

Cavan: 23rd out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

A lack of clean sites means Cavan misses out on the top cleanliness grade. On a positive note, just one site was heavily littered. The R212 Approach Road was much improved on previous IBAL visits and this time around it just missed the top litter grade. There were others in a similar situation e.g. Green Lough area, and Recycle / Bring Facility, Tesco Main Street / Cock Hill. The residential cul-de-sac had a virtual absence of litter, and all visible aspects of St. Clare Primary School were in good order. By far the most heavily littered site was the residential area of Ardkeen.

Clones Road Approach: Grade A. (from Cavan Institute out to College View) This route was very much deserving of the top litter grade. It was a welcoming one, with very well-maintained elements and lovely planting.

R212 Approach: Grade B+. (from junction with R353 out to roundabout at Retail Park). A significantly improved site compared to the previous IBAL survey – this time around it just missed the top litter grade. Litter items were mostly food related (e.g. coffee cups, plastic bottles, fast-food wrappers and sweet papers) – all fresh / recent litter, primarily along the shrubbery areas. Perhaps these areas are trickier to clean? Road / pavement surface were generally good with regards to litter.

Green Lough Area: Grade B+. A wonderful 'natural' waterside park environment which has been sensitively presented and maintained. Excellent visitor information signage, litter awareness notice was positioned right beside a picnic table, 'Poop & Scoop' facility was in good condition. Not much effort is required to get the top litter grade.

Ardkeen: Grade C. At the time of the IBAL survey, an array of colourful hyacinths welcomes visitors to the residential area of Ardkeen. There was clear and clean litter awareness / dog fouling signage, and the planted areas were in good condition. There were loose litter items scattered along the pavements / communal open grass area, but it was the accumulations of litter at a green fence which really brought down the litter grade.

St. Clare Primary School: Grade A. All visible aspects of the school were very clean and tidy. Signage was in good condition.

Elm Bank Drive: Grade A. This quiet residential cul-de-sac was characterised by well cared for properties and communal area. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Church St. / Main Street: Grade B. (from Dunnes Stores along to junction with Bridge Street). Colourful planter boxes looked well, just a pity that some litter had made its way into the foliage. There was no one particular area along the street, which was littered, it was just an overall littered impression, mostly food related items, along with receipts, lottery tickets and plastic wrap.

Recycle Bank, Tesco, Main Street / Cock Hill: Grade B+. A large 'Bring Facility' with exceptionally freshly presented recycle units and signage associated with the use of same. If it wasn't for the litter at one end, just beneath the black barrier, this would have been a top-ranking site.

R353 Approach: Grade B. (from speed limit signs in to junction with R212) Seemingly reasonably clean on first impression, closer inspection reveals a definite litter presence, particularly at the base of shrubbery areas – items were mostly food related, along with some dog fouling and cigarette butts. Coffee cups were particularly noticeable on the forecourt parking of Auto Motor Parts and Tyre Sales outlet.

Breffni / Kingspan Sports Grounds - outside: Grade A. The approach and exterior of the grounds were surveyed. All was in very good order with clear dog fouling signage. There was a complete absence of litter in this area.