

**Limerick City South - Galvone: 35<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered**

**Galvone is inching its way up the IBAL litter league, with steady improvements over the years. Four of the sites surveyed got the top litter grade, with three just missing it – this could easily be achieved with a little extra care and attention e.g., the residential area of Lilac Court / Castle / Oaks View, Kennedy Park and Galvone Road. The ‘Bring Facility’ at Roxboro Shopping Centre was freshly presented but subject to huge levels of dumping and abuse. Galvone Business Park / Industrial Estate was not quite as heavily littered compared to previous IBAL surveys but was still a poor one. Miscellaneous site at Childers Road at Vehicle Weigh Station wasn’t just casually littered but subject to industrial dumping.**

**Galvone Road: Grade B+.** The overall impression created along this route was generally a good one, but the litter grade was brought down by too many food related items e.g., plastic bottles, fast-food wrappers, mineral cans and sweet papers.

**R511 Collins Avenue: Grade A.** Road surface / markings / signage were in good order along this route and there were no visible litter issues.

**Galvone Business Park / Industrial Estate: Grade C+.** The area at the beginning of / to the front of the business park / industrial estate was generally fine with regard to litter. It was the litter to the rear / at the end which brought down the overall litter grade. While not quite as heavy as many previous IBAL surveys, there was still a very obvious presence – not just casual litter but dumping of industrial and domestic rubbish.

**Lilac Court / Castle / Oaks View: Grade B+.** This large residential area had a series of interconnected roads, the majority of which were litter free. Some fresh litter (plastic bottles & sweet papers) in the car parking area took away from an otherwise good site. Not much effort is required for the top litter grade.

**Kennedy Park: Grade B+.** Kennedy Park just missed the top litter grade, just some food related litter and dog fouling. The area has recently been enhanced by several large and very colourful planter boxes – these are a great addition to this open green space. Dog Fouling notices indicate a very hefty maximum fine of €4,000.

**Roxboro Road: Grade A.** (from William Street to Roxboro Roundabout) A very clean and tidy impression was created along this route. Street bins were in good order.

**Bring Facility, Roxboro Shopping Centre: Grade D.** This ‘Bring Facility’ has been freshly presented with recycle units and signage associated with same in very good condition. The area to the front of the units had some abandoned items (e.g., bags of clothing) but it was the area to the rear and the side of the units which really brought down the litter grade – it has been subject to very significant levels of widespread dumping – huge volumes of clothing have been discarded.

**Roxboro Shopping Centre: Grade A.** This site has frequently been top ranking in previous IBAL surveys and things were no different this time around. Clearly it is a very well cared for / managed facility.

**Childers Road: Grade A.** (from Kilmallock Roundabout to Tipperary Roundabout). A freshly presented and maintained route with all aspects in good order. The grass verges had recently been cut and the cycle ways / pavements were clear of litter.

**Miscellaneous site at Childers Road at Vehicle Weigh Station: Grade C.** This wasn’t just a casually littered site but subject to industrial dumping, albeit somewhat hidden from public view. The small, shuttered builder was covered in graffiti. Where does responsibility for this site lie?