

**Roscommon: 31<sup>st</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.**

**With a number of heavily littered sites and one litter blackspot, Roscommon has fallen down the IBAL league compared to a number of years ago. Some of the poorer sites have been highlighted in previous surveys and yet there has been little notable improvement – e.g. Laneway to the Matrix Guy (consistently heavily littered) and Laneway behind the Truck and Car Parking areas of Circle K. The other poor sites relate to the area behind the Recycle Facility at Centre Point Retail Park and the wasteland close-by.**

**Golf Links Road: Grade A.** All was in good order along this tree-lined approach route in to Roscommon. The overall impression was a tidy and well attended road.

**Longford Road: Grade A.** Road surface / markings / signage were very good along this route, and grass verges were recently cut. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the survey area.

**Circular Road / Town By-Pass: Grade A.** This road passes through a series of commercial / industrial premises. The pavements / road surfaces / kerbs were good with regard to litter and the overall impression created was a very good one.

**Main Street: Grade A.** A tidy, well attended main shopping thoroughfare with all aspects in very good condition e.g. paving, signage, on-street planters, bollards, wooden seating etc. There were minimal litter items along the Main Street – it was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

**Centre Point Retail Park: Grade B+.** An exceptionally freshly presented retail environment on a very large scale. Car park surface / markings / signage and paving were all in good order. Some casually discarded food related items took away from an otherwise well-presented site. With a little extra effort, this could easily be a top-ranking site.

**Cluain Fraoigh: Grade B.** Much of this residential area was very well presented and maintained with minimal litter. Grass lands were in good order. Attractive signage by the residents' association asks people to 'Please keep our Neighbourhood Safe, Clean and Tidy'. Sweet papers, mineral cans, plastic bottles, plastic bags and coffee cups were visible along the kerb / driveway near the entrance.

**Laneway to The Matrix Guy: Grade C.** This site has regularly been a heavily littered one – there was little change this time around. It wasn't just casually littered but bags of rubbish and other miscellaneous items had been discarded. Where does responsibility for this area lie?

**Laneway behind Truck and Car Parking areas of Circle K: Grade C+.** While this site was much improved, that is coming from a very low base. While some of the issues observed in previous IBAL surveys have been addressed, somewhat, clearly this area requires more work and ongoing monitoring.

**Recycle Facility at Centre Point Retail Park: Grade C+.** The red and green clothing recycle units were very freshly presented, with the signage associated with the use of same in good order. The area to the front was fine but items had been discarded behind the recycle units,

**Wasteground behind Recycle Facility, Centre Point Retail Park: Grade D+.** This was by far the most heavily littered site surveyed in Roscommon. Shopping trolleys and various other large items e.g. household rubbish had been abandoned at this site. It is only likely to attract similar behaviour, if not addressed.