

Tallaght: Joint 22nd out of 40 Towns / Cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

Despite a fall-off in cleanliness, a very creditable showing for Tallaght. The Recycle Facility at Square deserves a special mention as it was in such good condition – this is quite a rarity for recycle facilities. The high standards of previous surveys have been maintained at The Square, Tallaght Village and Tallaght Luas Stop. Sean Walsh Memorial Park was an excellent site but the Pond within Sean Walsh Park has suffered from heavy littering over a prolonged period. The Playing Pitches beside McGee Park were heavily littered, mostly food related.

Tallaght LUAS Stop: Grade A. The overall impression created at this site was a very positive one – it was fresh and generally clean throughout. Care needs to be taken to ensure that cigarette butts don't build up.

Playing Pitches beside McGee Park: Grade C+. The playing pitches themselves were well maintained with recent grass cutting. There were heavy levels of a wide variety of food-related litter both on the pitches and the adjoining pavement. Perhaps the installation of Litter Awareness notices may help?

Tallaght By-Pass: Grade B. (from Junction with Whitestown Way to R113 toward Belgard Road). This was definitely a littered site, with some areas pronounced than others e.g. at the base of the trees, beside some railings. A variety of litter was present, much of it food related but cigarette butts were also pronounced, especially in the hedges and close to bicycle path. Plastic Ties were also widespread – and this was even before election / referendum fever kicked in.

Cheeverstown Road: Grade B. Much of the litter appeared fresh on the grass verges and at the kerbs close to the approach to Tallaght By Pass. The overall impression was a littered one.

Recycle Facility at Square, Tallaght: Grade A. This was an excellent site, a rarity in recycle facilities throughout the country. It was freshly presented and maintained without the typical items stuffed between, beneath and behind the recycle units.

Tallaght Village: Grade A. All aspects of the area surveyed in Tallaght Village were in very good condition – paving, lampposts, bins, shrubbery areas, tree planting etc. It scored very well with regard to litter. There were some incidents of graffiti e.g. on post box and street bin.

Tallaght Square Shopping Centre: Grade A. The high standards of previous IBAL litter surveys have been sustained at this site. The overall impression created here was an excellent one with regard to litter and the signage, trolley bay, shrubbery areas, road / pavement surfaces, bins etc. were all in very good condition.

Birchwood Heights: Grade A. The signage re No Dumping, Fine of €3,000 appears to be having the desired effect as this residential area was very good with regard to litter. The overall impression was of a tidy and well maintained environment.

Sean Walsh Memorial Park: Grade A. Sean Walsh Memorial Park was an excellent site. Not only did it present very well with regard to litter but it was excellently maintained. It was characterised by recent grass cutting, litter bins in good condition and a clean and tidy recycle facility. Please note that the pond within the park has been treated as a separate site – see below. This was in a very poor state with regard to litter.

Pond beside Recycle Centre in Sean Walsh Memorial Park: Grade C. There were heavy levels of a wide variety of litter, both 'old' and 'new' on the surface and at the bottom of the pond. Much of the litter was alcohol related. This needs to be addressed as it will only deteriorate further and encourage more people to litter.