

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

Navan: 29th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

In tandem with most towns, Navan improved in 2021, but not enough to reclaim Clean status. The approach roads to Navan presented well, two of them were very much deserving of the top litter grade. Trimgate Street and Emmet Terrace were both excellent with regard to presentation and litter. The Bring Centre off R147 was heavily littered, with items stuffed beneath, between and behind the units. There was no change to the litter grade at the residential area of St. Patrick's Park – it was still subject to widespread dumping of large household items.

Trimgate Street: Grade A. The overall impression along Trimgate Street was generally a good one regarding litter. Brightly flowering boxes added a splash of colour and street bins have been designed to allow for the separating / recycling of items – a great feature. Some litter items had become lodged behind a small cage, at the base of a yellow pipe but the remainder of the street presented well.

Former restaurant, Trimgate Street: Grade A. Clearly a careful eye is kept on this corner site as there was no litter directly associated with it. It hasn't been operating for a few years and presents quite poorly, with peeling paint.

St Patrick's Terrace: Grade B. There was a notable improvement at this site, compared to Grade C status in 2020 visits. This time around it was smaller litter issues e.g., plastic wrapping, sweet papers and cigarette butts.

Preston Place: Grade B. There was a definite litter presence along this narrow pedestrianised laneway, fast-food wrappers and cigarette butts the most prevalent. Graffiti was also a feature, on several different surfaces.

Emmet Terrace: Grade A. A clean and tidy impression was created at this residential area, with large green space to the centre. Hard hitting dog fouling signage appears to be having the desired effect as there was no visible dog fouling.

R104 Mullaghboy Approach Road: Grade B. The main litter items were plastic bottles with lower levels of fast-food wrappers, sweet papers and plastic wrapping. This took away from what was otherwise a well presented environment.

St Patrick's Park: Grade D. Widespread dumping continues to be a feature at this residential area. Furniture, children's buggies, bicycles, wooden pallets and large electrical devices were some of the items present.

N51 Athboy Approach Road: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this well presented roadway. Road surface, markings and signage were in very good condition.

N51 Drogheda Approach Road: Grade A. A very fresh impression was created along this route – there were no visible litter issues throughout.

Bring Centre / Recycle Facility off R147: Grade C. Items had been stuffed beneath, between and behind the recycle units, particularly to the rear. One of the units appeared to have been burnt, resulting in a melting towards the base of the unit.