

North Inner City Dublin: 40th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed.

The dearth of clean sites in this area was striking and contributed to one of the worst results in recent years for Dublin's North Inner City, which just avoided being branded a litter blackspot. Dumping was evident in the worst sites, among them Aldborough Place, Crinian Strand, Great Clarence Street, North and the Railway Line, North Strand Road. By contrast, Foley St, Connolly Station and the ESB substation at Gloucester Place were top ranking. Despite the Council's efforts, little improvement is apparent in this area. In fact, litter levels are significantly higher than 4 or 5 years ago.

Poplar Row: Grade B+. There were small items of litter, enough to take away from getting the top litter grade. Main items were low levels of sweet papers, plastic bottles, chewing gum and cigarette butts. Graffiti on traffic light box, just beneath the road signage.

Richmond Cottages North: Grade C. A DCC notice 'Warning, No Dumping and another sign saying CCTV No Dumping with Litter Hotline No. are not having the desired effect, Richmond Cottages North wasn't just casually littered but subject to dumping – the contents of a black sack were strewn about, with another black sack at the base of rubbish bins. There were several incidents of graffiti.

Outside Summerhill Primary Care Centre: Grade B. The built environment was a fresh one but it was let down by casually discarded litter, heavy levels of chewing gum / cigarette butts with lower levels of sweet wrappers and plastic bottles. There didn't appear to be any visible litter bins in the immediate environs.

Gardiner Street: Grade C. This was a mixed site. Much of the street was quite good with regard to litter, but not all. The old telephone boxes had loose accumulations, a black sack had been placed beside a street bin. But the real problem lay in some of the basements – they weren't just casually littered but various items had been discarded.

North Circular Road: Grade C. A consistently poorly ranking site. The overall impression was a poor one, not just on the pavements but also at some of the individual properties. One boarded up property had over a dozen black sacks in the front garden. Another property had a myriad of items discarded. The new plant boxes are a welcome addition along this road.

National Famine Way - Canal Walk off Summerhill Parade: Grade B. A new feature of this stretch of the canal is the addition of the 'National Famine Way' signage – ideally encouraging walkers along the route. It was moderately littered with food related litter both in the water and along the canal banks and some dog fouling. Graffiti was also a feature.

Lower Sherriff Street: Grade D. Little change at Lower Sheriff Street. It was characterised by a constant stream of litter along the footpath, road and beneath the railings of a property. Graffiti was pronounced. The impression was a lack of thorough cleaning for quite some time.

Dry Dock at George's Dock: Grade C. (site of former water basin / water feature) The water has been drained and unfortunately litter has accumulated at this site. There was a heavy litter presence, all manner of a wide variety of litter. It is in stark contrast to the area immediately surrounding it which was excellent.

Crinian Strand at Commons Street and adjacent Park: Grade D. A very poor site. Abandoned cars on Crinian Strand; some of the park was fine with regard to litter but a definite litter presence in other parts; burnt debris at a railing outside the park; a pile of bricks discarded down a laneway.

Foley Street: Grade A. This was an excellent site. The cobbled street, paving, bollards, ornamental trees and buildings presented very well along Foley Street. Liberty Park was very good with regard to litter. A 'No Smoking sign with 20Ft of Entrance' sign was prominently displayed outside one of the modern buildings.

ESB Substation at Gloucester Place: Grade A. Blue hoarding creates a fresher impression and helps prevent dumping. An area visible shows some graffiti and a virtual absence of litter, not spotless, but minor amounts.

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Buckingham Street Upper: Grade C. There were loose litter items along the pavements, along with heavy levels of dog fouling. But it was the state of the dumping in the basement areas which brought down the overall litter grade – visible from the street.

Ballybough Road: Grade B. The level of litter at Ballybough Road was such that it was almost Grade C status. There was a wide variety of litter throughout. Some boarded up properties were beginning to attract litter – needs to be addressed to prevent further deterioration. Part of the litter was as a result of birds opening plastic bags left on the street.

Great Clarence Street, North: Grade D. A very poor site which has suffered long-term abuse and neglect. There were many separate piles of dumping and the whole area created a very poor impression.

Connolly Train Station: Grade A. Overall, there was a virtual absence of litter at the external area of Connolly Station. The LUAS Station was freshly presented with signage, bins, seating and facilities associated with same in good order.

Gloucester Place North: Grade B+. With a little extra care and attention this residential area could get the top litter grade. There were loose food related items e.g. plastic bottles, coffee cups and sweet wrappers scattered about on the road and footpath.

North Strand Road: Grade B. There was a wide variety of litter items along this road, most notably at the railings adjacent to the bus stops. The level of litter was high at the black railings and will only deteriorate if not addressed. Dog fouling was also a feature.

Aldborough Place: Grade D. As well as persistent litter along the cracked pavements there was significant dumping – not just sacks and sacks of rubbish but large items e.g. furniture. A shocking site.

Talbot Street: Grade C. For the purpose of the survey it was the Amiens Street end which was surveyed. It is a perfect example of the problem of sacks left on the street and being picked at by birds – the result of this was litter strewn about.

Summerhill Parade and Summerhill: Grade B. The level of litter at Summerhill Parade was such that it was verging on Grade C status. As well as the typical food related litter items, weeds were pronounced along the steps at Summerhill Parade and there was some graffiti. Chewing gum was very obvious outside the supermarket.

Railway Line, North Strand Road: Grade D. This wasn't just a casual litter problem but a dumping issue. Graffiti was widespread, on many different surfaces.

Sheriff Street Youth Club and Environs: Grade C. As well as constant stream of food related litter there were discarded items e.g. broken scooter. Along the pedestrian pathway, the overall impression was of a heavily littered environment.

Spring Garden Street: Grade C. This residential area was characterised by regular litter items on the pavement, an abandoned blue wooden pallet, an accumulation of items (including shoes) at a black entrance and a black sack (with other items) at the bottom of some steps. The overall impression was a poor one.

Sheriff Street Sub Station: Grade A. Save for weeds and very minor litter, this site gives a good impression.

Rutland Street Lower: Grade B. A much improved site compared to a few years ago – there was no longer the dumping which was a big problem. This time around it was casually dropped litter items, mostly food related and dog fouling.