

Ballymun: 38th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Littered.

A much improved result for Ballymun. There were more clean sites than in many previous surveys, although many were bordering on 'moderately littered' and care needs to be taken to ensure they don't slip. Improvements were noted at both the Recycle Facility at Shangan Road and Ballymun Sports and Leisure Fitness, though they were still somewhat littered. Balbutcher Lane was by far the most heavily littered, not just with casual litter or dumping but abandoned cars.

Balcurris Park: Grade A. The overall impression created at this park area was a positive one with a virtual absence of litter throughout. Paving and tree planting were in very good order.

Coultry Gardens: Grade A. This residential area was deserving of the top litter grade, but only just. Care needs to be taken to ensure that litter doesn't build up.

M50 approach to Ballymun Roundabout from Blanchardstown Direction: Grade A. A generally clean and tidy impression with road surface, markings and signage in very good order. Occasional litter items at the roundabout but not enough to bring down the overall grade. The grass verges appeared freshly cut.

Recycle Facility at Shangan Road: Grade B. There was some improvement at this small facility, but that is from a low base. The recycle units presented very poorly, paint peeling and some graffiti. The contents of a bag of food had been discarded at the back of the units as well as a large brick. Other items were stuffed between the units.

Balbutcher Lane: Grade D. The litter levels along Balbutcher were exceedingly high along much of the road. All manner of litter was found throughout this long stretch of road. As well as the constant loose litter there were some abandoned cars.

Ballymun Sports and Fitness: Grade B. Better than previous visits, but still littered. Trapped litter at the iron grills on the grounds of the facility bring down the site e.g. cans, fast-food wrappers, sweet papers, coffee cups and plastic bottles. Cigarette butts were also on the ground.

Town Centre Car Park: Grade B. Efforts have been made to enhance this environment with some nice wooden planter boxes and car park surface / markings / signage were in good order. Some of the car park was fine with regard to litter and other isolated areas had a very definite litter presence, mostly food related with some clothing items.

Ballymun Library: Grade A. The immediate environs of the library presented well with paving, planting, trees, seating, bicycle parking etc. in good order. It was excellent with regard to litter.

Ballymun Road / Main Street: Grade B. The streetscape was in good order, large planter boxes and ornamental trees adding some welcome 'greenery' in a built up environment. Street bins, dog fouling signage, sculpture, etc. were in very good condition. The road was mixed with regard to litter with some parts clear and others less so. As well as some loose litter, a more thorough approach to cleaning the 'grilles' is required as many many items had become stuck in the grilles.

R104 / Santry / Coolock Approach: Grade A. Much of this route presented well with regard to litter but care does need to be taken with regard to litter. Road surface, signage and markings were in good order.