

Mahon: 36th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Littered.

While improved on last year, with just one top ranking site Mahon is again very much towards the bottom of the league. Few of the sites at Mahon had visible litter awareness notices – perhaps the installation of some could create a greater awareness. There were some which could improve their grade with a little extra effort / attention e.g. Mahon Industrial Estate, Ring Mahon Road and Skehard Road. There were no litter blackspots, but heavily littered sites included Avenue de Rennes, Cappanoole and Ballinure Ave. Dog Fouling signage reminds the public that ‘Dog Fouling is Litter’ – great to see such signage being rolled out.

Mahon Industrial Estate: Grade B+. The overall impression was generally a very good one with the individual premises well presented and maintained. If it wasn't for the scattering of food related items (plastic bottles, mineral cans and sweet papers) on the pavements / kerbs, this would have been a top-ranking site.

Aldi Pedestrian Walkway: Grade B. A much-improved site compared to previous IBAL surveys. This time around the area was let down by fresh litter in the hedges. Great to see the improvement and hopefully this improved status can be maintained.

Aldi: Grade A. A template for a Grade A site! All aspects of this survey site were in very good order – freshly presented and well maintained an excellent with regards to litter.

Ring Mahon Road: Grade B+. Not much effort is required for this site to get the top litter grade. The overall impression was a welcoming one with well maintained grass verges and hedges. Casually discarded food related items took away from an otherwise well-presented environment. Road surface / markings / signage were in good order.

Avenue de Rennes: Grade C+. There was dog fouling signage but no visible litter awareness notices / litter bins along this stretch of road. The overall impression was generally an untidy one with an obvious food and alcohol related presence.

Lakelands Crescent: Grade B. A moderately littered site, mostly food related items which were casually discarded. Road signage at this residential was poor, old and illegible.

Ballinure Avenue: Grade C. A casual attitude to litter prevailed at this residential area. Not only were there heavy levels of litter throughout, wildlife was foraging at same. Other items included an upturned shopping trolley.

St Michael's Lawn at the Maples: Grade C. The most obvious litter items included sweet papers and plastic bags, along with lower levels of mineral cans, plastic bottles and alcohol cans. The grasslands presented poorly, with evidence of dumping.

Cappanoole and St. Michael's Drive: Grade C. A constant stream of litter lined the kerbs / pavements of this residential area, with fresh litter right in the middle of the road. Some of the individual gardens were also littered.

Skehard Road: Grade B. The road signage was freshly presented, and the overall impression was generally quite good. Recent litter on the kerbs / pavements / bus stops brought down what was an otherwise well-presented environment.