

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

Roscommon: Moderately Littered. 27th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed.

A welcome improvement in Roscommon, which narrowly missed out on clean status. The residential areas of Castle Manor and Roscommon Court House presented well and were very much deserving of the top litter grade. Improvement noted at: Laneway between Circle K and Fire Station and Laneway at Matrix Gym, though both were still not quite top-ranking. There was no improvement at the wasteground to rear of Recycle Centre, at Centre Point Retail Park – still a litter blackspot with vast amounts of dumping. Where does responsibility for this site lie?

N60 Castlebar Road: Grade B. Large and colourful 'Roscommon' signage and flower pot beneath it welcome visitors along this route. The general presentation was positive with road surface / markings / signage in good order. There were too many loose, randomly dropped items for the top litter grade – mostly food related.

IDA – Roscommon/ Gallowstown Business & Technology Park: Grade A. An exceptionally freshly presented and maintained environment with all aspects in excellent order. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Roscommon Court House: Grade A. The grounds / car parking / entrance etc. were in pristine condition with a complete absence of litter throughout.

Castle Manor: Grade A. There was an abundance of colourful planting beneath the signage of this residential development – a lovely feature. The communal grass areas were well tended, and the area was litter free throughout.

N61 Sligo / Boyle Approach Road: Grade A. A very welcoming approach with mature tree planting and well maintained grass areas. Footpaths presented well. Overall, this route was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

R366 Castle Street: Grade A. There were no litter issues along this route. Clearly a careful eye is kept on the site behind an enclosed barrier as there was no litter directly associated with it.

Laneway between Circle K and Fire Station: Grade B. An overall improvement was recorded here, the solution being the erection of a padlocked gate. Some items still apparent from outside the gate but hopefully this will prevent any further build-up.

Wasteground to rear of Recycle Centre, at Centre Point Retail Park: Grade D. The visible area of this site is vast and consequently there were vast amounts of dumping, with all manner of large and small items – mixed household items, plastic, metal and plastic wrapping. There was a mix of both 'recent' and 'long-lie' items, indicating a lack of attention for some considerable time. Where does responsibility for this site lie?

Recycle Facility, Centre Point Retail Park: Grade A. This facility was being serviced / emptied at the time of IBAL visit – difficult to see if there was any litter. Bin units looked fresh and clean.

Laneway at Matrix Gym: Grade B+. Much improved compared to several previous IBAL surveys. The main items this time around were cigarette butts and the overflowing industrial wheely bins – the latter could become litter if dogs / wildlife forage at same.