

Naas: 10th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms

IBAL winner in 2021 and 2022, Naas continues to rate very highly with seven out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade – these included various approach routes, the residential area of Hollywood Park and Canal Bank at Abbey Bridge. The only blot on the landscape was one heavily littered site at Derelict site at corner of Rathaskar Road and New Row – it wasn't just littered but subject to dumping.

Hollywood Park – Residential: Grade A. This residential area was a template for a Grade A site. Not only was it excellent with regard to litter but all aspects were in very good order e.g., planted areas, picnic table, grass area etc.

Sallins Approach Road: Grade A. There were no visible litter issues along this heavily trafficked route – all appeared in good order throughout.

Tesco Shopping Centre – Exterior: Grade A. All aspects of this extensive site were in very good order e.g., car park surface / markings / signage; planted areas, trolley bays, visitor information signage, bollards and paving in front of the individual shops. It was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

Recycle Facility at Tesco: Grade A. This surveyor commented 'one of the tidiest recycle facilities I have surveyed!'. Signage relating to the use of the facility was freshly presented, individual units were clean and there wasn't the typical 'stuffing' of items between / beneath / behind the units. The area to the front of the units was spotless i.e., no broken glass, as is often the case with such a facility.

R445 New Road approach: Grade A. The overall impression created along this route was a tidy and welcoming one with clean pavements and grasslands. Road surface / markings / signage were in good order and area was enhanced with attractive paving.

Rathaskar Road: Grade A. The overall impression created along this residential area was a good one – see separate survey for derelict site.

Derelict site at corner of Rathaskar Road and New Row: Grade C. This was the one heavily littered site surveyed in Naas and it would seem that it didn't get into this state overnight. It wasn't just littered but subject to dumping of a wide myriad of items e.g., street cone, pieces of wood, floor mop, bistro style chair and bags of rubbish. This site needs attention.

Canal Bank at Abbey Bridge: Grade A. A lovely waterside environment with a complete absence of litter within the water and along the pavements. Signage, litter bins and paving were all in very good order. Clearly this is a very well-respected environment.

Abbey Street Car Park: Grade B+. The bicycle parking units within the car park were very freshly presented and the car park surface / markings were in good order. Cigarette butts were very much a feature with some lower levels of other items around the perimeter / at the base of the shrubbery planting.

South Main Street: Grade B+. Good impression overall but let down by fresh sweet wrappers and litter. Litter issues most notable at the Taxi ranks and pavements close to where South Main Street joins North Main Street. Paving, bollards, bicycle parking, litter bins, street markings etc. were all in very good order and freshly presented.