

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

Dundalk: Overall 2018 result: 9th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

An excellent showing for Dundalk, improving on earlier in 2018. Some top ranking deserve a special mention – Court House Square was excellent in terms of presentation and paving; the wide paving on Clanbrassil Street creates a great sense of space and the overall presentation of the streetscape was good; Dundalk Institute of Technology continues to suffer from heavy levels of cigarette butts; the ‘Bring Centre’ by the Fire Station just missed getting the top litter grade – with a little extra care and attention this could easily be achieved.

R132 Approach Road: Grade A. Grass verges and pavements on each side of the road were fine with regard to litter. The central median with lamp-post was fresh in appearance.

Dundalk Institute of Technology – Interior: Grade A. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed. The opportunity to recycle is provided.

Dundalk Institute of Technology – Exterior: Grade B. The main campus presented well with paving, grass area, planting, signage etc. in very good condition. Cigarette butts continue to be a big issue (was with many previous IBAL surveys), with lower levels of sweet papers and chewing gum.

Court House Square: Grade A. The presentation of this town centre environment was excellent. Paving was very fresh in appearance and there was almost a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Series of once derelict buildings on Francis Street: Grade A. This range of buildings and the footpath in front got the top litter grade, but only just. The buildings, (approximately three in number) had peeling paint, empty name plates and shuttered windows with some items of litter.

Williamson’s Mall: Grade A. The car park surface within the centre of this retail environment was fine with regard to litter. The style of litter bins didn’t appear to accommodate cigarette butts with the result that there was an accumulation of stubbed butts on the top of the bin – potential litter on a windy day.

Clanbrassil Street: Grade A. The overall presentation of Clanbrassil Street was a good one with wide paving creating a sense of space. The individual shops were in good order. The street scored well with regard to litter.

‘Bring Centre’ by Fire Station: Grade B. This smallish facility presented well with signage and recycle units in good condition. It was let down by some litter to the front and more obviously to the rear of the units – with a little extra care and attention this could easily be a top ranking site.

R177 Approach Road:: Grade A. All was in good order along this route – pavement to one side and verges to the other, both were in good condition. There wasn’t any visible litter along the area surveyed.

N52 Connecting Road to Drogheda: Grade A. There didn’t appear to be any visible litter along this busy road.