

## **An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 1, 2019**

**Dun Laoghaire: 24<sup>th</sup> out of 40 Towns / Cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

**Some of the top-ranking sites in Dun Laoghaire were not just good with regard to litter but also in terms of overall presentation and maintenance e.g. Approach Road from Sandycove, People's Park and Eden Park Recycle Facility – they deserve special mention. The two poorest ranking sites are stubbornly poor - Eblana Street Car Park and Brock's Lane are both off the main thoroughfares and perhaps less frequented than other sites in Dun Laoghaire.**

**Approach from Seapoint: Grade B.** To the average motorist this route from Seapoint would appear an excellent site in terms of presentation, maintenance and litter. The seating area and mosaic underfoot were lovely features. However, on closer inspection, an area on the left hand side, behind some railings, very close to Martello Tower was definitely littered – mostly food related items but also some larger items.

**George's Street Lower: Grade A.** The overall presentation of George's Street Lower was good and enhanced by brightly painted planter boxes. There was a virtual absence of litter, mainly cigarette butts, especially at the bus stop and at the base of the stone seating area. A decommissioned telephone box (close to the entrance to Bloomfield's) created a poor impression.

**Dun Laoghaire Harbour Plaza: Grade B+.** Dun Laoghaire Harbour Plaza was very well presented and maintained overall. The majority of the area was excellent with regard to litter but there was a definite presence at the carousel area, mostly food related items e.g. sweet papers, cans and plastic bottles on the mosaic seating. The planted areas, seating, signage etc. were all in very good order.

**Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education: Grade A.** All appeared in good order in the grounds of DCFE. There was a planted area to the front and the car park surface was good. There was a virtual absence of litter.

**People's Park: Grade A.** A superb site. This beautiful park is clearly a very well respected environment. The grounds were exceptionally well maintained. The whole area was excellent with regard to litter and the water feature was spotless.

**Brock's Lane: Grade C+.** The overall presentation of Brock's Lane has improved somewhat with new road / pavement surface and street signage. It is still, however, being used to dispose of rubbish with a black sack and heavy levels of litter behind a planter box. Graffiti remains a feature on many surfaces.

**Eblana Street Car Park: Grade C+.** There was plenty of clear and clean signage relating to Pay / Park by Text. All other elements in the car park were in poor condition with heavy levels of litter. There were many instances of graffiti throughout and weeds were knee high around the perimeter. Some of the industrial bins (from food outlets) were overflowing.

**Approach from Glasthule: Grade A.** Overall, the approach from Glasthule was good in terms of litter with a virtual absence along most of the route.

**Approach from Sandycove: Grade A.** An excellent route with regard to litter. The grass area / PE Equipment / Bicycle Parking / Seating etc. were all in very good condition. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order. This was a top ranking site throughout.

**Eden Park Recycle Facility: Grade A.** There was plenty of signage relating to the usage of this facility. All appeared in good order and there was no obvious litter.