

**Ballybane: 35<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed.**

**There were six top ranking sites in Ballybane - certainly an improvement on a number of years ago. By far the two most heavily littered sites were no strangers to this status – Ballybane Industrial Estate and Ballybane Village – both litter blackspots have been very poor on numerous previous IBAL surveys. There was a significant improvement at the residential area of Castlepark – this time around it was very much deserving of the top litter grade.**

**R865 Bothar na Mine: Grade A.** There was a virtual absence of litter along this busy approach. There was no visible litter directly associated with the road works. A broken wall had been repaired since the last survey.

**Ballybane Industrial Estate: Grade D.** There has been no improvement in this site – it has consistently been a very heavily littered site for a number of years. It wasn't the individual premises which presented poorly – it was the communal areas, particularly the inner roadway which was subject to dumping of industrial waste e.g., plastic wrapping, pieces of wood etc. Low lying shrubbery was riddled with items. Weed growth was significant. The overall impression was a very poor one.

**Monument on Castlepark Road: Grade A.** A freshly presented and maintained environment – excellent with regard to litter. The surrounding open park area was in good order. The building looked like it had been freshly painted. All in all, very much deserving of the top litter grade.

**Ballybane Library & Environs: Grade A.** A clean and tidy facility with a virtual absence of litter. The painted disabled parking bays add a freshness to the environment. Weed growth was beginning to develop around the library entrance.

**Ballybane Village: Grade D.** There has been minimal improvement at this site – it has regularly been very heavily littered and subject to dumping over a prolonged period of time. While the heavy litter to the rear had been removed it was still a very poor site – heavy levels of a wide variety of food related items were present, along with used nappies.

**Clearview Park / Castlepark: Grade A.** Great to see such a significant improvement at this residential area – it was very much deserving of the top litter grade. Well done to all involved. Hopefully this can be sustained.

**Castlepark – Park: Grade A.** All aspects of the area surveyed were in good order, with a virtual absence of litter throughout.

**Bring Facility at Joyce's Supermarket: Grade B.** The recycle bin units and signage associated with the usage of same were freshly presented. Items had been stuffed between, behind and beside the units – with a little extra care on behalf of the users, this could easily be a top-ranking site.

**R339 Monivea Road: Grade B+.** Signage along this road indicates section devoted to 'Managed for Wildlife'. The majority of the road was excellent with regard to litter, apart from one isolated area, a derelict site with litter around the base of the fencing.

**Ballybane Road: Grade A.** A freshly presented route with road surface / markings / signage in good order and grass was well maintained. The overall impression travelling along this route was a positive one.