

Galvone – Limerick Inner City: 34th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed.

It is heartening to see the recent improvement in Galvone continue into 2022. Only 2 of the 10 sites surveyed were heavily littered – the Industrial Estate was again a litter blackspot and the Bring Facility at Roxboro Shopping Centre was again subject to dumping. If these sites were addressed, we would see Galvone make a rapid rise up the ranking.

Ballysimon Approach Road: Grade A. A freshly presented route and any previous litter issues have since been addressed. A clean and welcoming route into the area of Galvone.

Crossaglia Industrial Park: Grade B. There was a definite improvement compared to earlier IBAL surveys but still an obvious litter presence prevailed – mostly food related items on the kerbs / grasslands. The recently cut grass, without being cleared of litter beforehand, has resulted in ‘chopped-up litter’.

Galvone Industrial Estate: Grade D+. This site has rarely been anything but Grade C / Grade D over the last number of years. The area to the rear of the industrial estate is primarily responsible for the litter grade. As well as casual litter there was builders’ rubble and household items. Moderate litter levels prevailed throughout the remainder of the estate.

Galvone Road: Grade B. Food related items e.g., plastic bottles, fast-food wrappers, sweet papers and plastic bags were present along the residential stretch of Galvone Road. There were no visible litter bins / litter & dog fouling awareness notices / dog fouling facilities throughout the area surveyed.

Kennedy Park: Grade A. This was a very freshly presented and maintained expanse of parkland with tree planting and pathways in good order. It was spotless throughout.

Childers Road: Grade B. Childers Road was looking quite well with freshly cut grass verges and new style of covered / pedal bin at the bus stop. Sporadic litter on the grass / verges and at the exit from Limerick One shopping Centre took away from an otherwise well-presented route.

Bawnmore Road: Grade B+. With a little extra effort, this residential area could easily get the top litter grade. Plastic bottles, sweet papers and mineral cans were present, in an otherwise well maintained environment.

Roxboro Road: Grade B. (from Roxboro Roundabout to William Street). A notably littered road with obvious sweet wrappers and lower levels of coffee cups, plastic bottles and mineral cans. The car parking areas, especially close to area on approach to William Street, harboured much of the litter.

Bring Facility at Roxboro Shopping Centre: Grade C. This is another site in Galvone which has rarely risen higher than a Grade C / Grade D status. As with so many previous visits, it wasn’t just casually littered but subject to dumping. Black sacks of clothing had been discarded in front of the purple clothing units, with the contents strewn about. Larger items had been stuffed to the rear of the units.

Roxboro Shopping Centre: Grade B. This is regularly a top ranking site, not so this time around. The car parking areas were litter free but the perimeter of the grass verges / pavements were littered, mostly casually discarded food related items.