

Dublin City Centre: 23rd out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

Helped by the presence of just one litter blackspot, Dublin City Centre scored exceptionally well in 2019. The popular tourist attractions of Christchurch Cathedral, Trinity College and Guinness Storehouse and the Garden of Remembrance were both excellent with regard to presentation and cleanliness while the main shopping streets e.g. Mary Street, Henry Street, Grafton Street and O'Connell Street were very much deserving of the top litter grade; Some of the poorer ranking states e.g. ESB Station on Francis Street and Basketball Court at Vicar Street were poor on many previous occasions. Loftus Lane wasn't just a littered site but subject to dumping. Examples of items included microwaves, mattresses and domestic rubbish.

Dorset Street, Upper: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this busy vehicular thoroughfare. Some parts of it were more freshly presented than others e.g. paving, road surface / markings.

Smithfield – Residential: Grade A. This residential and mixed use area got the top litter grade, but only just. It is a freshly presented environment with paving, seating, grass area, street bins, planting etc. in very good order.

St. Stephen's Green – park: Grade A. A wonderful green space which was excellent with regard to litter. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order e.g. litter bins, seating, railings, signage, historical notices, sculptures etc..The style of 'wide open topped litter bins' may encourage birds to scavenge and cause a litter issue.

Busarus - Bus Station: Grade B+. There was a minor litter issue outside Busarus Station – chewing gum was particularly pronounced at the Taxi Rank, with lower levels of cigarette butts, cans and sweet wrappers. There was no shortage of litter bins in the immediate environs.

Mary Street: Grade A. The paving was particularly fresh along some parts of Mary Street, creating positive impression. Bollards, street bins, bicycle parking were in very good condition. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout the area surveyed, with a notable chewing gum presence at the Capel Street end of Mary Street.

Guinness Store House: Grade A. A very clean and tidy impression was created at this site – fitting for one of Dublin's most popular tourist attractions.

Henry Street: Grade A. The paving along this pedestrianised shopping street was excellent and created a very positive impression. Henry Street was very good with regard to litter.

Blackhorse Avenue: Grade A. A well presented and maintained road with no visible litter issues. Road surface, markings and signage were in good order.

Grafton Street: Grade A. An exceptionally freshly presented and maintained pedestrian shopping environment. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order, e.g. paving, street bins, large planter boxes etc.. It was excellent with regard to litter.

Garden of Remembrance: Grade A. The presentation and maintenance of this significant site was excellent. Railings, grass area, water feature, paving, sculpture, planting, seating etc. were in very good condition. There was a complete absence of litter throughout.

O'Connell Street – Upper and Lower: Grade A. Council staff have been vigilant in keeping O'Connell Street in such a clean state. It has consistently been a top ranking site for a number of years in the IBAL litter surveys. Not only was it excellent with regard to litter but the presentation was a very fresh one e.g. paving, planting, street bins, signage, etc..

Green Street: Grade B. The overall impression along Green Street was a littered and untidy one. It was most pronounced close to Little Britain Street with coffee cups, cigarette butts, plastic bottles, cans and sweet papers very much in evidence.

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Navan Road Approach: Grade A (from Auburn Avenue junction to Ashtown Roundabout). Freshly cut grass verges and tidy hedges contribute to the positive impression created along this road. Overall, it was deserving of the top litter grade.

Cabra Road: Grade A. Apart from some occasional litter in some gardens and premises close to North Circular Road junction, Cabra Road was generally good with regard to litter.

Loftus Lane: Grade D. Loftus Lane wasn't just a littered site but subject to dumping. Examples of items included microwaves, mattresses and domestic rubbish. Graffiti was also a feature.

Dame Street: Grade A. A freshly presented environment, with all aspects of the area surveyed in good order e.g. paving, street bins, road surface / markings etc. in good order but stickers on some lamp-posts created a poor impression. Dame Street scored well with regard to litter.

Store Street Plaza: Grade A. An attractively presented environment with stone seating, planting, bollards, bins etc. in very good condition. There was clear and clean signage on a street bin indicating what is prohibited e.g. skateboarding, rollerblading etc. It was excellent with regard to litter.

Christchurch Cathedral: Grade A. The grounds of Christchurch Cathedral were very good with regard to litter. Colourful painting of the boarded up area took away the bare look of this aspect of the site. It was a very well maintained environment.

Westmoreland Street: Grade A. A very clean and tidy impression was created along this busy city centre street. Paving was in good order.

Trinity College: Grade A. Trinity College wasn't just excellent with regard to litter but the campus was exceptionally well presented and maintained. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good condition e.g. cobble stones, bins, signage, outdoor seating areas, grass, planted areas etc.

College Green: Grade A. All aspects of the area surveyed at College Green were in good order – paving, tree planting, street signage, maps, sculptures etc., It was very good with regard to litter.

Temple Bar: Grade B. In order to get the top litter grade, the issue of bottle caps and cigarette butts between the cobble stones would need to be addressed. Apart from this the area presented well with regard to litter but there was a definite graffiti presence. Some of the street signage of adjoining streets was so worn away it was illegible.

Parnell Square North: Grade C. On first impression, the street level of Parnell Square North looked litter free. The entrance and environs of Hugh Lane Gallery was excellent. Closer inspection revealed heavy accumulations of a wide variety of litter in the basement of many various vacant buildings. As well as the basements the overall presentation of these buildings was poor with railings deteriorating and weeds several feet high.

Liffey Street, Upper: Grade B. This site would have got the top litter grade if it wasn't for the very heavy levels of chewing gum on the old paving and lower levels of cigarette butts and other loose items. The newer paving was much fresher and cleaner in appearance.

ESB Station, Francis Street: Grade C. The level of litter beneath the railings wasn't just casual but also some dumping. This wasn't just a once off as it is very regularly of Grade C status, despite activity observed within the station.

Basketball Court, Vicar Street / Swifts' Alley: Grade C. As with the ESB Station at the other end of Swifts' Alley this wasn't just a once off poorly ranking site – it is regularly of a Grade C status, with the adjoining laneway often in a worse state. It wasn't so much littered as much of the surface area of the court was generally fine but there were pockets of the court where furniture item and black sacks had been discarded.

Upper Stephen Street: Grade C. The main surface area of the footpath was good with regard to litter but there were definite pockets of litter accumulations, most notably behind the railings of an office building (occupied with lights on). Graffiti was also present on several separate surfaces.