

**Mahon – Cork City: 32<sup>nd</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered**

A big and very welcome improvement was noted at Mahon with no very heavily littered sites this time around. Well done to Cork City Council. Sites which had improved included Avenue de Rennes, Lakelands Crescent and Ballinure Avenue – all heavily littered in 2022. Mahon Point was an exceptionally freshly presented and maintained environment. Some of the road / street signage was quite poor, in need of replacing e.g., Lakelands Crescent and Ringmahon Road. The Pedestrian Link to Aldi from Ringmahon was by far the most heavily littered site – mostly food related items.

**Avenue de Rennes: Grade B.** This was one of the sites in Mahon which had improved since last IBAL survey. Litter was primarily food related along this road, on the pavement and in the recessed bay area. It would seem to be 'recent' and casually dropped. There appeared to be one litter bin along the entire stretch of road surveyed – perhaps more litter bins and litter awareness notices could make a difference here.

**Skehard Road: Grade B+.** The overall impression created along this road was a well-attended one. Some food related litter at the various bus stops and other spots took away from an otherwise good site.

**Jacob's Island: Grade B+.** Much of this residential area was very good with regard to litter. Some items were visible at the first roundabout in the parking and bus stops. The tree planting / cherry blossoms were a lovely feature.

**Ringmahon Road: Grade B.** (from junction with Avenue de Rennes to Estuary Drive). Some stretches of this road were clear, but not all. 'Fresh' litter was obvious on the kerbs and grass verges, particularly at the parking area / bus stop beside rugby grounds. Some of the road signage was very old / worn away and illegible. There didn't appear to be any litter bins along the survey area.

**Promenade at Joe McHugh Park: Grade A.** This site was very much deserving of the top litter grade. The overall impression was a clean and welcoming one with a virtual absence of litter throughout. Graffiti on the stone signage with engraving.

**Ballinure Avenue: Grade B+.** This was a heavily littered site when last surveyed in 2022 – this time around it was significantly improved. There was a child's scooter on the ground – it's difficult to know if this was discarded or awaiting its owner to return. Fresh and recent litter (mostly food related) were present on the pavements and close to the shop.

**Mahon Point Shopping Centre: Grade A.** As with many previous IBAL surveys, this was an exceptionally freshly presented and maintained shopping environment with all aspects in very good condition e.g., paving, seating, litter bins, bollards etc. There was plenty of planting in the car park area and this was all well attended.

**Lakelands Crescent: Grade B.** Another site in Mahon which had shown a definite improvement. There had been dumping at this site in the previous IBAL survey – not so, this time around. The most obvious litter items this time were fast-food wrappers and sweet papers, with lower levels of alcohol and mineral cans. Some of the road signage was old / worn away.

**R352 Ringmahon Link Road: Grade A.** Apart from some minor litter at a bus stop, the overall impression created along this road was a very good one.

**Pedestrian Link to Aldi, off Ringmahon Road: Grade C+.** This was by far the most heavily littered site surveyed in Mahon – and it's no stranger to a low litter grade. There was a constant stream of loose / casually discarded items. The most obvious of which were fast-food wrappers and sweet papers with lower levels of mineral cans, plastic bags and glass bottles. Levels were quite pronounced along some stretches.