

**Waterford City - Ballybeg: 30<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Littered**

A notable improvement for Ballybeg over the previous survey. A large open area beside Brill @ The Campus had formerly been heavily littered and dumped upon – a huge clean up and clear out has taken place and this time around it was very much worthy of the top litter grade. There was no improvement at all at the area to the rear of Ryan's – it has been subject to long-term abuse and neglect. The same applies to the open area beside St. Saviour's GAA where there was more dumping of large household items. The residential area of Glencarra, Ballybeg Park / Playground and Musgrave Market Place were all very much deserving of the top litter grade.

**Ballybeg Park / Playground: Grade A.** An 'open' park & playground environment with clear and legible signage indicating no smoking / football / bicycles / alcohol / dogs. The play equipment was in good order with the overall impression a good one with regard to litter.

**Musgrave Market Place: Grade A.** A freshly presented shopping environment with paving, bollards, bins, bicycle parking etc. in good order. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

**Ring Road: Grade A.** (close to Tesco). Road surface, markings and signage were excellent, grass area along paving was in good order – this site was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

**Tesco: Grade A.** A vast expanse of carparking and shop front, the overall impression was of a freshly presented and maintained environment. While not devoid of litter, taken in context of overall size of the site, it deserved the top litter grade. Minor items were at the base of the low-lying shrubbery, with cigarette butts particularly noticeable.

**'Bring Bank' at Tesco: Grade C.** On first impressions, all appeared in good order with bin units and associated signage freshly presented. Further inspection revealed an accumulation of items to the rear of the units. A more thorough approach to the maintenance of this facility is required to prevent further deterioration.

**'Ryan's': Grade D.** This site is no stranger to Grade D status and things were no different this time around. It may have even been worse than before. It wasn't just casually littered but subject to long-term dumping and abuse. Large quantities of black sacks of rubbish and various miscellaneous items have been discarded including a sack of wood, the contents of which were visible through the broken sack.

**Brill @ the Campus: Grade A.** A community orientated facility including 'Youth & Community Café' 'Ballybeg Horticultural Initiative', 'Access IT', Family Support etc. It was a clean, tidy and well presented and maintained environment. The planting around the entrance is a welcome feature.

**Large open space beside Brill@ The Campus: Grade A.** Formerly a heavily littered and dumped upon site, there has been a huge transformation here. Not only has there been a huge clean up, there is now one area dedicated to 'Managed for Wildlife'. Such a transformation doesn't come about without a considerable and sustained effort.

**Area beside 'St. Saviour's GAA: Grade D.** Large household items e.g., mattresses, pieces of wood black sacks etc. were just some of the visible items here.

**Glencarra: Grade A.** There were no visible litter issues at the residential area of Glencarra. Communal green area was in good order and there was very much an impression of house-proud residents.