

Limerick City South (Galvone): 29th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

With six top ranking sites, Galvone is certainly inching its way up the IBAL league and has come a long way from when it was first included. All the approach roads presented well and the large residential area of O'Malley Park / Churchfield was very much deserving of the top litter grade. An improvement was noted at the Weigh Station – Childers Road, though it was still somewhat littered and clearly it needs careful monitoring to prevent deterioration to previous status. By far the two most heavily littered sites have been noted on several occasions: The Bring Facility at Roxboro Shopping Centre and site in Galvone Industrial Estate, which was a litter blackspot and subject to very significant dumping.

Weigh Station - Childers Road: Grade B. There was a notable improvement at this site compared to previous IBAL visits. There was significant graffiti on the front / sides of the building. Main litter issues were in the hedges to the rear of the building. This is likely to build up / revert to previous status if not addressed. Where does responsibility for this site lie?

Kilmallock Approach Road: Grade A. This road created an excellent impression. There were no visible litter issues along the grasslands and adjacent estates. The bus stop area was particularly fresh in appearance.

Bring Centre at Roxboro Shopping Centre: Grade C. The front of this large facility presents well. However, the sides and rear tell a completely different story – this site has rarely been anything but subject to dumping. There is large signage which includes 'Dumping is strictly prohibited' which is being completely flouted. Bags and bags of rubbish / loose clothing have been discarded.

Rathbane: Grade A. A clean and tidy impression was created at this mixed-use area, which includes sports fields / golf club / cemetery. The recent cut grass verges very much contribute to the overall appearance.

O'Malley Park / Churchfield: Grade A. This very large residential development, with further construction underway, was very much deserving of the top litter grade. It was exceptionally freshly presented and maintained. Grasslands / kerbs / pavements / road surfaces were all in very good condition – litter free throughout.

Galvone Industrial Estate: Grade B. Overall impression was improved on previous surveys, albeit it was still a litter presence at some business throughout. Main items were sweet wrappers, plastic bottles and plastic bags, along with a broken street cone.

Vacant site beside Trinity Steel in Galvone Industrial Estate: Grade D. Monumental dumping has taken place at this site. While it would seem that efforts were made to address the situation, the levels of dumping were so vast that it was still a Grade D site. Much of it was household rubbish, including discarded nappies.

Roxboro Shopping Centre: Grade A. An exceptionally clean and tidy shopping centre environment – the high standards of many previous IBAL surveys have been maintained. Well done to all concerned for regularly being a top-ranking site.

Roxboro Road: Grade A. The overall impression created along this route was a very good one with regards to litter with clean parking areas / road surfaces throughout.

Ballysimon Road: Grade A. Another approach route to Galvone which was very much deserving of the top litter grade. There were no visible litter issues throughout the grass verges.