

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

Tallaght: 24th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed.

Another strong performance for an area that was once rooted to the bottom of the IBAL rankings. 'Tallaght Village' was one of eight sites in Tallaght which got the top litter grade. Not only did it score well with regard to litter but it presented very well e.g. paving, bollards, bins and visitor information notice. Other top ranking sites included The Square – Belgard Square East and Car Park at the Square. While the Car Park at Tallaght Leisure Centre presented well the Recycle Facility within was poor with dumping at the base of the recycle units. By far the most heavily littered site in Tallaght was the Pond at Sean Walsh Memorial Park – the park proper was in good order but the pond was very heavily littered.

Belgard Square – South: Grade A. The overall presentation of this shopping / retail environment was a very fresh one. One small roundabout had plenty of very well attending planting and pebbles. It was fresh and clean throughout. One of the electrical boxes had several separate incidents of graffiti.

Old Bawn Road: Grade A. The road surface, signage and markings along this busy route were in good order and the pavement grass had recently been cut. There was a virtual absence of litter in the area surveyed.

Abberley Square, South: Grade A. A fresh and clean impression was created at this site. A 'grill' over the street bin would hopefully reduce the chance birds picking out the litter. Paving, seating, ornamental trees, street signage etc. were all in excellent condition.

Tallaght Leisure Centre: Grade A. The car park of Tallaght Leisure Centre was fresh in appearance. The planting of ornamental trees took the 'bare look' off the large expanse.

Recycle Facility at Tallaght Leisure Centre: Grade C. The recycle bins at this facility were in very poor condition and items (black sack / boxes etc.) had been left on the ground at the base of the bins.

Tallaght Village: Grade A. The paving and stone were very fresh and contributed to the overall impression created here. Bollards, bins, ornamental trees, lighting etc. were also excellent. The map detailing 'Tallaght Village' was in very good condition and the whole area presented very well with regard to litter.

Westpark: Grade B. Much of this residential area was good with regard to litter but there were isolated areas which brought down the overall litter grade. The litter was most pronounced near the entrance and around the kerbs. The most obvious litter items were plastic bottles, cans, fast-food wrappers and sweet papers.

The Square - Belgard Square East: Grade A. All aspects of the area surveyed were excellent. There was a complete absence of litter throughout and the area is clearly very well maintained and respected by the users.

Car Park at The Square: Grade A. A very fresh and clean environment. The area wasn't just lacking litter but also presented very well e.g. bins, low-lying shrubbery, signage etc. The recycle facility within was in very good order.

Pond at Sean Walsh Memorial Park: Grade D. The area surrounding the pond was clear of litter. This lovely park environment was let down by the very heavy levels of 'long lie' litter – all manner of food / mineral / alcohol related items were to be seen in the water.

Kiltipper Close and Avenue: Grade A. The grasslands and verges had been freshly cut in this residential area. There were no litter problems to report – all in all, this was a very good site throughout.