

Mahon – Cork City: 32nd out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

A very good result for Mahon, an area which had frequently found itself towards the bottom of the IBAL league – not so this time around. It is clear that the great community and council efforts are being reflected in this survey – well done to all concerned. There was just one heavily littered site out of ten sites surveyed. Cork City to Passage West Greenway was a superb site, attractively laid out and excellent with regards to litter. Improvements were noted at Avenue de Rennes, St. Michael's Lawns / The Maples and Ballinure Avenue.

Mahon Point - Shopping Centre: Grade A. As with previous IBAL Surveys, this was an exceptionally well presented and maintained shopping centre environment. All aspects were in very good condition and the overall impression was very fresh throughout. Curiously, it bills itself as Ireland's most sustainable shopping centre – one wonders what criteria are used?

Deposit Return Scheme, Aldi: Grade B+. There were too many loose litter items for the top litter grade, cans and cardboard. By the nature of a small area, such facilities shouldn't be too difficult to keep clean.

R852 Approach Road: Grade B+. (From N40 junction with Mahon Point). Road surface, markings, signage were in good order, along with grass and shrubbery areas – these create a very good impression. Heavy levels of cigarette butts next to the traffic lights and lower levels of vapes and other food related items (e.g. fast-food wrappers / sweet papers) took away from what could be a top-ranking site.

Cork City to Passage West Greenway: Grade A. This was a superb site, very much deserving of the top litter grade. The signage associated with the facility was excellent. It looked beautiful late afternoon, early May.

Avenue de Rennes: Grade B. Though moderately littered, this was certainly the cleanest this road has been in a very long number of years. There is obvious evidence of cleaning / litter picking. While some of the litter was food related, there was also evidence of alcohol litter, large amounts of vaping materials, sweet papers and fast-food wrappers.

St. Michael's Lawns and The Maples: Grade B. Another area within Mahon which was improved on previous IBAL Surveys. There is significant work taking place with regard to remodelling / laying of pedestrian surfaces – litter didn't appear to be directly related to the works. There was a wide variety of food related litter, along with cigarette butts and vapes.

Ballinure Avenue: Grade B. Improved on previous surveys but still a moderately littered site. As well as the typical food related items, there were vape boxes and scratch cards. Fast-food litter was the most prevalent litter type.

Cappanoole & St. Michael's Drive: Grade B. Ironically, the level of litter was highest at the 'Littering is an offence' sign. Dog fouling, cigarette butts, plastic ties on poles, along with food related items were present, primarily at Cappanoole with the St. Michael's Drive area litter free.

Pedestrian link to Aldi: Grade C+. There was a slight improvement here but not sufficient to lift it from seriously littered status. The overall maintenance looks good, but the area is very much brought down by all manner of food related litter and dog fouling.

Ringmahon: Grade B. (From Skehard Road to Ave de Rennes). For anybody driving through, this route generally looked well with good road surface / well maintained grass and fresh looking Ringmahon road signage etc. The various colourful 'Mahon Street Renewal Scheme' notices were in very good condition. Closer inspection at bus stops revealed a litter presence.