

An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 1, 2020

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

Navan has slipped to moderately littered, with 2 very bad sites. By far the most heavily littered site was St. Patrick's Park - it wasn't just littered but subject to severe dumping e.g. mattresses, furniture and black sacks of rubbish. St. Patrick's Terrace had a seriously litter problem at the cul-de sac end. Among the better sites were Trimgate Street, Pairc Tailteann and the Playground / Park – the latter was particularly good in terms of presentation and litter.

Trimgate Street: Grade A. The overall impression along Trimgate Street was a positive one with regard to litter and presentation. The pavement, bollards, street bins etc. were in good order and there was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Preston Place, leading to Shopping Centre: Grade B. The main litter item along this short pedestrian area was cigarette butts, perhaps due to the fact that people have to queue (due to Covid) to get access to various premises? Lower levels of sweet papers and chewing gum were also present.

Shopping Centre: Grade B. With a little extra effort this could easily be a top ranking site. Loose litter items, most food related but also some face masks and cigarette butts took away from an otherwise well presented environment.

Playground / Park off the Boreen: Grade A. A large expanse of green space which was in excellent order with regard to presentation and litter. The playground equipment was in good condition and grass had recently been cut. There was clear and clean signage relating to the usage of the public park and playground, including 'No Animals, No Alcohol, No Litter'.

St. Patrick's Terrace: Grade C. The cul-de sac end was where the litter problem lay. There were heavy levels of a wide variety of food related litter, much of it seemingly 'long-lie', indicating a lack of thorough cleaning for quite some time. Lower levels of dog fouling and face masks were also present.

Derelict / Abandoned House, St. Patrick's Terrace: Grade B. Care needs to be taken as some litter was in the immediate vicinity of this house. The most obvious items were fast-food items, sweet papers, cans and some plastic.

Pairc Tailteann - GAA: Grade A. There were no litter issues to the front of the grounds of Pairc Tailteann. Signage relating to the facility was in good condition.

St Patrick's Park – (from L1014 to Mullaghboy): Grade D. This area had been subject to the most heavy levels of dumping of large scale household items e.g. mattresses, couches, black sacks, large pieces of plastic, etc. It was one of the worst sites seen by IBAL in recent years.

R181 Trim Approach Road: Grade A. There was little litter along this somewhat rural route, with clean pavements and trimmed hedges.

R51 connecting road with Drogheda: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this road with the prevailing impression a positive one.