

**Roscommon: 16<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms**

**A very strong result for Roscommon with seven out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade – these included Goff Street, the residential area of Hyde Court, Tesco and the two shopping streets, Goff Street and Main Street – the latter was particularly freshly presented with lovely paving, planter boxes, seating, bollards etc. The two most heavily littered sites are laneways – the laneway at Matrix Gym and Laneway to the rear of Casey’s Circle K and close to Roscommon Fire Station.**

**Goff Street: Grade A.** Not only was Goff Street excellent with regard to litter but the overall presentation was a very fresh one. Many of the buildings / premises were brightly painted and the pavements / kerbs were clean. Area was further enhanced by some on-street planter boxes.

**Hyde Court: Grade A.** The residential area of Hyde Court was exceptionally freshly presented and maintained with excellent road surface / paving and tree planting. The large expanse of grass was in good order.

**Golf Links Approach Road: Grade A.** The overall impression created along this route was an excellent one with well attended grasslands / verges and clean kerbs.

**N61 Athlone Approach Road: Grade A.** Another approach road which was very much deserving of the top litter grade. No visible litter issues throughout and overall presentation was very good.

**Laneway at Matrix Gym: Grade C+.** A consistently heavily littered site over many IBAL surveys with no notable improvement. It was characterised by large accumulation of cardboard boxes, heavy levels of a wide variety of litter and grease and grime. It needs to be addressed before it becomes a magnet for vermin.

**Tesco – Exterior: Grade A.** A very freshly presented environment with bollards, signage, paving, trolley bay etc. in good order. A nice feature were the large planter boxes, some of which were adorned with bright yellow planting.

**Bring Facility at Tesco: Grade B+.** With a little extra care and attention this facility could easily get the top litter grade. There were simply too many small items at the base of and in the immediate environs of the recycle bin units. There was plenty of signage indicating CCTV operating for environment enforcement.

**Church Stret Car Park: Grade A.** Litter issues of previous IBAL survey have been addressed - a much improved site which was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

**Main Street: Grade A.** The Main Street in Roscommon is a lovely environment with new pavements and road surfaces creating a welcoming impression. The area is well served by plenty of bins and there was lovely use of on street planters and flowers. Seating, bollards, signage etc. were in very good condition.

**Laneway to the rear of Casey’s Circle K and close to Roscommon Fire Station: Grade C.** This was by far the most heavily littered site surveyed in Roscommon with no notable improvement on previous surveys. It wasn’t just littered but subject to dumping e.g., furniture and several car hubs / wheel rims.