at the beginning of the industrial estate was damaged, very much setting the tone for the overall appearance of same. While the presentation of the individual premises was generally well maintained, it was the open communal areas which were in a poor state, particularly at the base of the shrubbery. These areas appeared very neglected, heavily weeded and litter trapped within. As well as heavy levels of a variety of food related items there was plastic wrapping, wooden pallets, face masks and alcohol cans – much of it was long-lie.

**SCCUL Enterprise CLG: Grade A.** (Of the Community / For the Community). This was an excellent site in terms of overall presentation and litter. Signage at entrance was in very good order and planted areas were well maintained.

**St. Brigid's Church environs: Grade B.** While this was an improved site compared to IBAL survey a few years ago, there was still a litter presence in the shrubbery along on perimeter wall. The remainder of the grounds were very well maintained and clear of litter.

**Fana Glas: Grade B.** The main residential area of Fana Glas was moderately littered. Main litter items were mineral and alcohol cans, sweet papers, face masks and a used nappy.

**Ballybane Village: Grade D.** There was litter strewn on the paving in front of the shop, but it was the area to the rear which really brought down the litter grade. This wasn't just casually littered but subject to all manner of dumping of large domestic items - large furniture items, children's toys, black sacks of domestic rubbish (the contents of which were strewn about), mattresses, industrial waste etc.

**La Nua Ballybane Day Hospital – HSE: Grade B.** Signage on the building was in poor condition and external walls were stained and dirty. The shrubs and side areas harboured littered – mostly food related, some face masks, dog fouling and cigarette butts.

**Ballybane Road: Grade A.** There was a virtual absence of litter along this well tended road. The overall presentation and maintenance of same were good