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

Maynooth: Joint 2nd out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

Maynooth continues to score very highly in the IBAL league with nine out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade and no seriously littered sites. All of the approach roads got the top litter grade, creating a positive first impression of the town. Other sites of note included University Campus, Maynooth Seminary, Carton Demesne and Main Street / Leinster Street – these were not just good with regard to litter but were very well presented and maintained.

Kilcock Approach Road: Grade A. A clean and welcoming approach Maynooth with road surface / markings / signage in good order. Tree planting / grass areas looked very well.

'Bring Facility' at Aldi: Grade B. The area to the front of the facility was freshly presented with bins and signage associated with the usage of same in good order. It was the items to the rear / in the low-lying planting which brought down the litter grade. Better management / maintenance of same is required to prevent further build-up.

University Campus – Main Building: Grade A. The front and the immediate environs of this building was freshly presented with a virtual absence of litter throughout. Paving, litter bins, signage, notice boards, sculpture, planted areas etc. were in very good order.

Maynooth Seminary: Grade A. A wonderfully presented and maintained environment with a complete absence of litter throughout.

Derelict site, Seminary end of High Street: Grade A. Clearly a careful eye is kept on this building as there was very minimal litter associated with this boarded up period house.

Parsons Street: Grade A. This street got the top litter grade, but only just. There were some food related items but not enough to bring down the litter grade.

Main Street / Leinster Street: Grade A. The lovely paving, tree planting and shop fronts create a good impression on this long main shopping street. Seating, street bins, bicycle parking, bollards etc. were in good order.

Carton Demesne / Carton Avenue: Grade A. A wonderful expanse of parkland which was very much deserving of the top litter grade – there was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Old Dublin Road Approach: Grade A. There were no visible litter issues along this well-presented route. Road surface / markings / signage, bollards etc. were all in very good order.

Motorway Approach / Coach Road: Grade A. The paving and road surface were particularly freshly presented. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order and excellent with regard to litter.