

Dundalk: 28th out of 37 town / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

While there were six top ranking sites in Dundalk, it was the presence of the two litter blackspots which very much brought down the overall ranking. The Recycle Centre at Tesco Extra had been subject to dumping and the Roundabout & Environs at Dundalk Retail Park had extraordinarily high levels of food related litter and industrial litter. Top-ranking sites included the IDA Industrial estate, Earl Street, An Tain Arts Centre and Market Square – the latter few sites were exceptionally freshly presented and maintained.

IDA Industrial Estate: Grade A. A very freshly presented and maintained environment with all aspects of the area surveyed in very good order. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Earl Street: Grade A. Earl Street presented very well with attractive paving, seating, bollards etc. all in very good condition. Substantial floral displays were bright and colourful. Apart from cigarette butts and chewing gum this was a spotless site.

Market Square: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this nicely presented shopping street. Paving, seating, ornamental trees, bollards etc. were in very good condition.

An Tain Arts Centre: Grade A. A lovely building very well maintained. Features surrounding the building were in very good order, the area was excellent with regard to litter.

Tesco – Extra: Grade A. For a supermarket car park environment, this was particularly freshly presented with attractive paving, planting, bicycle parking etc. – all were in excellent condition. This site was deserving of the top litter grade.

R132 from N52 turnoff to Hill Street: Grade B. Road surface, markings and signage were in good order. The litter close to the bus-stop and in the hedges brought down the litter grade. All litter was food related.

N52 from M1 junction to junction with R172: Grade C. The road was well presented and fresh in appearance. Heavy levels of cans, plastic bottles, coffee cups, sweet papers, combined with lower levels of other food related items lined the kerbs. It was a combination of fresh and 'long-lie' litter.

Recycle Centre at Tesco Extra: Grade D. The area to the rear of the units was subject to dumping, not just casual litter.

Parnell Place: Grade A. All aspects of this residential environment were in good order - it was excellent with regard to litter.

Roundabout & Environs at Dundalk Retail Park: Grade D. This area was characterised by extraordinarily high levels of a wide variety of loose food related litter items and industrial litter.