

Tallaght: 30th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

Typically, an area with seven top ranking sites would be higher ranked but the presence of two litter blackspots continues to bring down Tallaght's overall ranking. Nonetheless a good result. Top-ranking sites included Main Street, Tallaght LUAS, Bring Facility at Tallaght Square Shopping Centre – these sites were not just good with regard to litter but very well presented and maintained. There was no improvement at Pedestrian Access to R136 Cheeverstown Road – it has been subject to heavy dumping over a prolonged period of time and needs attention. Dumping had also taken place at the wasteground at Belgard Road East.

Tallaght Square Level 3 Car Park: Grade A. A regular recipient of the top litter grade, things were no different this time around. Not only was it very good with regard to litter, the overall presentation and maintenance of same was excellent – it was very fresh in appearance.

Pedestrian Access to R136 Cheeverstown Road: Grade D. There was no improvement at this site which has been subject to arson, neglect and long-term dumping of large-scale items e.g., furniture, mattresses, builders' rubble, shopping trolleys etc. As well as the larger items there were huge piles of litter, much of it, alcohol related.

R136 from junction with Naas Road to junction with N81: Grade A. This site was very much deserving of the top litter grade. Road surface, markings and signage were in good order. Any litter issues which may have existed previously have been addressed.

Main Street: Grade A. A freshly presented shopping environment with all aspects in good order e.g., paving, street bins, seating, silver bollards, planter boxes etc. There was a lovely 'Tallaght Village Main Street' illustrative map with items of historical interest noted at the bottom.

Bring Facility at Tallaght Square Shopping Centre: Grade A. A clean and tidy Bring Facility with no litter issues. Signage relating to the use of same was fresh and clear.

Tallaght LUAS: Grade A. An exceptionally clean environment. Paving, litter bins, bicycle parking, waiting shelter, sanitiser etc. were all very fresh in appearance. It was spotless throughout.

Tallaght Library: Grade A. A pristine built environment with lovely brick-work throughout. Apart from cigarette butts at the entrance from Alexander Square, it was spotless.

N81 from junction with Old Bawn Road to junction with Whitestown Way: Grade A. A tidy and welcoming route with recently cut grass verges. No visible litter issues throughout.

Wasteground at Belgard Road East: Grade D. Monumental dumping has taken place at this site. Much of it was builders' rubble, furniture, sacks of rubbish etc. Signage indicates that it is 'private property and that CCTV is in operation' – to what effect? Where does responsibility for it lie?

Public Park at Westpark Residential area: Grade C. There were heavy levels of food and alcohol related litter in the hedges around the park perimeter. Much of it was 'long-lie', indicating a lack of thorough cleaning for quite some time. Dog fouling signage was broken and lying on the ground.