

Ballybeg: 24th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms

Again, Ballybeg delivers a stand-out performance for an urban area. Top-ranking sites included the Car Park at Tesco Extra, St. Saviour's GAA, @ The Campus and Ballybeg Park / Playground – the latter has had a revamp since it was last surveyed and the facilities within look very fresh. By far the most heavily littered site surveyed was the Bring Facility at Tesco Extra – it wasn't just casually littered but subject to dumping. Care needs to be taken at the moderately littered sites to ensure they don't deteriorate further e.g., Ardmore Terrace, Ballybeg Stores & Environs and Clonard Park / Ardmore Park.

Ballybeg Drive to Ballybeg Link Road Roundabout: Grade A. All appeared in good order along this fast-moving route. Road surface / markings / signage were in good condition and there were no visible litter issues.

Ballybeg Park / Playground: Grade A. This small 'open' park space has had a 'revamp' since it was last surveyed. Some new KM signs have been erected, tree planting and a lovely feature is the permanent Table Tennis Table. All were freshly presented and in very good conditions. New Dog Fouling Facilities have been erected just outside the park / playground area. This site was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

Ardmore Terrace: Grade B. This site has certainly been more heavily littered in previous IBAL surveys. While there were some loose scatterings of litter on the communal grass space, it was impossible to ignore the 'burnt' items.

Ballybeg Recycle Centre, at Tesco, Ballybeg: Grade C. This large 'Bring Facility' is freshly presented with bin units in good order and extensive signage associated with the use of same. However, it wasn't just casually littered but larger items had been left by the units e.g., suitcases and a large see through sack full of cans.

Car Park, Tesco Extra, Ballybeg: Grade A. A vast expanse of car park, all aspects of which were in very good order with a complete absence of litter throughout. Trolley bays were spotless and the paved area directly outside the store was freshly presented. It was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

Ballybeg Stores / Pizza & Environs: Grade B. The overall impression at this site was a somewhat littered one, mostly food related items e.g., plastic and glass bottles, fast-food wrappers and sweet papers. Cigarette butts were also present. There didn't appear to be any visible litter bins / cigarette butt disposable facility in the immediate area.

Clonard Park / Ardmore Park: Grade B. There was a persistent stream of food related litter along Clonard Park. The communal grass area at Ardmore had a broken bin lid and other miscellaneous items.

St Saviours GAA: Grade A. The impression from the outside was an excellent one with regard to litter. All visible aspects of the facility appear to be well presented and maintained.

@The Campus: Grade A. This would seem to be the 'home' to a large number of community services. The planted areas at the entrance, both directly outside and within, created a welcoming impression. All appeared in good order with regard to litter.

Main Ballybeg Thoroughfare: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along the stretch of road from Ballybeg Stores to Ballybeg Drive roundabout. There was one incident of obvious graffiti on an electricity type box in front of the houses at Priory Lawn.