

Cork Northside: 33rd out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Littered.

Overall, Cork Northside has failed to improve on past IBAL surveys. There is some evidence of what looks like 'community clean up' activity and green areas are being managed. The cutting of vegetation along roadways revealed a lot of 'chopped up' long-lie litter. Time and time again, plastic bottles were observed at many of the littered sites. Some deterioration was noted at Old Mallow Road and Popham's Road. Many of the poorer ranking sites weren't just casually littered but dumping had taken place e.g. Red Forge Road, Old Mallow Road, Dublin Hill, Sunvalley Drive and particularly at Ballyvolane Road and Churchfield Avenue (including the industrial area)

Shandon Street: Grade A. One of just three sites to get the top litter grade, this busy street has managed the litter situation very well, despite plenty of traffic and footfall.

Pope's Quay: Grade A. A clean and tidy, litter free site.

Cathedral Road: Grade B+. This site just missed getting the top litter grade. Much of this road was very good with regard to litter but was let down due to the presence of plastic bottles.

Baker's Road / Cronin's Field: Grade B. The overall impression at this site was quite good with regard to litter. There were some scatterings of plastic bottles and paper wrappers.

Red Forge Road: Grade C+. There was a slight deterioration in the litter grade compared to 2020. This time around there was plenty of long-lie litter in the vegetation, with some small-scale dumping.

Old Mallow Road: Grade C+. This was a top-ranking site in IBAL survey 1, 2020 – it was far from top ranking this time around. It was generally good south of Shaw's Bridge but there were heavy levels of a wide variety of litter and some dumping around Shaw's Bridge. There was plenty of long-lie litter in recently cut vegetation, north of Shaw's Bridge.

Dublin Hill: Grade C+. A poor site in terms of litter and dumping, particularly at the north end. Much of the litter was long-lie.

Popham's Road: Grade C+. Another site which got a poorer litter grade than last year. It was characterised by plenty of paper, plastic bottles and wrappers.

Banduff Road: Grade B. A notable improvement compared to IBAL 2019 visit – this time around it was a much cleaner site, with signs of ongoing clean up. Occasional plastic bottles and wrappers were present.

Ballincollie Road / Glen Heights Road: Grade C. There were heavy levels of a wide variety of litter items, much of it long-lie.

Dublin Hill to Ballyhooley Road: Grade B. Overall, this was quite a good site but let down by paper wrappers and plastic bottles.

North Ring Road: Grade B. A very large and mixed site with large sections which were litter free. However, some localised sections with litter were verging towards seriously littered status.

Harbour View Road: Grade B+. Much of this site was litter free but it was brought down by occasional plastic bottles, paper and wrappers.

Sunvalley Drive: Grade C+. Sunvalley Drive was downgraded in previous IBAL surveys due to heavy levels of long-lie litter. The extensive green areas were, for the most part, litter free but this was in sharp contrast to the areas with long-lie dumping.

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North Monastery Road: Grade B. Much of this road was good but there were too many plastic bottles and paper rappers for the top litter grade.

St Colmcille's Road: Grade B+. This site just missed the top litter grade – the overall impression was a good one, let down by some plastic bottles.

Mount Agnes Road / Fairfield Avenue: Grade B. Scatterings of paper wrappers and plastic bottles took away from an otherwise good site.

Churchfield Road (incl Industrial Area): Grade D+. A poor site which wasn't just casually littered (much of it long-lie) but also subject to dumping.

Fairhill: Grade B+. One of the many sites in Cork North City which just missed the top litter grade – very occasional papers and wrappers took away from an otherwise good site.

Great William O'Brien Street: Grade A. This was a very good site last year and very much deserving of the same grade this time around.

Kilmore Road: Grade B. There was a notable improvement from previous IBAL surveys when it was seriously littered. While there was a lot of building work going on in the area, there was also evidence of clean ups taking place.

Ballyvolane Road: Grade D+. There was a slight deterioration in litter grade compared to last year. Ballyvolane Road was subject to dumping of domestic waste.

Upper Fairhill: Grade C+. Heavy levels of a wide variety of litter including paper, wrappers and plastic bottles were present at Upper Fairhill.

Glen Avenue: Grade C+. A slight deterioration from last year. As well as casually discarded litter items (plastic bags, paper, cans and bottles) there was evidence of small scale dumping.

Watercourse Road: Grade B+. Not much effort is required for this site to get the top litter grade. Paper and plastic bottles took away from an otherwise good site.