

**Mahon – Cork City: 31<sup>st</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Littered.**

**Mahon remains littered, with little change over the past 2 surveys, and a dearth of clean sites. Some improvement was noted at Ringmahon Road, though it was still moderately littered. The residential area of Lakelands Crescent harboured significant litter as did the R852 Approach and the Pedestrian link off Ringmahon Road to Aldi. By far the freshest and cleanest sites surveyed in Mahon were Mahon Retail Park and City Gate Park – both were excellent.**

**Avenue de Rennes: Grade C+.** The approach from Skehard Road was fresh, with clean road surface and the area around Red Cove Inn was clean enough. Litter increases with heavy concentrations outside the fast-food takeaway. Other food and alcohol related items were also present. A great initiative to get school children involved in dog fouling signage art work.

**Lakelands Crescent: Grade C.** The residential area of Lakelands Crescent harboured significant litter, with heavy levels of alcohol cans / bottles and lower levels of food related items. It was particularly pronounced in the shrubbery by the small electricity box.

**Ringmahon Road: Grade B.** This road was notably cleaner than previous IBAL surveys but still a somewhat littered one. Main litter items were food related and primarily found close to Avenue de Rennes.

**Mahon Drive: Grade B+.** The overall impression at this residential area was generally a good one, just let down by some plastic bottles, mineral cans and sweet papers. The green ESB box had some graffiti. With a little extra effort this could be a top ranking site.

**Open space at Ringmahon: Grade B.** The sporting clubs have excellent grounds with only tiny amounts of litter in the GAA facility and Ringmahon Rangers was excellent. It was the commercial grounds next to Ringmahon Rangers which was littered, especially in the high brambles, behind the 'No Complaints Taken' signage.

**City Gate Park: Grade A.** A pristine site. Not only was it spotless throughout the overall impression was exceptionally fresh and clean. All aspects were in excellent order e.g., paving, seating, planter boxes etc.

**R852 Approach: Grade C.** (from Mahon Point to Skehard Road) The two sides of the road tell a very different story. It was clean as you exit Mahon and littered on the publicly maintained side – the latter had notable litter in the hedges, at the power boxes, close to the Vet, along the cracked footpath and at the two bus stops. All manner of food and alcohol related litter were present, along with face-masks.

**Pedestrian link off Ringmahon Road to Aldi: Grade C.** The pathway itself didn't appear as littered as previous surveys but the surrounding grass / greenery harboured heavy levels of a wide variety of food and alcohol litter. Perhaps the installation of litter awareness notices along the pathway might help?

**Greenway: Grade B+.** (from Mater Private Hospital entrance to Tesco) Freshly erected signage details the 'Passage Railway Greenway Improvement Scheme'. The main pathway was not too bad regarding litter but there were some items at the base of the lovely wooden benches. Coffee cups and alcohol cans were most obvious, with lower levels of other items.

**Mahon Retail Park: Grade A.** This retail park has scored very well in previous IBAL surveys and things were no different this time around. It was a freshly presented and maintained retail park environment with attractive planting throughout. It was spotless and all aspects were in very good order e.g., paving, bollards, footpaths, clothing bank, etc.