

**Cavan: 17<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms**

**With seven out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade, Cavan has improved on its showing earlier in 2021. These include the Main Street, Bridge Street (where the new pavement looked very well), Lakeland Retail Park and the Bring Centre within. Two sites, which had scored poorly previously, have both improved – a derelict site and steps coming from James Connolly Street and the laneway to Tesco Car Park from Main Street. A sustained effort is required at both to prevent deterioration to their former littered state.**

**N3 from Dublin Road Roundabout: Grade A.** Road surface, markings and signage were in good order and the overall impression was of a virtual absence of litter throughout. Grass verges were freshly cut, and shrubbery / trees were well maintained.

**Cavan Co Co Bring Centre at Lakeland Retail Park: Grade A.** A freshly presented and maintained Bring Centre with bin units and signage all in good order. There were no litter issues in the immediate vicinity of the Bring Centre.

**Lakeland Retail Park: Grade A.** A large and busy site with tidy car park areas. Apart from minor levels of cigarette butts, it was very good with regard to litter.

**Meadow Park: Grade A.** This residential area was very much deserving of the top litter grade. Not only was it spotless throughout, it was exceptionally well presented and maintained.

**Derelict site and steps coming from James Connolly Street: Grade B.** A much improved site compared to the previous IBAL survey. Clearly there has been cleaning / tidying. This time around it was mostly alcohol related litter with lower levels of sweet papers and mineral cans. The derelict building was boarded up, subject to significant graffiti and heavily weeded. It is clear that this site requires constant attention.

**Bridge Street: Grade A.** What a difference a newly paved surface can make to the overall appearance of a street. It was fresh and very clean and spotless throughout.

**Main Street: Grade A.** The overall impression along the Main Street was a well attended one, with a virtual absence of litter. Some basements which had previously been littered were clean this time around.

**1-8 Church View: Grade C.** The majority of the litter at this residential area was in the flower beds and grass verges – heavy levels of face masks, plastic bottles, sweet papers and mineral cans, along with lower levels of plastic wrapping, coffee cups and fast-food wrappers were present. The level was such that it was verging on a Grade D status.

**Laneway to Tesco Car Park from Main Street: Grade B.** A much improved site compared to recent IBAL litter surveys. The heavy levels of litter had been removed – this time around there were lower levels of coffee cups, plastic bottles mineral cans and sweet papers.

**N3 Ballyshannon Approach Road: Grade A.** There were no visible litter issues along this route. Road surface, markings and signage were in very good order and the overall impression was of a well tended environment