

Naas: 11th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

Four moderately littered sites helped push Naas off the top of the IBAL table. Millennium Park (business park) was an exceptionally freshly presented and maintained environment with an abundance of greenery throughout. The residential area of Morell Road / Lawns was excellent in terms of overall presentation and litter. The Recycle / Bring Facility at Tesco (Monread Road) was a template for such a site – clearly it is a very well respected and managed one. Notable improvement at Vacant site on Rathasker Road – the previous litter / dumping issues have been addressed, this time it just missed the top litter grade.

Millennium Park: Grade A. This business park was excellent in terms of overall presentation and maintenance. Area was rich with greenery i.e., tree planting / grass areas. All aspects of the area surveyed were in excellent condition – it was spotless throughout.

Recycle / Bring Centre, Tesco Car Park, Monread Road: Grade A. A very clean and well maintained recycle facility. Recycle units were 'flush' with the back, preventing the 'stuffing' of items which can so easily happen at other bring facilities. Bin units and signage associated with the use of same were in very good order.

Public Car Park, on John's Road: Grade B+. There were too many small food related items (e.g., sweet papers, mineral cans and plastic bottles) around the perimeter for the top litter grade. Items in this car park can easily be blown / end up in the adjacent stream.

Vacant site on Rathasker Road: Grade B+. Evidence of major clean up since previous IBAL survey – the litter / dumping issues have been addressed. This time around, it just missed the top litter grade. Hopefully this great work can be sustained.

Sallins Approach Road: Grade A. A freshly presented route, creating a positive first impression of Naas. The area is well served by litter bins. All aspects were in good order.

Naas Lakes - Ballymore Eustace Road: Grade B. A lovely waterside environment which has been attractively enhanced throughout. Excellent visual signage with regards to what are the ideal foods to serve the ducks / swans. If it wasn't for the very deliberate discarding of a couple of plastic bags of rubbish at the base of a blue litter bin, this would have been a top-ranking site.

Ballymore Eustace Road: Grade A. An attractive and welcoming approach road with well attended grass verges – no visible litter issues throughout.

Poplar Square: Grade B. Wonderful colourful tiered planter boxes and large tree planters are lovely features in Poplar Square. Wooden seating and 'olde' style signage were in very good condition. Much of the litter here was food related e.g., fast-food wrappers and sweet papers, along with cigarette butts.

Morell Road / Lawns: Grade A. All was in very good order at this residential area. Public grass areas were spotless, and the overall impression was an excellent one.

Tesco, Monread Road: Grade A. A freshly presented shopping environment, with shiny stainless steel litter bins. The pathways in front of the shopping area were spotless and the wooden seating / large wooden planter boxes are a lovely feature. Area is well served by plenty of litter bins.