

## **An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 1, 2021**

**Dun Laoghaire: 5<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.**

**An excellent result for Dun Laoghaire with well over half of the sites surveyed getting the top litter grade and no seriously littered sites. The People's Park deserves a special mention as it is such a beautiful park environment which has been very lovingly tended and maintained. Clearly a careful eye is kept on the closed down / vacant premises along George's Street Upper as there was no litter directly associated with them. Dun Laoghaire Harbour Ferry Terminal environs was spotless. For a long number of years Brock's Lane had been seriously littered – that was no longer the case this time around.**

**Dun Laoghaire Harbour Ferry Terminal Environs: Grade A.** A well presented and maintained environment, despite many elements closed down / decommissioned. Planting, mosaic seating, bins etc. were in good condition. It was spotless throughout – clearly a careful eye is kept on this whole area.

**People's Park: Grade A.** Not only was this beautiful park spotless throughout, it has been very lovingly tended and maintained. It was an absolute joy to be in such an environment, all aspects were in excellent condition e.g., seating, bins, fountain, playground equipment etc.

**Eden Recycle Facility: Grade A.** A small 'managed' facility, with illustrations of the 'recycle loop' throughout the fenced perimeter – a great initiative and one that could be encouraged elsewhere. There were no litter issues.

**George's Street Lower: Grade A.** Clearly there has been a big input by the local authority with the provision of supplementary litter bins and plenty of outdoor seating / dining opportunities – there was no litter directly associated with same. The lavender plot was magnificent. The planted area outside the Carnegie Library was a tie-in with the Tidy Towns.

**Glenageary Road, Lower: Grade B+.** The 'Traffic Light Box Art' at the top of the hill was a lovely feature. While there was not one particular area with notable litter, there were too many random loose pieces to warrant the top litter grade – mostly food related.

**George's Street Upper: Grade A.** Despite many closed down / vacant outlets, there was no litter directly associated with them. George's Street Upper was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

**Clarinda Park: Grade B.** Much of this residential square with grass area and tennis courts was in good order but it was let down by alcohol related litter by the bicycle parking and food related litter underneath the large horse-chestnut tree on the grass area.

**Dun Leary Hill, approach from Monkstown: Grade A.** There were no notable litter issues along this route. Road surface / markings / signage were in good order.

**Brock's Lane: Grade B+.** The overall presentation of this L shaped laneway is much improved compared to a number of years ago when it was frequently subject to dumping. Not so, this time around. Cigarette butts were the most obvious items, with other minor food related litter. The road surface / markings were particularly fresh.

**Approach from Seapoint: Grade A.** There were no visible litter issues along this route into Dun Laoghaire.