

An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 1, 2018

Navan: 14th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

There has been a marked improvement in Navan. This time around there were eight top ranking sites with no seriously littered sites. One particularly site deserves a special mention - St. Patrick's Terrace (Grade B). While it still has some way to go to get the top litter grade it wasn't subjected to the level of dumping of furniture etc. as was the case in the past. Top ranking sites included St. Patrick's Classical School, Navan Shopping Centre, Emmet Terrace and Páirc Tailteann – these sites didn't just score well with regard to litter but were also well presented and maintained.

Páirc Tailteann – Entrance and Environs: Grade A. This site has scored very well with regard to litter – it was impeccable. Clearly it is a very well attended environment.

St. Patrick's Classical School: Grade A. All appeared in very good order with regard to litter in the grounds of the school and the area immediately outside was also spotless.

St. Patrick's Terrace: Grade B. While it still has some way to go to get the top litter grade, St. Patrick's Terrace wasn't subjected to the level of dumping of furniture etc. as was the case in the past. This time around the main items were sweet papers and fast-food wrappers.

Derelict site at No. 9 St. Patrick's Park: Grade A. Clearly a close eye is kept on this property as there was no litter or weed growth associated with it. The presentation of the house will only deteriorate further if not addressed.

Emmet Terrace: Grade A. The large green area at Emmet Terrace presented very well – very neat and tidy. Grass had recently been cut and the overall impression created here was a positive one with a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Trim Approach Road: Grade A. A clean and fresh impression was created along the main road. Much of the paved area was in good order and road surface and markings were in good condition. A site off the main road was in a poor state with regard to litter.

Trimgate Street: Grade B. There were some parts of Trimgate Street which were much better than others with regard to litter (e.g. bus stop area by junction with Kennedy Road was littered). Cigarette butts and sweet papers were most pronounced with lower levels of chewing gum. An overflowing litter bin could become potential litter items if not emptied.

Navan Shopping Centre: Grade A. The entrance (with ATM) and immediate environs presented very well – black bollards, bins paving, signage etc. were in very good condition. There was a virtual absence of litter in the area surveyed.

R166 Kingscourt approach Road: Grade A. Attractive impression is created along this road into Navan. The road surface and markings were in very good order – there didn't appear to be any visible litter.

N51 Connecting Road to Drogheda: Grade A. All appeared in good order with regard to litter along this road. The overall impression was of a tidy and well maintained environment.