

## **An Taisce Report - IBAL Anti-Litter League, Survey 1, 2025**

**Ballybeg: 15<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

**A slight slip on 2024 but a solid result for Ballybeg with half of the sites surveyed getting the top litter grade and just one seriously littered one. There were no litter blackspots. The residential area of Ardmore Terrace and Ballybeg Stores & Environs were much improved compared to previous IBAL surveys, just missing the top litter grade this time around. By far the most heavily littered site was Ballybeg Bring Bank – it wasn't just littered but dumped upon.**

**Ballybeg Drive Roundabout to Ballybeg Link Road Roundabout: Grade A.** An excellent stretch of road in terms of presentation and maintenance. Bicycle paths / paving / road surface / markings and signage were all in good order. There were no visible litter issues.

**Ballybeg Bring Bank, Tesco: Grade C.** Items left beside the recycle bins included a suitcase (not accepted at this facility), a bag full of other miscellaneous items, non-recyclable. Somebody came along in their big car and left a bag of clothing 'neatly' beside the clothing bank, which didn't appear to be full, and there were several other clothing units available.

**Deposit Return Scheme, Tesco: Grade A.** There was a complete absence of litter at this 'in-store' facility. There didn't appear to be any receptacle for 'reject' items, just a sign indicating that there were litter bins at the store entrance.

**Ballybeg Playground / Park: Grade A.** A small park / play environment which was very freshly presented and maintained e.g. seating, play equipment, signage and litter bin. The dog fouling facility was just outside the park itself. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

**Kilbarry Cemetery: Grade A.** What is so striking about this site on a warm May morning, was the array of birdsong, enjoying the abundance of trees within. There was a complete absence of litter throughout this Waterford Council managed facility. An air of calm serenity prevailed.

**Ballybeg Stores & Environs: Grade B+.** There were minimal litter items to the front of the store but the associated car parking and area to the end of the row of buildings were somewhat littered - the litter at the latter appeared 'long-lie', indicating a lack of thorough cleaning for quite some time. Main items were food related, along with a broken street cone.

**Ballybeg Drive: Grade B.** Fast-food wrappers and sweet papers were the most obvious litter items along this road, along both sides of the road. The majority of the litter was within the grassy areas.

**St Saviours GAA: Grade A.** All appeared in very good order along the stretch that fronted onto Ballybeg Drive and the visible areas behind the fencing. The overall appearance was of a well-cared for environment.

**Ardmore Terrace: Grade B+.** In previous IBAL surveys the wide expanse of grass harboured large / miscellaneous items. This time around, the area was much improved. Small items of food related litter prevented the top litter grade.

**Priory Lawn: Grade B.** This is a residential area, off Ballybeg Drive / rear of Ballybeg stores - the area close to Ballybeg Stores appeared more littered, particularly on the grass, to the rear of Ballybeg Stores and Environs. The overall impression was of a moderately littered environment.