

North Inner City Dublin: 39th out of 40 Towns / Cities Surveyed. Seriously Littered.

A slight rise in cleanliness on 2018 but the area remains seriously littered. Improvements were noted at some residential areas e.g. Dunne Street was deserving of top litter grade as litter problems have been addressed; Rutland Street Lr had regularly suffered the most dreadful domestic dumping but this time around there was a big improvement. Top-ranking sites included Newcomen Avenue, Environs of HSE Primary Care Centre Summerhill and Sheriff Street Park. The litter blackspots identified didn't get into that state overnight and have clearly suffered long-term abuse and neglect e.g. Seville Place; Canal Dock, adjacent to Ossory Road; Sheriff Street Lower and Buckingham Street Upper. Small planter boxes appear to be more widespread, a nice feature for residents and those passing through the area.

Seville Place: Grade B. This long stretch of road got a Grade B but the level of litter was verging towards a Grade C. It was let down by a variety of litter (old and recent), along the kerb and in some gardens. Some of the gardens were particularly littered. Bins and low-lying planter boxes were fresh in appearance.

Derelict Site on Seville Place: Grade D. The grounds of a derelict house (with a red door) have been used as a dumping ground e.g. mattress and all manner of rubbish. The windows were also broken / boarded up.

Canal Dock, adjacent to Ossory Road: Grade D. It wasn't just casual litter in the water, but dumping. The pedestrian bridge, while freshly presented, was destroyed by graffiti. There was old and recent litter on the railway tracks.

Charleville Mall: Grade A. The overall impression created along this waterside environment was a positive one. The pathway was very good with regard to presentation and litter. There was a virtual absence of litter within the water. Graffiti was very much a feature at the lock area. Hopefully the tie-in with the local community (as reported in 2018 IBAL survey) will continue to have a positive effect on this environment.

Newcomen Avenue: Grade A. This short residential road presented well with regard to litter. One home was particularly attractively presented with plants and hanging baskets. There was a complete absence of litter throughout.

William Street North: Grade B. The main litter items along William Street North were sweet papers, fast-food wrappers and cans – most obvious at the Summerhill end of the site.

Sheriff Street, Lower: Grade D. Unfortunately the attempt to 'beautify' this street paled into insignificance with the remainder of the street. It wasn't just a littered site but subject to dumping and vandalism. There were serious litter problems near Connolly Station service area. Graffiti and spilt paint were also a feature along Sheriff Street, Lower.

Buckingham Street, Upper: Grade D. There were 'Grade B' litter levels along the street (including dog fouling) but it was the state of the basements of the various apartments which brought down the overall litter grade. Again, this wasn't just litter, but dumping over a prolonged period and an overall impression of neglect.

Clonliffe Avenue: Grade B. Much of the litter along this road was at the Ballybough end of the site. A variety of food related litter e.g. cans, fast-food wrappers and sweet papers, and also some cigarette butts. Some of the properties presented poorly e.g. corner site where paint was significantly peeling away.

Dunne Street: Grade A. Litter problems of previous IBAL litter surveys have been addressed and this residential road presented a good impression. Once a site is cleaned up, it is so much easier to keep it clean.

Portland Row: Grade B+. The small planter boxes are a lovely feature, adding some greenery in an otherwise busy vehicular route. The road presented well – with a little extra care and attention it could be a top ranking site.

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Richmond Road: Grade B. There was a definite litter presence along this road, a variety of food related litter items. The level of litter was such that it was verging on Grade C status, especially at the entrances to some buildings.

Rutland Street, Lower: Grade B. There was a distinct improvement in the litter situation along Rutland Street, Lower. Historically, this short residential street, (also home to a school) had suffered from the most dreadful domestic dumping. This was not the case this time around. Much of the litter was located along the kerbs.

Area underneath Railway Bridge on North Strand Road: Grade D. Domestic dumping has taken place along the railway tracks, bags and bags of rubbish were strewn about. This creates a terrible impression for anybody travelling by train along this route.

Ballybough Road: Grade B. A wide variety of food related litter items and cigarette butts were seen on Ballybough Road, most notably close to Richmond Road exit and close to Summerhill end. 'Solar Belly' bin has large signage 'Please use Me!'.

Area outside new Summerhill Primary Care Centre: Grade A. A shiny new facility with some low lying planting, paving was in good order and attractive street lamps directly outside. A bus stop directly outside the building had no litter bin – this could prove problematic re litter as the surveyor had been in this area shortly before it had been cleaned, when there was a heavy litter presence.

Summerhill Parade: Grade B+. The boarded up properties created a poor impression and have resulted in graffiti and fly-posting. Dog fouling and cigarette butts were the most pronounced litter items with lower levels of plastic ties on poles, sweet papers and chewing gum.

North Circular Road: Grade C. (from Dorset Street to Summerhill junction) The overall impression along this stretch of North Circular Road was of a heavily littered environment. There were significant levels of a wide variety of litter. It was particularly pronounced at some black fencing (near the Dublin Bike stand) and also in some front gardens.

Oriel Street, Upper: Grade B. There was an improvement along this residential road which had scored very poorly in previous IBAL litter surveys. This time it was more of a littered street rather than subject to dumping.

Gardiner Street: Grade A. Overall, this street was deserving of the top litter grade, with a virtual absence of litter.

Crinian Strand: Grade D. This site was characterised by long-term abuse and neglect. There were piles of rubbish behind the grey gates (electrical station) and significant accumulations along the road.

Sheriff Street Public Park: Grade A. Some welcome green space, in a city centre location. It has been well presented and maintained. Wooden play features have been installed and the playground / play pitches were in good order. There was a virtual absence of litter.

Commons Street: Grade C. (Sheriff Street end) As well as the litter in the parking area beside Sheriff Youth Club, there were serious litter problems at the pedestrian walkway between the sports playing pitches and building, leading from Commons Street. The overall impression created in the surrounding area was a very poor one.

Sean McDermott Street: Grade B. A littered street, but not as heavy as some previous IBAL surveys. It was most noticeable close to Gloucester Place. The area immediately outside Swimming Pool was very good with regard to litter.

Foley Street: Grade A. Along some parts of Foley Street the paving was very in very good order, creating a fresh impression. Cobbled street and tree planting looked very well. There were no litter issues directly associated with the boarded up corner site.