

An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Survey 2, 2024

Ballybeg: Cleaner than European Norms. 12th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed.

An excellent result for Ballybeg – even the Ballybeg Stores and Environs site got the top litter grade this time around. Others included the residential area of Ardmore Terrace (previously heavily littered), the Deposit Return Scheme in Tesco, St. Saviours GAA and BRILL Family Resource Centre – the latter looked like a colourful and welcoming environment. Food related litter brought down the grade at the residential area of Clonard Park and Ballybeg Playground / Park. By far the most heavily littered site was the Ballybeg Bring Centre at Tesco – as well as items to the rear of the recycle units, a black bag of items had been abandoned at the base of the clothing bank.

Ballybeg Drive Roundabout to Ballybeg: Grade A. A freshly presented route which had no litter issues. Minor graffiti on an electricity type box along the main thoroughfare.

Ardmore Terrace: Grade A. In previous IBAL surveys this residential development had suffered from varying degrees of littering / dumping - not so, this time around. A couple of 'boarded up' houses had been fenced off.

Ballybeg Drive Roundabout to Ballybeg Link Rd Roundabout: Grade A. Overall presentation was of a freshly presented and well maintained route with no obvious litter presence throughout.

Bring Centre, Ballybeg Recycling – Tesco: Grade C+. As well as loose litter items to the side / rear of the recycle units, a black bag of items had been abandoned at the base of the clothing units.

Deposit Return Scheme - Tesco, Ballybeg: Grade A. There was no litter directly associated with / in the immediate environment of this 'in-store' facility.

Ballybeg Playground / Park: Grade B+. While there wasn't too much litter about, there were enough food related items to catch the attention of foraging birds. Playground equipment / signage / litter bin were in good condition.

Clonard Park: Grade B. There were several opportunities for the foraging dog / birds within this series of interconnecting roads - items were food related, primarily fast-food wrappers, with lower levels of sweet wrappers. Dog fouling also featured.

Ballybeg Stores & Environs: Grade A. This is probably the first time in a long number of years that this site was deserving of the top litter grade. The quantities that had existed at the far end / adjacent to Ballybeg Pizza were no longer an issue. There was no visible litter associated with the major construction site next door and the area in front of Ballybeg Stores was clear of litter.

BRILL Family Resource Centre: Grade A. All appeared in good order at this facility. Attractive planting welcomed any visitors and there were no obvious litter issues at the entrance area. Signage associated with the facility was colourful and eye-catching.

St. Saviours GAA: Grade A. There was a complete absence of litter at the entrance / car park and the areas of the playing fields which were visible from outside - well done to all concerned, both the users of the facility and those responsible for the maintenance of same.