

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

Tallaght: Overall 2018 result: 13th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

Another excellent result for Tallaght, which continues to shine as a beacon for other urban areas across the country to follow. Sean Walsh Park was a top ranking site – hugely improved since earlier in 2018 when the pond was a very poor site with regard to litter. Other top ranking sites which deserve a special mention included both recycle facilities at Tallaght Square and at Sean Walsh Memorial Park. Tallaght Village and Tallaght Stadium were also very clean.

Tallaght Village: Grade A. The overall impression created at Tallaght Village was a very positive one with regard to litter. Chewing gum was obvious on the old pavement and close to the shops at 'Village Green'.

Tallaght Stadium: Grade A. The high standards of previous IBAL litter surveys have been maintained and this was again a top ranking site. There were plenty of bins on the pavement outside the grounds.

Recycle Facility at Tallaght Square: Grade A. On the whole, an excellent impression was created at this litter free environment. However, the blue recycle unit was grubby and in need of a thorough cleaning.

Recycle Facility at Sean Walsh Memorial Park: Grade A. As with the recycle facility at Tallaght Square this was also in very good condition with regard to litter. Presentation was good with regard to signage and bins were fresh in appearance.

Lucan Road Approach: Grade B. There was a definite litter presence along this road, the level was such that it could quickly deteriorate to a Grade C status. A wide variety of food related litter was present. It was particularly noticeable at the perimeter to the open grasslands area.

Old Bawn Road: Grade A. This road was a good one with regard to litter. The bus stops were clear of litter, the provision of bins is hopefully helping this.

Civic Theatre & Environs: Grade A. This facility presented very well with freshly cut grass area and a tidy square close to the Library. Chewing gum was a feature at the entrance to some buildings.

Sean Walsh Memorial Park: Grade A. It was fitting that this park, a recipient of a Green Flag for Parks (2018), got the top litter grade. Signage at entrance was welcoming and in good order. This was an excellent site in terms of presentation and maintenance. There was an absence of litter throughout the grasslands, walkways and pavements. There were plenty of bins and the seating areas were clean and tidy. The water fountain and ponds were also clean.

Tallaght Square at L2: Grade A. (Dunnes Stores / Tesco etc.). There was a virtual absence of litter in this area which presented very well. Shrubs and hedge areas were tidy and the overall impression was of a well maintained environment.

Tallaght Square Car Park at L2 N: Grade A. This car park was very good with regard to litter. There was a negligible chewing gum problem. Well attended shrubs and hedges.

Swan Hall / Losset Hall Apartments: Grade B. This is an exceptionally freshly presented apartment development. If it wasn't for the significant levels of cigarette butts and chewing gum this site would have scored higher. Chewing gum was most pronounced at the lift to the car park and cigarette butts were pronounced in non butt collector holders and had become trapped in the cobblestones.