

**Galway Inner City - Ballybane: 34<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Littered**

**A slight improvement has failed to lift Ballybane out of 'littered' status. Two litter blackspots previously highlighted showed no improvement – Ballybane Industrial Estate and Ballybane Village. Long-term neglect was evident at both. There was some improvement at Clearview Park / Castlepark. The Recycle Bank at Joyce's Supermarket was a freshly presented and maintained facility, very much deserving of the top litter grade. Top-ranking sites included Ballybane Road, Monivea Road and the residential area of Rahylin Glebe.**

**Ballybane Industrial Estate: Grade D.** There was no improvement on the litter situation at Ballybane Industrial Estate. The problem wasn't so much at the individual premises as the communal areas and interconnecting roads. It was particularly pronounced along the road that begins close to the Tuam Road and runs in to a cul de sac. Heavy levels of a wide variety of litter lined these roads and the overall impression was of long-term neglect. The overall impression was a very poor one. There were no visible litter bins or litter awareness notices.

**McHugh's Mace Shopping Centre: Grade B+.** Food related items (coffee cups, plastic bottles and sweet wrappers) and face mask were present at this shopping area. With a little extra care, this could be a top-ranking site.

**Clearview Park / Castlepark: Grade B.** There was a notable improvement at this residential area compared to previous IBAL survey, though the remnants of a bonfire were evident. Communal grass area was well cared for, and the main visible litter items included cardboard, alcohol cans, along with food related items.

**Castlepark – Park: Grade C+.** (green area between Castlepark and Rian Luachra). As well as the scattered litter along the path / in the grass, there was an accumulation of items in one corner. There were heavy levels of fast-food wrappers and plastic bottles, along with lower levels of mineral cans and alcohol cans and bottles. There didn't appear to be any litter bins / litter awareness notices.

**Ballybane Village: Grade D.** A heavily littered site in previous IBAL surveys, things were no different this time around. As well as litter on the ground close to the shop, accumulations had gathered at the base of the railing, beneath some mesh and at the fenced off building site. While the 'larger' items in Survey 1, 2021 had been removed, there was still a very significant litter problem.

**Bothar na Mine approach road: Grade C+.** There was a general litter presence along this commercial route, but it was further brought down by heavier levels in the immediate vicinity of Central Bearing Supplies and Galway Garden Machinery.

**Recycle Bank at Joyce's Supermarket: Grade A.** A freshly presented and maintained facility with bin units and associated signage all in good order.

**Ballybane Road: Grade A.** Road surface, markings, signage, bollards, street bin etc. were in good order and there was a virtual absence of litter along this tree lined stretch of road.

**Rahylin Glebe: Grade A.** There were no litter issues of note throughout this residential development. All aspects of the area surveyed were in good order.

**Monivea Road: Grade A.** The building works at a corner site didn't impact in any negative way on the litter situation along Monivea Road. Another vacant lot had considerable weed growth, but it wasn't noticeably littered. The overall impression was a good one with regard to litter.