

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

Mahon: Moderately Littered. 33rd out of 40 towns / cities surveyed.

It is great to be able to report on significant improvements overall in Mahon, with just one litter blackspot. This is a big improvement compared to just a year ago. The recent works / local initiatives certainly seem to be paying dividends. Hopefully this upward trajectory will continue. Improvement noted at Ringmahon Road, which was very much deserving of the top litter grade this time around. Pedestrian Link to Aldi was also somewhat improved. By far the most heavily littered site was the litter blackspot at Retail area off Ave de Rennes – it wasn't just littered but subject to dumping. St. Michael's Lawn at The Maples and Cappanoole and St. Michael's Drive both were heavily littered.

Ave de Rennes: Grade B. Major enhancement works are taking place along this route – it will look great once finished. There was no litter associated with the works. The lovely paving was particularly fresh and uplifting in appearance. Overall, litter levels were much improved, albeit some food related items were still evident, particularly food related items.

Ballinure Avenue: Grade B. The recent paving / bicycle path look very well, creating a fresh appearance. The area was let down by a small scattering of a wide variety of litter, mostly food related and some cigarette butts. It is unfortunate that that the newly planted grass has been negatively affected by people driving on it.

Ringmahon Road: Grade A: (from Skehard Road to Loughmahon Road) Ringmahon Road was very much deserving of the top litter grade. Recent works have resulted in a very fresh looking environment. Bus stops were excellent with regards to litter. Planting looked very well. The area outside Ringmahon Rangers was spotless. Well done to all concerned.

City Gate Park: Grade A. This business park was exceptionally freshly presented and maintained with all aspects in very good order e.g. large planter boxes, paving etc. There were some minor food items at the outdoor care area but overall, it was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

Deposit Return Scheme, Tesco, Mahon: Grade A. There was no litter directly associated with the dedicated facility, outside of the store.

City Gate Plaza / Logitech: Grade A. A pristine commercial development, some of it set in tree lined environment. As well as large car park, there was a substantial covered bicycle shelter, with one lonely bicycle. There was a complete absence of litter at this survey site.

Pedestrian Link to Aldi: Grade B. There was a notable improvement, compared to many previous IBAL surveys. The removal of the high grass appears to have resulted in less litter. Hopefully this can be sustained and doesn't deteriorate to previously heavily littered status.

St. Michael's Lawn at The Maples: Grade C+. Large areas were litter free but there were concentrations of litter in and around the basketball court and next to the houses at the vehicle entrance to St. Michael's Lawn. Significant levels of broken glass were at the end of St. Michael's lawn.

Cappanoole and St. Michael's Drive: Grade C+. This was a mixed site, in terms of litter. Some parts were generally clean and then other parts harboured accumulations of litter, mostly food related, along with cigarette butts, dog fouling and an abandoned shopping trolley.

Retail area off Ave de Rennes: Grade D. This site was by far the most heavily littered site surveyed in Mahon – heavy levels of a wide variety of litter lined the front of the shops, particularly the Take Away, along with dumping at the Clothing Recycle Facility. Bags of rubbish were ripped apart, the contents of which were being foraged by crows.