

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

**Roscommon: 24<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.**

Again, Roscommon town has finished just short of Clean status. The three approach roads got the top litter grade, creating a positive first impression of the town. The Main Street was looking very fresh, recently repaved – it looks great, and the streetscape was further enhanced by ‘olde’ style street lamps and attractive wooden planter boxes / seating. There was a notable improvement at the Bring Centre (Tesco) compared to 2020 but there was still a litter issue to the rear of the units. By far the lowest ranked site surveyed was a Miscellaneous site beside the Fire Station – it wasn’t just casually littered but subject to long-term abuse and neglect with construction / industrial waste very much in evidence.

**N61 Sligo Approach Road: Grade A.** An excellent route in terms of road surface, markings and signage and overall presentation. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

**Roscommon Arts Centre: Grade A.** The built environment was exceptionally freshly presented, with attractive paving underfoot. It was excellent with regard to litter.

**Bring Centre, Tesco: Grade B.** This facility was somewhat improved compared to 2020 IBAL visits. There was good signage associated with the facility. Broken glass at the base of the units and items to the rear / in adjacent hedges prevented the top litter grade.

**N63 Ballymahon Approach Road: Grade A.** A very freshly presented route with abundant greenery lining both sides of the road. The overall impression was of a litter free environment.

**Main Street: Grade A.** The newly laid pavement goes a long way towards creating a very fresh and clean impression on the Main Street. ‘Olde’ style street lamps and attractive wooden planter boxes / seating areas further enhance the streetscape. There was a complete absence of litter throughout.

**Car Park at SuperValu: Grade B.** The main litter items were face-masks and cigarette butts, with lower levels of alcohol bottles and sweet wrappers. Cigarette butts were particularly pronounced at the base of the seating area.

**Miscellaneous Laneway beside Fire Station: Grade D.** This site wasn’t just casually littered but subject to long-term abuse and neglect. It was primarily construction / industrial waste which was found here. Where does responsibility for this site lie?

**Goff Street: Grade A.** A clean and tidy impression prevailed along Goff Street. Planter boxes presented well, and the area was well served by litter bins which were in good condition.

**Lidl (N63): Grade B.** The main surface area of the store entrance and car park appeared fresh and clean, but it was the plastic bottles and sweet wrappers in the shrubbery which primarily brought down the litter grade. Cigarette butts were pronounced along the kerbs in the parking area.

**The Walk: Grade A.** A very well presented and maintained residential environment. It was excellent with regard to litter.