

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

Maynooth: Cleaner than European Norms. 5th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed.

Following the great success in last year's IBAL Anti-Litter League, Maynooth continues to outperform almost all of the towns surveyed in 2024. With so many top ranking sites, there were some which deserved special mention – Leinster Street, SuperValu Shopping Centre and Courthouse Square – the latter is a lovely town centre environment which has been attractively laid out and well maintained. The car park at Lidl was moderately littered.

Dunboyne Road: Grade A. The Dunboyne Road created an excellent first impression of Maynooth – this high standard was maintained for nearly all the remaining sites surveyed. Road surface / markings / signage were in good order and there was plenty of greenery at Dunboyne Road Roundabout.

Supervalu Shopping Centre: Grade A. A large car park and shopping area with attractive paving to the front. The planting around the car park was a lovely feature. Area was well served by litter bins. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

Courthouse Square: Grade A. This town-centre environment was characterised by colourful planter boxes, tree planting, paving with sculpture underfoot, colourful visitor information notice and seating – all aspects were in very good order. A lovely town centre space has been created and enjoyed by members of the public.

Celbridge Approach Road: Grade A. There were no litter issues along this busy approach route. Grass verges were well attended – overall impression was a positive one.

Maynooth Railway Station: Grade A. All aspects of train station were in very good order – station platforms / car park / frontage etc.

Recycle Facility - Supervalu: Grade A. Recycle Bins and associated signage were freshly presented. There was a virtual absence of litter in the immediate vicinity.

Leinster Street: Grade A. As well as the general waste Big Belly Solar Bins, the opportunity for 'on street recycling' was provided - plastic bottles / mixed paper & card / food tins & drink cans / cartons. Clearly a careful eye is kept on any vacant premises as there was no litter associated with same. The overall impression created along Leinster Street was a very good one.

Straffan Road: Grade A. A particularly freshly presented route with grass neatly cut. Overall, the impression was excellent with clean and litter free pavements / road surface.

Lidl: Grade B. Much of this environment was freshly presented and in good order but the area was let down by a plastic bag of rubbish in the corner of the car park, the contents of which were spilling onto the car park surface.

Carton Court: Grade A. There were minimal litter issues throughout this residential development. Communal grass areas were in good order and the overall impression was a very good one.