

Mahon: 40th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Seriously Littered.

Mahon was one of the few areas surveyed to deteriorate year-on-year. There is a definite issue with dumping here – many sites were let down not just because of casual litter but due to presence of dumped items. Dirty nappies were noted at a few separate locations. No improvement was noted at the residential area of Lakelands. Avenue de Rennes was heavily littered with a couple of separate areas of note. By far the most heavily littered site was the Pedestrian Link to Aldi – litter blackspot. There were only two litter-free sites, which included the Shopping Centre.

Avenue de Rennes: Grade C. The stretch of road between the church and Red Cove Inn was relatively clean. However, it was the area between Red Cove Inn and Ringmahon Road which harboured heavy levels of a wide variety of all manner of litter and dumping, including dirty nappies. It was particularly bad at the base of the bins outside Ladbrokes – with a series of Ladbrokes betting slips, along with other items strewn about. The clothing recycle bin further along also harboured discarded bags.

Lakelands Crescent: Grade C. There was no improvement at this residential area – heavy levels of a wide variety of food and alcohol related litter were present, along with dirty nappies. Concentrations of same were particularly high in the area immediately surrounding the electricity box, the box itself was covered in graffiti.

Ballincure Avenue: Grade C+. This area was somewhat different in terms of litter. The overall impression was a heavily littered one throughout without any specific areas of note. The side with the graveyard was clean, XL store was clean, but the remainder was littered.

Lough Mahon Park: Grade B. A lovely expanse of park space with PE equipment, seating, playground equipment in good order. The Cork City Council 'parks department' signage was completely defaced, render it completely illegible. The litter was mostly mineral cans and plastic bottles, along with occasional other items.

Castle Meadows: Grade A. A very freshly presented and maintained residential area – all aspects were in very good order and apart from one face-mask, there was a complete absence of litter throughout.

Skehard Road: Grade B. A scattering of a wide variety of food litter, alcohol cans, plastic ties on poles and face masks took away from an otherwise well-presented environment.

Pedestrian Link to Aldi: Grade D. While it would seem that the area has been cleaned since the last IBAL survey, this area has been subjected to further and recent dumping – it was most noticeable towards Ringmahon, less so towards Aldi. The base of the shrubbery harboured abandoned clothing, dirty nappies and regular loose litter.

Mahon Point Shopping Centre: Grade A. A pristine site – spotless throughout. All aspects of the area surveyed were exceptionally freshly presented e.g., paving, bicycle parking, ornamental tree planting, shrubbery areas, litter bins etc.

R852 Mahon Link Road: Grade C+. This was such a mixed site in terms of overall presentation and litter levels. The area close to City Gate was immaculate and CSPCA is finally litter free. The area in front of the vet clinic was definitely littered, mostly food related, with a heavy face-mask presence. The two bus stops were also littered.

R390 – Open Space off Ringmahon Road: Grade B. With a little extra care and attention this space could easily be top ranking.