

Cork Northside: 29th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

There were notable improvements at several sites which were previously very heavily littered, resulting in a much better overall ranking. These included Sunvalley Drive, Ballyvolane Road and Upper Fairhill – it would seem that they fared better not just with regard to litter but the overall presentation and maintenance of same e.g., grass verges etc. Many sites which had been moderately littered have inched up to the top litter grade e.g., Gerald Griffin Street, North Monastery Road, Cathedral Road and Banduff Road. This time around the most heavily littered site was Red Forge Road, it had been subject to dumping. Popham's Road was only marginally better. Both were litter blackspots.

Blarney Street: Grade A. Road surface / markings / signage were freshly presented and the overall impression with regard to litter was a very good one. When chewing gum is the only obvious item, it highlights the lack of other litter items.

Baker's Road: Grade C+. Some of this route was in good order but there was a stretch which was poorly presented – derelict building fronting on to the road had litter both within and on the footpath. This was opposite the junction with Orrery Road. Heavy levels of a wide variety of food items, combined with alcohol cans were present. This will only deteriorate further if not addressed.

Sunvalley Drive: Grade A. There was a notable improvement at this site. Road surface / markings / signage were in good order and the overall impression was a good one with a virtual absence of litter. Grass verges had been recently attended. Hopefully this great progress can be sustained.

Fairfield Avenue: Grade A. Apart from litter trapped behind wooden boarding for private car parking, this was a very good site, with tidy grasslands area.

Fairhill: Grade B+. Litter items included mineral cans, fast-food wrappers, plastic bottles and sweet papers along the kerbs and on the grasslands. Could be a Grade A site with a little extra care and attention.

Kilmore Road: Grade B. Litter was most pronounced close to the derelict site, opposite the entrance to Killala Gardens – heavy levels of plastic bags and sweet papers, with lower levels of plastic bottles. There was also sporadic litter in the grasslands and car parking area.

North Monastery Road: Grade A. A clean and tidy environment with good road surfaces and pavements.

St. Mary's Road: Grade C. There were significant litter levels on the grasslands and kerbs – all manner of food related items were present.

Gerald Griffin Street: Grade A. There were no litter issues of note along this street. Some of the buildings presented poorly, peeling paint, graffiti but clearly a careful eye is kept on them as no litter was directly associated with them.

Great William O'Brien Street: Grade B+. Graffiti was very much in evidence along one gable wall and the double yellow lines beneath were beginning to wear away. There were too many loose food related items for the top litter grade. Not much effort is required to achieve this.

Ballyvolane Road: Grade A. One of the sites which was greatly improved. A positive impression was created travelling along this route – clean kerbs and grass areas. No litter issues of note – hopefully this high standard can be sustained.

Cathedral Road: Grade A. Clean kerbs and pavements lined this road and bollards at junction were in good condition. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Banduff Road: Grade A. Road surface and markings were in good order and there were no visible litter issues along Banduff Road.

Cathedral Walk: Grade A. Save for minor sporadic specks of small litter items, this was generally quite good with regard to litter. Weeds and graffiti were a feature along the side laneways.

Pope's Quay: Grade A. Cycle path was freshly presented and there was attractive paving along some parts of this roadway. Bicycle parking, street signage, seating etc. were in good order – there was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Roman Street: Grade A. There were lovely brightly coloured houses along Roman Street, others were older with peeling paint. The overall impression with regard to litter was a very good one. There was significant rust on the streetlamps.

Shandon Street: Grade B+. Much of the street was in good order but the overall litter grade was let down by torn posters at the Pope's Quay end of the street and litter at the electrical services area close to the renewal project area. The colourful tree mural looked great. Significant graffiti on some buildings and street bins. Some of the business vacant / closed down premises presented poorly.

Upper Fairhill: Grade B+. There was scattered litter (mostly plastic bottles and sweet wrappers) on the kerbs and road. The grasslands were tidy and well maintained.

Watercourse Road: Grade B. Apart from scattered litter on the kerbs, it was particularly obvious at the vacant site beside Boyle Sports – this area was heavily weeded and presented poorly – it will only deteriorate further if not addressed. Graffiti on older black bollard and boarded up premises. There were numerous other vacant premises but there wasn't the same level of litter associated with them.

Old Mallow Road: Grade A. A litter free and tidy impression was created travelling along this road, lined with plenty of tree planting.

Redforge Road: Grade D. This road wasn't so much littered as subject to dumping, particularly in the hedges. The former petrol station presented particularly poorly and was littered, both food and alcohol related. The dumping is only likely to increase if not addressed.

Ballyhooly Road: Grade A. Road surface / markings / signage were in good order and the overall impression along Ballyhooly Road was a very good one.

Glen Avenue: Grade B. Fresh, loose litter on the kerbs and pavements bring down the litter grade in an otherwise well-presented environment. Grasslands were recently attended.

Popham's Road: Grade D+. Much of the road was moderately littered but it was the dumping (black sacks of rubbish) and litter accumulations at the derelict site and vacant area which really brought down the litter grade – a mix of food and alcohol related items.

Dublin Hill: Grade A. A very clean impression was created along this road. Paving / planting / silver bollards were very fresh in appearance.