

Dundalk: 27th out of 40 town / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

Some improvement in Dundalk but not enough to give it Clean status. Market Square was very much deserving of the top litter grade – the street-scape was excellent and the whole area was very well presented and maintained. Castleblayney and Carrickmacross approach roads were both top ranking. The wasteground at the Clothes Bank on the N53 was a much improved site with evidence of significant works taking place to clear the site. There was a notable litter presence at the Cost Cutter Car Park and the wasteground on the corner of Maxwell's Row and St. Nicholas Avenue – both had 'long-lie' items, indicating a lack of thorough cleaning for quite some time. The Recycle Facility (Tesco) had a myriad of 'stuffed' items to the rear. Wrightson's Lane was a much improved site.

Recycle Facility, Tesco: Grade C+. On first impression, all appeared in good order at this Bring Facility – the bin units were freshly presented and there were no visible litter issues. Further exploration revealed 'stuffed' items at the rear of the units, a small space between the back of the units and the low wall. A more thorough approach to cleaning is required to address this.

Wrightson's Lane: Grade B+. A significantly improved site with just minor litter items this time around – dog fouling was most obvious with lower levels of alcohol bottles, mineral cans and sweet wrappers – some of it was trapped in the drains. Graffiti was very much a feature along this laneway.

Market Square: Grade A. An attractively presented town centre environment with lovely paving throughout. Wooden seating, ornamental trees, litter bins, 'green' recycle bins, signage, colourful planter boxes and planted areas were all in very good condition – it was excellent with regard to litter.

Car Park - Cost Cutter: Grade C. There was a very obvious litter presence at the base of the perimeter hedges, with significant accumulations in corner locations. As well as food and alcohol related litter, there was a pile of discarded clothing. The overall impression was a poor one, with a lack of thorough cleaning for quite some time.

Clanbrassil Street: Grade B+. Street paving presented well, and an outdoor seating area had been adorned with colourful flower arrangements. Street bins were freshly presented with clear dog signage. Not much effort is required for Clanbrassil Street to get the top litter grade.

Wasteground at Clothe Bank on N53: Grade B+. A much improved site compared to previous IBAL surveys. A big clean up has taken place with further works due to take place.

Wasteground on the corner of Maxwell's Row & St. Nicholas Avenue: Grade C. This site wasn't so much casually littered but subject to the discarding / dumping of larger items e.g., domestic dumping, sleeping bags, plastic wrapping. Much of it appeared 'long-lie'. The situation will only deteriorate further if not addressed.

N53 Castleblayney Approach Road: Grade A. Road surface, markings and signage created a fresh impression along this tree-lined route. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

R178 Carrickmacross Approach Road: Grade A. The overall impression with regard to litter was a good one. There is a recessed area to a field with minor litter items.

Dunnes Stores: Grade B+. The car park area was clear of litter. Some food related items were present around the perimeter walls.