

Roscommon: 34th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

The presence of two litter blackspots very much brought down Roscommon's overall ranking. The Laneway between Circle K and Fire Station and the Wasteground behind the Recycle Centre at Centre Point Retail Park have suffered from long-term abuse and neglect – both are in need of urgent attention. The three approach routes to Roscommon were very much deserving of the top litter grade, along with the Main Street, Centre Point Retail Park and Roscommon Arts Centre.

Main Street: Grade A. A freshly presented shopping street with attractive, wide paving, tree planting, wooden seating and attractive planter boxes. All aspects were in very good condition with a virtual absence of litter throughout. This site was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

Laneway at Matrix Gym: Grade B+. A much-improved site compared to many previous IBAL surveys. It has the appearance of a site that needs constant monitoring to prevent deterioration to previously heavily littered status.

Centre Point Retail Park: Grade A. This was mostly a well-presented retail environment, albeit with very old / rusty looking Centre Point Retail Park litter bins and some minor graffiti. The litter bins at Aldi were fresh and new looking. Planted areas were in good order, seating was a little old. The overall impression was a virtual absence of litter throughout an expansive area.

Recycle Clothing Bank - Centre Point Retail Park: Grade C. The individual clothing units were freshly presented, with signage associated with the use of the facility in good condition. A bag of clothing had been dumped, along with loose items stuffed between the rear of the units and the fencing. Is this area part of the cleaning regime of the facility.

Wasteground - behind Recycle Centre at Centre Point Retail Park: Grade D. This site was, quite literally, a wasteland, a complete dumping ground. It wasn't just small items but shopping trolleys, wooden pallets etc. It certainly didn't get into this state overnight. Where does responsibility for this site lie? It needs urgent attention. Similarly, where does responsibility for this site lie?

Laneway between Circle K and Fire Station: Grade D. There has been no change since this site has been included in many previous IBAL surveys. Quite simply, the laneway is being used as a dumping ground. Large items included old sofas, old steel, farm machinery, plastic wrapping, shopping trolley etc. It was one of the most heavily dumped sites seen in IBAL litter surveys.

Roscommon Arts Centre: Grade A. The build environment was freshly presented and there was a complete absence of litter throughout the survey area. Perhaps some planting might enhance the overall appearance?

N63 Longford Approach Road: Grade A. All appeared in good order along this tree-lined approach route. The overall impression was a very positive one with very minimal visible litter items.

R366 Convent Road Approach: Grade A. An extremely clean and litter free approach, through a mix of schools and residential. All elements were in excellent order.

Boyle Road Approach: Grade A. An attractive route, enhanced by blooming cherry blossom, and an abundance of mature planting. All in all, a very welcoming first impression of Roscommon town.