

Sligo: 21 / 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

Another very good and improved result for Sligo with six of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade. These included O'Boyle Park, Sligo Bus Eireann Station, the Recycle Facility at Connaughton Road and Cartron Viewing Point. The only heavily littered site was Sligo Hospital – while it was somewhat improved compared to previous IBAL surveys, there was still a significant litter presence.

Summerhill Roundabout Approach to junction at R292: Grade A. A clean and freshly presented route with no visible litter issues throughout.

Upper John Street – Maugheraboy Road: Grade B. Much of this road was generally quite clean but there were too many incidents of dog fouling, mineral cans, sweet wrappers and alcohol bottles for the top litter grade. The dog fouling notices are pretty heavy hitting 'Clean Up! Protect Public Health, Be Responsible' and yet there was a very definite dog fouling presence.

Sligo Bus Eireann Station: Grade A. A notable improvement on previous IBAL visits. Apart from cigarette butts / sweet wrappers, this was a freshly presented and well maintained environment. Area at the base of bicycle parking had an accumulation of leaves but wasn't necessarily littered.

R291 Rosses Point Approach Road: Grade A. A very freshly presented route with road surface, markings and signage in good order and bicycle / pedestrian pathways clearly marked.

Cartron Viewing Point: Grade A. There was a complete absence of litter throughout this site. Much of the area presented very well, but one of the pieces of signage had been defaced and the hard infrastructure appeared somewhat 'tired'.

Sligo Hospital: Grade C+. There was a notable improvement compared to the most recent IBAL visits, but that is coming from quite a low base. The biggest improvement was noted at shrubbery by the road, by the bench and the temporary entrance. However, there was still a very definite litter presence, not just food related items, but also some face-masks, broken hard plastic and paper wrapping.

Recycle Facility, Connaughton Road: Grade A. A small facility which was very fresh in appearance and clear of litter. The recycle bin unit were in good order and the signage relating to the using of same was clearly displayed.

City View: Grade B. The residential area of City View was generally quite good with regard to litter. It was let down by a pile of litter in the shrubbery area. If this isolated area was addressed, it could easily achieve the top litter grade.

O'Boyle Park: Grade A. The font on the signage at the entrance to O'Boyle Park was somewhat worn away and virtually illegible. The PE equipment was freshly presented and in good condition. Dog Fouling signage / disposal facilities were in good order. Overall, this was an excellent site with a virtual absence of litter throughout.

O'Connell Street: Grade B. The majority of O'Connell Street was well presented and clear of litter. One area had a pile of cardboard boxes and plastic wrapping – this detracted from what was otherwise a very good site.