

An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 1, 2021

Ballybeg: 37th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Littered.

Ballybeg has deteriorated sharply since last year, with three litter blackspots. Not long ago this area was deemed Clean to European Norms. The derelict site of 'Ryan's' and the Miscellaneous site beside St Saviour's GAA club both continue to be a magnet not just for litter but dumping. Another site off Ardmore Park had suffered from arson, the remnants of which were strewn about, combined with all manner of builders' rubble. While the main Car Park at Tesco was freshly presented and maintained, the Bring Facility within was in a poor state.

Tesco Car Park: Grade A. A very freshly presented car park environment with surface, markings, signage etc. in excellent order. It was excellent with regard to litter. The 'Bring Centre' is treated as a separate survey site.

Bring Facility, Tesco Car Park: Grade C. It wasn't just casually dropped items but the very deliberate discarding of heavy accumulations of alcohol bottles and cans, items to the bottom of the units and a series of plastic bags. This facility is in sharp contrast to the surrounding car park environment.

'Ryan's' derelict building: Grade D. Black sacks of rubbish have accumulated, the contents of which were strewn about. As in previous surveys, the whole area continues to present very poorly, with arson very much in evidence. Where does responsibility for this site lie?

Brill FRC: Grade B. The main litter items were sweet papers, fast-food wrappers and plastic bags at this facility. It could easily deteriorate as other miscellaneous items were also beginning to appear.

St Saviour's GAA: Grade A. An excellent site in terms of presentation and litter. All was in very good order throughout the area surveyed.

Miscellaneous site beside St Saviour's grounds: Grade D. The dumping cited in previous IBAL surveys has continued at this site. Black sacks and other miscellaneous items were strewn about.

'Cluain an Lao': Grade A. A clean and tidy impression was created at this residential environment.

Ardmore Park: Grade B. Food related items (e.g., fast-food and plastic bottles) were present on the path and road surface of Ardmore Park.

Miscellaneous site off Ardmore Park: Grade D. A heavily abused site, with residues of burnt items and all sorts of builders' rubble (e.g., bricks, sacks of cement, pieces of wood).

Meadowbank: Grade A. An excellently presented and maintained residential estate, all aspects of which were in very good order. There was a complete absence of litter throughout.