



Press Release

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Country records best ever showing in IBAL litter survey

- *80% of towns and cities as clean as European counterparts*
- *“absence of community involvement” explains ongoing litter problem in disadvantaged areas*

The latest survey by business group Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) shows improvements in cleanliness across the country over the past year. Over 90% of rural towns surveyed were deemed clean, while Dublin, Cork and Galway city centres all scored well in the ranking of 40 areas. IBAL says a lack of community involvement explains why certain disadvantaged urban areas continue to be plagued by litter despite improvements elsewhere.

AnTaisce assess litter levels in 40 towns and cities on behalf of IBAL. 80% of areas were found to be clean, with a top tier of 16 towns deemed “cleaner than European Norms”. Tullamore topped the rankings, followed by Dublin Airport Environs and Leixlip. Once again there was a wide gap between towns and disadvantaged city areas, with the latter occupying the bottom 6 places in the ranking.

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2017 IBAL ANTI-LITTER LEAGUE – 1st ROUND RESULT

1	Tullamore	Cleaner than European Norms
2	Dublin Airport Environs	Cleaner than European Norms
T3	Leixlip	Cleaner than European Norms
T3	Roscommon	Cleaner than European Norms
5	Longford	Cleaner than European Norms
T6	Clonmel	Cleaner than European Norms
T6	Ennis	Cleaner than European Norms
8	Killarney	Cleaner than European Norms
9	Kildare	Cleaner than European Norms
10	Ballybeg (Waterford City)	Cleaner than European Norms
T11	Navan	Cleaner than European Norms
T11	Waterford City	Cleaner than European Norms
13	Balbriggan	Cleaner than European Norms
14	Drogheda	Cleaner than European Norms
15	Kilkenny	Cleaner than European Norms
16	Thomondgate (Limerick)	Cleaner than European Norms

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17	Athlone	Clean to European Norms
18	Carlow	Clean to European Norms
T19	Mallow	Clean to European Norms
T19	Monaghan	Clean to European Norms
T19	Portlaoise	Clean to European Norms
22	Tallaght	Clean to European Norms
23	Cork City Centre	Clean to European Norms
24	Ballybane (Galway City)	Clean to European Norms
25	Letterkenny	Clean to European Norms
T26	Wexford	Clean to European Norms
T26	Galway City	Clean to European Norms
28	Dublin City Centre	Clean to European Norms
29	Cavan	Clean to European Norms
30	Dundalk	Clean to European Norms
31	Sligo	Clean to European Norms
32	Bray	Clean to European Norms
33	Tralee	Moderately littered
34	Castlebar	Moderately littered
35	Ballymun	Moderately littered
36	Mahon (Cork City)	Moderately littered
37	Limerick City	Moderately littered
38	Cork North City	Littered
39	Dublin North Inner City	Littered
40	Galvone (Limerick City)	Seriously littered