

An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 2, 2020

Gorey: 13th out 37 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

Gorey has been one of the few bright lights in this survey, improving significantly on past results. Of many top-ranking sites, a few deserve special mention – the Main Street has been a very clean site over many previous surveys and things were no different this time around. Gorey Shopping Centre Car Park was excellent in terms of overall presentation and litter and Esmonde Street was very much deserving of the top litter grade this time around (frequently this was somewhat littered in the past). The ‘Magic Garden’ at the end of Esmonde Street is a lovely feature, in very good order, clean and tidy. The Recycle Facility at Tesco and the Miscellaneous Site to the rear of Gorey Sports and Leisure remain seriously littered.

Courtown Approach Road: Grade A. A lovely welcoming route with picnic tables nestled within expansive grass and tree lined route. The overall impression created was a very good one and this high standard was maintained for well over half of the sites surveyed in Gorey.

Main Street: Grade A. Gorey Main Street was very good with regard to litter with a virtual absence throughout. The street is very well served by litter bins. Visitor information, signage, seating etc. were in very good condition.

Miscellaneous area to the rear of Gorey Sports and Leisure Centre: Grade C. Not quite a poorly presented as previous IBAL surveys but still an air of abuse and neglect prevailed. It wasn't so much littered as large items, particularly to the rear of the building on the left - heavy levels of graffiti on this building.

Recycle Facility at Tesco: Grade C. A poorly presented site in previous IBAL Surveys, things were little different this time around. The overall impression was a poor one, with overflowing clothing unit. There was broken glass and litter to the front of the recycle units and discarded cardboard boxes and other items to the rear of the green units.

Gorey Shopping Centre Car Park: Grade A. An excellent site in terms of overall presentation and litter. Bicycle parking / trolley bays / planted areas were in very good condition.

Magic Garden, Tidy Towns: Grade A. A lovely oasis of calm (at the end of Esmonde Street) - all aspects of this small green space were in very good order e.g., paving, seating, picnic table (with built in draughts / chess board) visitor information notice, planting etc. It was excellent with regard to litter. A side note - riverside area between Magic Garden and Aldi was littered, this is separate to the Magic Garden but any litter there may easily end up in the Magic Garden.

IDA Industrial Estate: Grade A. The overall impression created here was a good with the road surface and grass in good order. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Esmonde Street: Grade A. A good result for Esmonde Street, which has frequently been a somewhat littered site. There were plenty of litter bins throughout and clearly a careful eye is kept on the derelict house on the left side, coming down the slight hill.

R725 Carnew Approach Road: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this route. Road surface, signage and markings were in good order. Dog Fouling notice: ‘Report Dog Fouling, Text DIRT to xxxx, Minimum Fine €150.00’

N11 Bray – Gorey link Road: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this route, with the direction between Gorey and Bray better with regard to litter.