

Galway Inner City - Ballybane: 36th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered

A general overall improvement was noted at Ballybane with four sites just missing the top litter grade e.g., Ballybane Recycling and Moniva Road. There was some evidence of a clean up at Ballybane Industrial Estate, but this was coming from a very low base, and it still has some way to go to shift from seriously littered status. By far the most heavily littered site remains at Ballybane Village - while the unfinished residential development had been cleared up somewhat the overall impression of the area was a poor one.

Ballybane Industrial Estate: Grade C. There is definite evidence of a clean up and some areas within this industrial estate were freshly presented and clean. However, it still has some way to go to shift from a heavily littered site. Much of the litter was industrial plastic wrapping, seemingly 'long-lie', i.e., indicating a lack of thorough cleaning for quite a while. It was mostly trapped in the planting / low-lying shrubbery. Other miscellaneous items were also present e.g., a plastic crate with various items within.

Boher na Mine Approach: Grade B. There was scattered litter along the length of the of this road, but it was most obvious beneath a series of commercial signs – mostly food related, along with some alcohol bottles and some miscellaneous other items.

Ballybane Shopping Centre: Grade A. Clearly a careful eye is kept on the closed down / unoccupied premises as there was no litter directly associated with them. The overall impression created here was very good one with regard to presentation and maintenance. Litter bin was freshly presented and in good order.

Ballybane Recycling: Grade B+. The recycle bin units were freshly presented and the stickers / signage associated with the usage of same were in good condition. With a little extra effort on behalf of the users / those responsible for the maintenance, this could be a top-ranking site. Items had been stuffed between and become trapped beneath the units.

Moniva Road: Grade B+. This road just missed the top litter grade. The overall impression was a good one, freshly presented and well attended properties. There were too many food related and paper bags, cardboard and other miscellaneous items.

Galway United Grounds: Grade A. This was a pristine site! The built environment was in very good order and the surrounding grounds were well maintained. Well done to all concerned.

Castlepark 17-29: Grade B+. Most of this residential area was very good with regards to litter and general presentation. There was one isolated area which was somewhat run-down with litter e.g., fast-food wrappers, mineral cans and sweet papers, along with several pieces of timber.

Ballybane Village: Grade D. While the unfinished residential development had been cleared up somewhat the overall impression of the area was a poor one. There was a definite loose litter presence in front of the shop, but it was the heavy build-up of items in the planted areas / over the low wall, much of it 'long-lie', which really brought down the litter grade. As well as casually discarded litter there were larger miscellaneous items.

Leonardo Mantelli Park, Castlepark: Grade B. A large expanse of parkland / green space with no obvious litter bins / dog fouling signage or facilities. The main litter items were plastic bottles, sweet wrappers and dog fouling.

Cluain Ard: Grade B+. Much of this residential area presented well, with minimal litter throughout. However, there were too many small items lining the base of a heavily weeded pathway for the top litter grade.