

**Tallaght: 35<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.**

After making big strides over the last number of years in the League it was disappointing to see two litter blackspots and one seriously littered site take Tallaght down the rankings. Pedestrian Access to Cheeverstown Road, from Kilmartin Drive has suffered from prolonged and serious abuse and neglect. Courthouse Square Car Park wasn't just casually littered but a variety of items had been discarded, including pallets and bags of rubbish. However, half of the sites surveyed did get the top litter grade - some worth noting were the Tallaght Luas Stop, Tallaght Village and Sean Walsh Memorial Park.

**'Kilmartin': Grade B.** A large residential environment with side roads and estates. Could be a Grade A with better care by some residents. Some areas were litter free, some not. The main litter items were plastic bottles and bags, cans and sweet papers, mostly on the kerbs. Freshly cut grass in places.

**Courthouse Square Car Park: Grade D.** This wasn't just a littered site but subject to dumping e.g. a couple of pallets, plastic bags of rubbish and litter strewn about. It was particularly pronounced immediately in front of 'To Let - 2 Units' signage (behind the railings). Amongst the parked cars the weed growth was heavy and high with litter riddled in between. Perimeter shrubbery (especially behind STAFF car parking) was also littered and there was a constant stream of loose litter on the kerb.

**Tallaght Village: Grade A.** The overall impression created at Tallaght Village was a very positive one with signage, paving, seating, bins, silver bollards and sculpture in good order. Tree planting creates a lovely effect. It was clean and tidy throughout.

**Pedestrian Bridge over Tallaght By-Pass: Grade B.** Loose litter was scattered along the bridge, most notably at corner – all food related e.g. cans, sweet papers, fast-food wrappers, plastic bottles etc. With no obvious bins provided, perhaps the installation of litter notices would help. The area below the pedestrian bridge was well attended and good with regard to litter.

**Recycle Facility at Tallaght Square: Grade A.** As far as recycling facilities go, this was in very good order. Signage was clear and clean and there was little in the form of litter associated with the facility. Most of the units were clean but a blue unit would benefit from washing / cleaning.

**Pedestrian access to Cheeverstown Road, from Kilmartin Drive: Grade D.** This area has suffered from serious neglect. It wasn't just littered but subject to dumping especially at the base of a green wall and a grey wall – bags and bags of black sacks and other debris have been discarded. But this wasn't just an isolated incident – it was only one of many. The whole area was in a shocking state.

**Environs of Tallaght Library and Alexander House: Grade C.** The built environment was freshly presented e.g. paving, seating, tree planters etc. but it was let down by heavy levels of litter – even within the immediate vicinity of litter bins. Some, but certainly not all, of the litter bins were full / overflowing, with one broken bin, the contents of which were spilling out.

**Katherine Tynan Road: Grade A.** This was an excellent site in terms of litter. It was spotless throughout. Road surface, signage and markings were in very good condition.

**Sean Walsh Memorial Park: Grade A.** Sean Walsh Memorial Park looked very well on day of IBAL survey. It was immaculate with regard to litter and very well maintained – the ponds were litter free and grass was freshly cut. Overall, this was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

**Tallaght Luas: Grade A.** A clean and tidy and freshly presented environment with no major litter issues.