

**Roscommon: 26<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

**A great improvement for Roscommon, with seven out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade. With so many top-ranking sites, a few deserve a special mention: Main Street was very freshly presented and maintained, excellent with regard to litter. 'The Square' is a lovely town centre environment which was not just spotless but attractively presented with lovely paving, planting etc. There was a notable improvement at the Bring Bank on Golf Links Road – this time around it just missed the top litter grade. Similarly, the Laneway beside Roscommon Fire Station was worthy of the top litter grade. The Laneway off Main Street was much improved but still somewhat littered. By far the most heavily littered site was the Laneway in between the laneway beside the Fire Station and parking and Circle K Plaza – it wasn't just littered but subject to dumping. This area has been highlighted on many previous IBAL surveys.**

**Main Street: Grade A.** Recent road / pavement surface creates a very fresh impression – the paving was lovely and hopefully there won't be any further build up of chewing gum. Street bins, flower planting, ornamental trees, directional signage, wooden seating looked great. The Main Street was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

**N63 Lanesborough Approach: Grade A.** A welcoming and fresh impression was created along this route. All aspects were in very good order with no visible litter issues throughout.

**The Square: Grade A.** This lovely town centre environment is a template for Grade A – the presentation was excellent, and it was spotless. The paving was exceptionally fresh, planting was colourful, bollards and seating were in very good condition.

**Laneway, in between laneway beside Fire Station and parking area, at Circle K Plaza: Grade C.** This was by far the most heavily littered site surveyed in Roscommon with no improvement on previous IBAL surveys. The low-lying shrubbery harboured heavy levels of a wide variety of food and alcohol related litter. Large piece of household furniture had been dumped. Where does responsibility for this site lie?

**Recycle Facility on Golf Links Road: Grade B+.** A much-improved site compared to previous surveys with no dumping. This time around it was just loose wrapping, plastic bottles and sweet wrappers.

**Tesco: Grade A.** A freshly presented shopping and car park environment. The car park surface / markings / bollards were in good order. Ornamental tree planting was a welcome feature in such a large expanse of parking. There was minimal litter throughout.

**Laneway off Main Street leading to the Matrix Gym: Grade B.** Another site which was much improved compared to previous surveys. This time around there were just loose items of litter, without the dumping which previously existed.

**N61 Sligo Approach Road: Grade A.** The road surface / markings were particularly fresh in appearance. Grass / planting at the roundabout is a lovely feature. Overall, this route created a very positive first impression of Roscommon.

**Laneway beside Roscommon Fire Station: Grade A.** The dumping of previous surveys had been addressed. Hopefully this site can retain its Grade A status and won't drift back to heavily littered status.

**St. Ciaran's Park: Grade A.** There were no litter issues at this residential area.