

Drogheda: 31st out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

With six top ranking sites you would expect Drogheda to score reasonably well. However, the presence of both a seriously littered and litter blackspot very much brings down the town's overall grade. The poor sites didn't get into that state overnight but have clearly suffered long-term abuse and neglect. By far the worst site surveyed was the derelict / boarded up property at West Gate House – this litter blackspot has been used as a dumping ground. The recycle facility has been very poorly maintained and lacks thoroughly cleaning. The Train Station (Interior and Exterior) presented well and was very good with regard to litter. The Memorial to John Philip Holland (and immediate environs) was an excellent environment in terms of both presentation, maintenance and litter.

108 Duleek Approach Road: Grade B. Much of this road presented well but it was let down by a very obvious litter presence on one side of the road, most particularly outside a property with a real estate sign. Newspapers and wrappers were evident at this point.

R132 Approach to Dublin: Grade A. There were no visible litter issues along this heavily trafficked route in / out of Drogheda. Raised grass area was neatly cut.

Derelict site - West Gate House: Grade D. The front of this building was actually freshly presented but the area between the rear and the road has been used as a dumping ground – it was in a shocking state. As well as heavy levels of graffiti on the building, bags and bags of rubbish and a myriad of other large items were strewn on the stair well and the overgrowth.

West Street: Grade A. The footpath along West Street was mixed – some parts were freshly laid and presented well with bicycle parking and fresh bins. Other parts had older, greyer paving. Colourful flower boxes at one property was a welcome addition and there was some attempt to 'take away the bare look' at a boarded up property. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

St. Lawrence Street: Grade B. There was no shortage of litter bins at St. Lawrence Street and yet it was a moderately littered street - sweet papers, fast-food wrappers and chewing gum were quite obvious throughout.

Site of the Memorial for John Philip Holland: Grade A. (Inventor of the Submarine at Scholars Townhouse Hotel, formerly Drogheda Monastery). This plaque details the life and accomplishments of John Philip Holland – the plaque and the immediate environs were also in very good condition and there was a complete absence of litter. Dedications to Ceannt (1916 signatory) and TK Whitaker were also in excellent condition.

Recycle Centre at Palace Street: Grade C. A very poor site, with the level of litter and discarded items it was verging on a litter blackspot. Items were left dangling out of the orange clothing unit, there was loose litter to the front of the recycle units and the area to the rear was a dreadful mess – it certainly didn't get like this overnight.

Drogheda Train Station - MacBride – Exterior: Grade A. A clean and tidy environment with all aspects of the area surveyed in very good condition e.g. seating, bicycle parking, signage, car parking etc.

Drogheda Train Station – MacBride - Interior: Grade A. A very freshly presented environment with all amenities in excellent condition e.g. seating, bins, machines etc. – it was spotless throughout.

N51 Connecting Road to Navan: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this route which was generally well presented and maintained.