

Ranelagh: 14th out of 37 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

Covid has not impacted on the cleanliness of this busy area. Top-ranking sites included Sandford Road Approach, Lios Na nÓg / Scoil Bhríde Schools and Ranelagh LUAS – the latter was particularly freshly presented and maintained. The Main Street was somewhat mixed in terms of litter, one half was very good with regard to litter but the stretch close to the old 'Triangle' and towards the direction of the LUAS stop had a very definite litter presence. By far the most heavily littered site was Grand Canal at Grand Parade, though not quite as poor as in the previous survey.

Main Street: Grade B. The stretch of road between Sandford School and the 'old Triangle' in Ranelagh was very good with regard to litter (except for minor accumulation at 'Bamboo Chinese Takeaway'). The stretch between the 'old Triangle' and the Luas stop had a very obvious litter presence with occasional accumulations - thus, the overall grade was a Grade B.

Sandford Road: Grade A. The approach to Ranelagh via Sandford Road was a very good one with regard to overall presentation and litter. There was evidence of leaf sweeping by residents (i.e. bagged leaves in large blue sacks). Signage along the road was very good.

Mount Pleasant Park Gardens: Grade B+. A small park environment with tiny play area and wooden benches, the majority of which were in very good order but there was one missing seat, with dangerous nails exposed. With a little extra effort this could easily be a top-ranking site.

Ranelagh LUAS: Grade A. Excellent site - not just very good with regard to litter but the whole environment was exceptionally freshly presented and maintained. It was spotless throughout.

Oxford Road: Grade B+. Oxford Road was like a road with two halves - there was a definite litter presence along one side of this residential road, mostly food and some alcohol related. Much of the litter was amongst the heavy leaf fall, perhaps there was more lurking beneath. There were many incidents of graffiti.

Lios Na nÓg / Scoil Bhríde Schools: Grade A. All appeared in good order with regard to litter within the grounds of these two schools.

Ranelagh Gardens: Grade B. The water feature within the park was clear of litter. There was good signage relating to the wildlife within and the feeding of same. Most, but not all, of the litter was within / surrounding the small playground. Perhaps more obvious 'litter awareness' notices might make a difference. Sweet papers, cans, plastic, coffee cups and face masks (both disposable and non disposable) were all present.

Sallymount Avenue: Grade A. There wasn't an obvious litter presence along this residential road leading to Ranelagh from Leeson Street.

Grand Canal at Grand Parade: Grade C+. There was a very minor improvement at this site - the heavy litter presence was mostly food and alcohol related and not larger items like the previous survey. Alcohol related items, mostly broken glass and lids / tops of beer bottles were obvious along the banks of the canal. Graffiti was very pronounced on many different surfaces.

Approach to Ranelagh from Grand Canal: Grade B. A long stretch of road, much of which was fine with regard to litter but there was an underlying presence of coffee cups, plastic bottles, fast-food wrappers and sweet papers as well as some 'discarded items' outside a house, on the corner with Athlumley Villas.