

## **An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 2, 2018**

**Drogheda: Overall 2018 result: 7th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.**

**A further improvement for Drogheda, well inside the top ten in the IBAL table. All the approach roads to the town got the top litter grade, creating a positive first impression of the town. Other top ranking sites of note were Old Abbey Lane and West Street – the latter's paving and streetscape were particularly good. Both of these environments presented well and were clear of litter. There were no heavily littered sites.**

**R118 Approach from the North: Grade A.** The overall impression created along this route was a good one with plenty of large planter boxes. There wasn't any visible litter along the area surveyed.

**Old Abbey Lane: Grade A.** The presentation of this historic site was very good with all aspects of the area surveyed in very good condition. There was a complete absence of litter throughout.

**Recycle Facility at Trinity Road: Grade B.** As well as broken glass on the ground there were cans, sweet papers and fast-food wrappers. These litter items take away from an otherwise well presented and fresh facility where the recycle units were in good condition.

**Trinity Street: Grade B.** There was a very definite litter presence along Trinity Street, the level was such that it was verging towards a Grade C status. The litter bins were full / overflowing, further contributing to the litter situation. The main litter items were fast-food wrappers with lower levels of coffee cups, chewing gum and cigarette butts.

**Former Corrigan's Pub: Grade A.** This disused premises presented poorly with paint peeling, creating quite a considerable blight on the streetscape. There was a virtual absence of litter - care needs to be taken to ensure that litter doesn't begin to accumulate.

**Corn Exchange Buildings: Grade A.** The built environment of this historic site was in good order and the overall impression created here was a positive one. There was minimal litter throughout.

**West Street: Grade A.** The paving and road surfaces have been recently improved creating a fresh impression along West Street. Ornamental trees, bollards and general streetscape were very good. It was excellent with regard to litter.

**Riverside Walk: Grade A.** There was a virtual absence of litter at this site. Council inspired graffiti was a feature here.

**R132 Dublin Approach Road: Grade A.** This road created a very good first impression of Drogheda – all aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order.

**N52 – M1 Connecting Road: Grade A.** This route got the top litter grade, but only just. Some parts were in much better condition in terms of litter than others.