

Tallaght: 27th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

It is disappointing that Tallaght has lost the clean status which it had regained. It was an area of extremes – the seven top ranking sites were very well presented and maintained. Examples of these included Whitestown Way, Tallaght Village and Sean Walsh Memorial Park at Whitestown Way. At the other end of the spectrum there were three sites which were very heavily littered, one of them subject to particularly heavy levels of household dumping - Pedestrian Access to Cheeverstown Road from Kilmartin Drive. The other heavily littered sites were Mac Uilliam Crescent and adjacent streets and Fortunestown Lane to Fortunestown Way.

Bancroft Centre: Grade A. Not only was there a complete absence of litter throughout this residential development but the whole impression was of a very well presented and maintained environment. Seating, planting, paving etc. were in excellent condition.

Village Green Car Park: Grade A. A clean and freshly presented street level park. Grass and planted areas in the immediate environment were in very good order, as were the 'Drinks Cans Only' containers. The whole area was spotless throughout.

Tallaght Village: Grade A. The overall impression created at this site was a good one with regard to litter. The older paving harboured some old chewing gum, but not the fresher, newer paving. Street bins were in good order and planer boxes were a welcome addition.

Bring Facility at Sean Walsh Memorial Park: Grade A. While some of the signage was obscured and the bring units a little old, (could benefit from a repainting), there were no litter issues associated with this Bring Facility.

Whitestown Way: Grade A. On the whole, Whitestown Way was a freshly presented route. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Sean Walsh Memorial Park at Whitestown Way: Grade A. This park environment was very much deserving of the top litter grade. The pond had been littered in previous IBAL surveys, not so this time around.

Pedestrian Access to Cheeverstown Road from Kilmartin Drive: Grade D. Dumping of large household items has taken place on a monumental scale, much of it has been subject to burning. Items included mattresses, builders' rubble, dozens of bags of rubbish etc. This needs to be urgently addressed.

Tallaght Leisure Centre - exterior: Grade A. This site was very much deserving of the top litter grade. Car park environment was spotless. It is well served by litter bins, the opportunity to separate waste has been provided and the area is enhanced by attractive ornamental trees. Bicycle parking was in very good order and the overall impression throughout this site was a very good one.

Fortunestown Lane to Fortunestown Way: Grade D. Heavy levels of all manner of litter lined this route, both on the pavement and road. It was particularly noticeable close to the grounds of St. Aidan's School.

Mac Uilliam Crescent and adjacent streets: Grade D. Significant accumulations of all manner of litter and other discarded items dominated the landscape at this residential area.