

**Monaghan: 7<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.**

**A very good performance by Monaghan, one of its best ever, with no seriously littered sites. Well done, Monaghan! Some examples of the top-ranking sites included the residential area of Tully, Monaghan Shopping Centre, The Sports and Leisure Centre and the access / carpark for Rossmore Forest Park – the latter is a lovely outdoor environment with all features in very good condition.**

**Main Street / The Diamond: Grade B+.** A lovely town centre environment which has been attractively laid out with lovely paving, tree planting, planter boxes, seating, signage etc. Instead of the typical 'No consumption of alcohol' in public spaces, the signage here says, 'Consumption of Intoxicating Substances is Prohibited in any Public Space – on the Spot Fine €75.00'. There were too many small pieces of litter, mostly food related and some dog fouling for the top litter grade.

**Recycle Bank, Shopping Centre Car Park: Grade B+.** A freshly presented 'Bring Facility' with recycle bin units and signage associated with usage in good condition. Items not accepted at the facility had been left by the users e.g. bottle tops, cardboard boxes and sheets of glass. With a little extra care by the users, this could easily be a top-ranking site.

**Shopping Centre Car Park: Grade A.** 'Long Stay Parking' – Monaghan Municipal District. A nice addition within this car park environment was the area 'Managed for Wildlife' – a welcome feature. The overall impression was a good one with regards to litter.

**Monaghan Shopping Centre: Grade A.** An exceptionally clean and freshly presented shopping centre environment. The only litter was cigarette butts discarded at the entrance or on top of the bins. There didn't appear to be any dedicated butt unit facilities – perhaps the installation of same may reduce the number that end up on the ground.

**R188 Cootehill Approach Road: Grade A.** (from junction at Ballybey Road in to lights at Broad Road). The overall impression created along this route was a clean and welcoming one with a virtual absence of litter throughout. All aspects were in very good order e.g. road surface / markings / signage, paving, grass areas to the side of the paving etc.

**Tully – Residential: Grade A.** This residential area was very much deserving of the top litter grade. One of the litter bins was sensibly positioned at the nice wooden seating. The whole area was very good with regards to litter.

**N2 Approach: Grade B+.** (from Annagh Roundabout to Colat Roundabout). Corlat Roundabout and Annagh Roundabout were both wonderfully 'green,' something to be very much welcomed. Some food related items and alcohol bottles took away from what would otherwise have been a top-ranking site.

**N54 Approach: Grade B.** (from Corlat Roundabout in to junction with Old Armagh Road). There was a definite food related presence along this route - no one area in particular was pronounced, just scattered throughout. The grass verges were well maintained, and individual properties were in good order.

**Sports and Leisure Centre: Grade A.** A freshly presented facility with all visible outdoor elements in very good order e.g. pathway / grass areas / wooden seating / paving / planted areas / litter bins / bicycle parking (devoid of bicycles!) etc. There was very little litter to be seen throughout.

**Access for Rossmore Forest Park: Grade A.** (entrance and car park area were surveyed). The car park / entrance were clear of litter and all aspects within were in very good condition e.g. dog fouling facilities / various visitor information signage / 'Dogs on Lead' notice etc. This site was very much deserving of the top litter grade.