

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

Roscommon: 23rd out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

A very strong performance by Roscommon, one of its best in a number of years. This time around there were seven top ranking sites, including the three approach routes. Other top ranking sites included King & Moffatt Dr Hyde Park, Main Street and The Square. The Main Street and Square were particularly freshly presented and maintained with lovely paving, tree planting and freshly presented buildings. Improvements were noted at a formerly dumped upon site: Laneway between Fire Station and Circle K – hopefully this will continue. We note that Roscommon Co Co have been in touch with An Taisce to say that the wasteground adjacent to Recycle Facility is beyond their remit and they have made several attempts to make contact with the owner.

N63 Approach: Grade A. (into roundabout at Centre Point). A freshly presented route into Roscommon, creating a positive first impression of the town. All premises were in good order. One stretch was attractively adorned with wide paving and spring blossoms.

Clothing Recycle Facility, at Centre Point Shopping Centre: Grade B. The recycle units were clean and freshly presented. There were loose litter items (not related to the facility provided i.e. not clothing) at the base of and behind the units. A more thorough approach to not just emptying, but cleaning the immediate environs is required.

Wasteground adjacent to Recycle Facility: Grade D. Roscommon Co Co have been in touch with An Taisce to say that this is beyond their remit and have made attempts to get in contact with the owner of this site. While this site has been highlighted in many previous IBAL surveys, the level of dumping appears to be increasing. All manner and vast quantities of materials have been dumped upon a vast expanse of wasteland.

Deposit Return Scheme, Aldi: Grade A. This 'in-store' facility was absolutely spotless.

Laneway between Fire Station and Circle K: Grade B. A much improved area compared to a couple of years ago, with much of the large pieces of metal waste and old sofas removed. The installation of a gate appears to be having the desired effect i.e. preventing access. Litter items this time around were much smaller in nature e.g. fast-food wrappers and plastic bags, along with a sort of metal canister.

Main Street: Grade A. Many of the individual premises were freshly presented / brightly painted and the wide paving / tree planting looked very well. The overall impression created along the Main Street was a very positive one and worthy of the top litter grade.

The Square: Grade A. This town square environment was very attractively presented with a mix of historic features, combined with seating, tree planting, bicycle parking etc. All were in excellent order and there was a complete absence of litter throughout.

King & Moffatt Dr Hyde Park: Grade A. All appeared in good order with regards to litter at this sports facility. The blue gates were very old / rusty looking, but it wasn't a littered site.

N61: Grade A. (in to roundabout at N63 junction). A very freshly presented route into Roscommon with no visible litter issues throughout. Road surface / markings / signage were in very good order.

N63, Galway Approach Road: Grade A. (in to junction for train station). There was a virtual absence of litter along this route. The overall impression was a welcoming one.