

**Sligo: 17<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

**Another good result for Sligo, with six out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade and just one heavily littered site. The other three just missed the top litter grade. Examples of some top-ranking sites included the three approach roads, Famine Sculpture at Custom House Quay and Sligo Courthouse – the latter two were very well presented and maintained. By far the most heavily littered site surveyed was Sligo Regional Hospital – it has been heavily littered for a number of years, with no improvement this time around. This brought down the overall result for Sligo.**

**R287 Dromahair Approach Road: Grade B+.** Food related litter e.g., sweet papers, plastic bags, glass bottles and coffee cups took away from an otherwise well-presented route. Not much effort is required for the top litter grade.

**R284 Keaden Approach Road: Grade A.** A very clean and well maintained road, creating a positive first impression of Sligo. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

**Fatima Road: Grade A.** A fresh and welcoming residential environment with minimal litter throughout. The overall impression was of a well-presented and cared for environment.

**Cleaveragh Road approach: Grade A.** A very warm, welcoming, clean and fresh approach to the town. There was virtually no litter in sight. All properties were in very good order.

**Famine Sculpture at Custom House Quay: Grade A.** A pleasant feature close to the river in a town centre square. There was a complete absence of litter in the immediate environs of this famine sculpture.

**City View: Grade B+.** A much improved site compared to previous IBAL litter survey – this time around it just missed the top litter grade. Care needs to be taken that it doesn't deteriorate to previously littered status.

**Bring Facility at Connaughton Road: Grade A.** There was a complete absence of litter at the facility and in the immediate environs – very good for a Bring Facility as this is often not the case in other facilities around the country.

**Sligo Regional Hospital: Grade C.** This site has been heavily littered over the last number of IBAL surveys – there was no improvement this time around. The most obvious items were cigarette butts and face masks with lower levels of a wide variety of food items (coffee cups, plastic bottles, fast-food wrappers, plastic bags and mineral cans) and some alcohol cans. The entire area around the front of the hospital was littered. The whole area around adjacent to the temporary main entrance was neglected, run down and poorly presented. There were no visible litter bins / butt disposal units.

**Sligo Courthouse: Grade A.** A freshly presented and well-maintained built environment – all aspects associated with this facility were in good order. It was spotless throughout.

**O'Connell Street: Grade B+.** With a little extra care and attention this busy shopping street could get the top litter grade. The business premises were in good condition and the street furniture was clean and fresh.