

Roscommon: 29th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Littered.

There has been an overall drop in Roscommon's performance compared to a number of years ago when it was a strong performer. The only two top-ranking sites were approach roads into the town, with none in the town centre. If some of the moderately littered sites improved somewhat it could make a big difference e.g., Lidl, Main Street, Church Street and Laneway beside Fire Station. The sites which need attention were the Laneway off Main Street (leading to Matrix Gym), Car par at corner of Henry St. & Church St and Car Park / Truck Parking area adjacent to Casey's.

Car Park at corner of Henry St. & Church St.: Grade C. This site wasn't just casually littered but overflowing bins had significant number of bags at the base. Such an unkempt environment will only encourage further discarding of rubbish.

Car Park & Truck parking area adjacent to Casey's: Grade C. (laneway near Roscommon Fire Station). The overall presentation of this environment was a poor one with the hedges harbouring heavy levels of a wide variety of food related litter. General maintenance was poor. The level of litter was such that it was verging on Grade D status.

N63 Longford Approach Road: Grade B+. This road just missed getting the top litter grade. Road surface, markings and signage were in good order. It was let down by fast-food litter with lower levels of mineral cans and sweet papers.

Lidl: Grade B. A freshly presented environment with attractive car park surface throughout. The main surface was clear of litter but heavy levels of plastic bottles, lower levels of broken glass, sweet paper and mineral cans were in the low-lying planting and grass.

Laneway beside Fire Station: Grade B. There was evidence of a clean-up at this site - it was in a much worse state in previous IBAL litter survey. The nature of the site is such that a careful eye will need to be kept on it to prevent deteriorate to previous state.

N61 Sligo Approach Road: Grade A. All was in good order along this freshly presented route with minimal litter throughout.

Athlone Approach Road: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this road. Some of the pavement was fresher than other stretches.

Main Street: Grade B+. New paving has been laid along some of the street and this certainly gave the street a lift in terms of overall presentation. The paving was clear of litter, but items were seen along the kerbs where cars were parked. Black street bins were fresh in appearance.

Laneway off Main Street: Grade C. (leading to Matrix gym) It wasn't just casual litter but significant accumulations of a wide variety of litter had gathered behind the gates at wasteground / service area to business premises and at the cylinders behind the iron railings.

Church Street: Grade B. A littered street, the level was such that it could become a Grade C site if not addressed. The main litter items were food related with some cigarette butts and alcohol cans.