

**Cavan: 26<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.**

Cavan has improved marginally but not enough to reclaim the Clean status it lost last year. 'Adopt a Road Litter Campaign' along N55 Athlone Approach Road appears to be having the desired effect as it was very much deserving of the top litter grade. There was a notable improvement at Derelict site on approach to town centre at the corner of R212 and Ballingagh Road (previously it was a blackspot, this time it was top ranking). While one derelict site has been addressed, another has been highlighted - at the steps coming from James Connolly Street and leading to Fairgreen Hill / St Brigid's Terrace – it wasn't just casually littered but subject to household dumping and widespread graffiti. While there were seven top ranking sites, the presence of this and another poor site at Laneway from Main Street to Tesco Car Park impacts on the overall ranking.

**N55 Athlone Approach Road: Grade A.** An excellent route with regard to presentation and litter. An interesting feature along this route is the 'Adopt a Road Litter Campaign Programme. This appears to be having the desired impact as it was in good order.

**N3 from Dublin Road to junction with R188: Grade B.** A somewhat improved site with much of the road clear of litter. However, it was impossible to ignore the food related items lining the grass and at improvised parking 'lay-bys'.

**Derelict site on approach to town centre at the corner of R212 and Ballingagh Road: Grade A.** A hugely improved site compared to Grade D status in 2020. Hopefully this effort can be sustained. Well done to all those involved.

**Derelict site at steps coming from James Connolly Street and leading to Fairgreen Hill / St Brigid's Terrace: Grade D.** This boarded up house wasn't just casually littered but subject to household dumping and graffiti was widespread. The 'anti' dumping' signage is being completely ignored. This site needs urgent attention.

**James Connolly Street: Grade A.** A clean and tidy shopping street with colourful flower boxes and paving in good order. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

**Laneway from Main Street to Tesco Car Park: Grade D+.** The overall presentation of this site was a poor one. There were heavy levels of food and alcohol related litter, a mix of 'long-lie' and recent litter - much of it was trapped beneath a storage facility. Clearly a more thorough approach to the cleaning of same is required. Where does responsibility for this site for cleaning this site lie?

**Town Hall Street Car Park: Grade A.** This was a freshly presented and maintained car park environment. Cigarette butts were noticeable close to the public toilets but apart from this, there was a virtual absence of litter throughout. Car park surface, markings and signage were in very good order.

**Main Street: Grade A.** There were no litter issues of note along the Main Street and a previous build-up in the basement of the sports shop has been addressed. Planting, paving, street bins, cigarette butt units etc. were in very good order.

**Bring Centre, Tesco Car Park: Grade A.** A hugely improved environment compared to a few years ago. The presentation of this 'Bring' facility was excellent, bins were very fresh, signage was clear / legible and the whole area was generally good with regard to litter.

**N3 Approach: Grade A.** (from speed limit from Dublin approach to Pullamore) This route created a positive first impression of Cavan. Road surface, markings and signage were in very good condition and there was minimal litter throughout.