An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Survey 2, 2022

Ballybeg: 24th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

A very strong performance from Ballybeg – a couple of sites which had previous been heavily littered have since been addressed / demolished e.g. Ryan's had been a heavily littered site, frequently subject to dumping – the site no longer exists. The main access routes were all top ranking, along with Tesco and Ballybeg Park / Playground – the latter is a lovely amenity which was very well presented and maintained. By far the most heavily littered site was the green space in front of Ardmore Terrace – it wasn't just littered but subject to dumping.

St. Saviours GAA: Grade A. An exceptionally clean facility - clearly great care is taken with the presentation and maintenance of same - a credit to the users and those responsible for the maintenance.

Bring Facility at Tesco, Ballybeg: Grade B. The bottle / can units were freshly presented, the green 'Liberty' clothing units were looking a little tired. A large white plastic container was placed on the ground in front of the units - there was no facility for the recycling of same. There was also a black sack just beside the bottle / can units. The remainder of the facility was fine.

Green space in front of Ardmore Terrace: Grade D+. This area wasn't so much littered but subject to dumping of large items e.g., white goods and other miscellaneous items. A bag of food had been discarded, the contents of which were being scavenged by birds. Also, loose litter items.

Ballybeg Drive Roundabout to Ballybeg Link Road Roundabout: Grade A. All appeared in good order along this fast-moving route. There was no visible litter throughout. Road surface, markings and signage were in good condition.

Tesco, Ballybeg: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout this enormous car park, only very minor items, probably wind borne. The overall impression was of a freshly presented and maintained environment. Care needs to be taken that litter items at the adjoining empty site don't impact on the Tesco site.

Ballybeg Park / Playground: Grade A. A small green space with play playground / table-tennis. All equipment was in very good condition. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout. The Dog Fouling bin just outside one entrance was so well used it was full / overflowing.

124 Clonard Park: Grade A. This residential unit had harboured very heavy levels of litter on previous IBAL visit - not so, this time around.

Ballybeg Stores & Environs: Grade B. The area around Ballybeg Stores had minor food related litter times but it was the litter to both sides of the building which really brought down the litter grade. There didn't appear to be a visible bin in this area.

Ballybeg Drive: Grade B+. Not much effort is required for the top litter grade – some food related items had been casually discarded.

Priory Lawn: Grade B+. Much of this residential area was very good with regard to litter but it was impossible to ignore the bag of food on the public green, the contents of which were strewn about and the 'mini' sweet wrappers.