

Wexford: 15th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

Another strong performance by Wexford with seven out of the ten surveyed getting the top litter grade. These included South and North Main Street, (both exceptionally freshly presented and clear of litter), The Riverwalk from Bridge to Wexford Harbour, Wexford Train Station and a couple of the approach roads. By far the most heavily littered site was noted in a previous IBAL survey and there was little change this time around – Rope Walk Car Park – heavy levels of a wide variety of casual litter and miscellaneous items lined the perimeter of the car park. The Bring Facility at Tesco was poorly presented and maintained with many of the units full / overflowing and bags of items discarded to the rear and side of the recycle units.

Aldi: Grade A. (opposite Wexford Racecourse). A very freshly presented environment with car park surface, markings and signage in good order. It was practically spotless. Area was enhanced by attractive planting around the perimeter.

Riverwalk: Grade A. An extensive riverside environment between the bridge and Wexford Harbour – all aspects of this area were in excellent condition e.g., signage, life-belts, seating, planting, visitor information notices, dog fouling facilities etc. There was a complete absence of litter throughout. Art feature at the bridge was a lovely addition.

Ropewalk Car Park: Grade D+. This site was noted in IBAL survey 1, 2021, with little change this time around. A very poorly maintained car park environment – the perimeter was riddled with heavy levels of a wide variety of litter, combined with various dumped items e.g., suitcase, rubble / debris. All signage within relates to the use of the car park. There were no litter bins / litter awareness notices.

R733 Arthurstown Approach Road: Grade A. (from Pembroke Hill Roundabout). Overall, this road was deserving of the top litter grade. Dog fouling signage and facilities were provided. There is a small, recessed area on the right as one comes in to Wexford – there were some food related items here.

R769 approach from New Ross Road Roundabout: Grade A. A clean and welcoming road, with no litter of note. Road surface, signage and markings were in very good order.

Wexford Train Station: Grade A. The area to the front of the station was attractively presented with colourful planter box and brightly painted electricity box close to the covered shelter area – the provision of cigarette butt units at this area could prevent a build-up of same beneath the seating. There were minor litter items to the left of the electricity substation, care needs to be taken to ensure that it doesn't build up.

Bring Facility at Tesco Extra: Grade C. A poorly presented and maintained facility. Most of the clear and green bottle units were full / overflowing. The area to the base of the units was dirty / littered but it was the bags of rubbish to the rear of the newspaper recycle units and to the side of the clothing units which really brought down the litter grade – it didn't get into this state overnight.

South Main Street: Grade A. An exceptionally clean shopping street – a credit to the users and those responsible for the maintenance of same. It is a rare occasion that a shopping street is so pristine – well done to all concerned. The provision of the 'green' bins, alongside the regular bins, is a great addition.

North Main Street: Grade A. Both the main shopping streets in Wexford were excellent – very well presented and maintained. Clearly a careful eye is kept on any vacant / unoccupied premises as there was no litter directly associated with same.

Gorey Approach Road: Grade B+. Much of the approach to Wexford along this route presented well but it was impossible to ignore the food related items on the right hand side. With a quick clean up, this could easily be a top ranking site.