

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

**Tallaght: 17<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

After disappointing results last year, a strong performance by Tallaght. There was a notable improvement recorded at a site which scored very poorly last year – Tallaght Courthouse Square Car Park – this time around it was very much deserving of the top litter grade. The Bring Facility, Level 3, Tallaght Square was an exceptionally clean and tidy Bring Facility with bin units and associated signage in good order. Tallaght Village and High Street were both excellent sites – they were well presented and maintained. Pedestrian access to Cheeverstown Road from Kilmartin Drive was still a poor site – not just subject to litter but there was the remnants of a burnt pile of cans and other miscellaneous items in the high weeds.

**Tallaght Roundabout on M50: Grade A.** A very clean and tidy site, freshly presented and freshly maintained. Road surface, markings and signage were in very good condition.

**R113 from Kilinniny Road to N81 Junction: Grade A.** An excellent impression was created when travelling along this route. It was well presented and maintained, with recently cut grass verges.

**Tallaght Courthouse Car Park: Grade A.** A hugely improved site compared to IBAL 2020 visits. This time around it was so much cleaner. Now that this has been addressed, hopefully it can retain the top litter grade. The only items of note were cigarette butts.

**N81 from Cookstown Way junction to R819 junction: Grade B+.** The main litter items at this site were mineral cans, plastic bottles, coffee cups and sweet wrappers. These took away from an otherwise well presented environment.

**Sean Walsh Memorial Park: Grade A.** (from Whitestown footbridge to Dun an Oir) All aspects of this lovely park environment were in good order. Other than some items which were trapped in the drains, this was excellent with regard to litter. There was a lovely paving surface within the park area,

**Bring Facility, Level 3, Tallaght Square Shopping Centre: Grade A.** This was an excellent facility in terms of overall presentation and litter. Bin units were in good order and associated signage was clear and legible.

**Tallaght Village: Grade A.** Tallaght Village created a very good impression with regard to overall presentation and litter. There were plenty of litter bins throughout the area surveyed - paving, bollards, bicycle parking were in good condition. There was colourful planting close to the small sculpture feature.

**Fortunestown Way to Fortunestown Lane and environs: Grade B.** The stretch of road along Fortunestown Way was generally good with regard to litter, it was the litter on Fortunestown Lane which brought down the litter grade – mostly food and alcohol related and some clothing.

**Pedestrian access to Cheeverstown Road from Kilmartin Drive: Grade C.** There was some improvement from previous IBAL surveys but that is from a very low base. It wasn't just casually littered but subject to dumping. There were the remnants of burnt items, particularly a large pile of cans. Other miscellaneous items were trapped in the high weeds.

**High Street: Grade A.** This was a very clean and tidy environment with paving, bollards, street lamps, ornamental trees, seating, etc. presenting well. It was excellent with regard to litter, just negligible cigarette butts.