

Ballinasloe: Joint 13th out of 4 towns / cities surveyed.

An excellent result for Ballinasloe with six out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade and, more significantly, there were no seriously littered sites. Examples of some top-ranking sites included the Famine Remembrances Park, the residential area of Kilgarve Gardens and the three approach roads.

R358 Askea Approach Road: Grade A. A very clean and fresh approach road, creating a positive first impression of Ballinasloe. Road surface / signage / markings were in good order. Apart from one house with overgrown front garden, the individual properties appeared well tended.

R348 Athenry Approach Road: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this route – just a few food related items. The pavement was well presented along some stretches, cracked in other areas.

Famine Remembrance Park: Grade A. A very clean park environment, set amongst mature trees and open grass space. One of the litter bins was old / damaged, the other in working order. Picnic table and seating were in good condition.

La Paor Trench Monument: Grade B+. This site just missed getting the top litter grade. Food and alcohol related items around the wooden bench took away from an otherwise well-presented and maintained environment. With a little extra effort, this could easily be a top-ranking site.

Ballinasloe Library: Grade B+. The built environment was freshly presented with lovely paving directly outside. Signage associated with the library was in good order. If it wasn't for the coffee cups, fast-food wrappers and sweet papers caught in the shrubbery, this would have been a top-ranking site – an easy fix.

Main Street: Grade B. The overall impression along the main street was a somewhat littered one with a variety of food and cigarette litter items present. This took away from a freshly presented streetscape where the paving, bollards, markings, street bins, ornamental trees etc. were in good order.

Bring Facility: Grade B+. The individual units and signage associated with the use of the facility were in good order. The overall impression was a good one and the area to the rear wasn't subject to dumping as so often happens with such facilities. It was litter to the front of the facility which brought down the litter grade.

Scoil Mhuire gan Smal / Creach National School: Grade A. All appeared in good order within the grounds of the school.

Kilgarve Gardens: Grade A. The residential area of Kilgarve Gardens was very much deserving of the top litter grade. All aspects of the area surveyed were not just excellent with regard to litter but very well presented and maintained.

R357 Roscommon Approach Road: Grade A. There were no litter issues of note along this busy approach route into Ballinasloe. Individual properties were well tended.