

Drogheda: 32nd out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

A marked improvement in Drogheda, with just two heavily littered sites out of ten sites surveyed. Ballsgrove Recycle Facility just missed the top litter grade – this is a big improvement on previous surveys. The Recycle Facility at Trinity Street was even better – this time around it was top ranking, an excellent result, particularly considering the low litter grade in 2021. West Street was moderately littered – another site which was better than before. Marsh Road and Marlay's Lane were the most heavily littered sites surveyed in Drogheda this time around and brought down the town's overall grade.

Recycle Facility, Ballsgrove: Grade B+. A much improved site compared to previous IBAL surveys. Recycle bins and signage / CCTV associated with the use of same were in good condition. Humorous signage 'Litter Louts, Don't Litter Louth'.

Recycle Facility, Trinity Street: Grade A. What a transformation! This had been a heavily littered site in 2021 – not so, this time around. All aspects of the facility were in good order and there was a complete absence of litter in the immediate environs.

N51 Approach: Grade B. (from Collon Roundabout to Rathy Roundabout). A moderately littered route with a definite litter presence (primarily food related) on the side of the road with the parked vehicles (cars, buses, vans). There was 'anti-littering' signage along this stretch.

Lidl – M1 Retail Park: Grade B. The casual discarding of litter, particularly cigarette butts and promotional flyers, took away from an otherwise freshly presented environment. With a little extra effort, this could easily be a top-ranking site.

Laneway at back of Moneymore: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter at this site. Road surface was poor, heavily potholed with poor background environmental indicators e.g., graffiti, weeds, etc. but it wasn't a littered site.

West Street: Grade B. The paving created a fresh impression along West Street, and this was enhanced by bollards, hanging baskets, street bins etc which were freshly presented. The stretch between Drogheda Town Centre and Shop Street was more obviously littered. Cigarette butts were a feature throughout, with lower levels of a variety of food related litter, plastic ties on poles and face masks.

St. Laurence Street: Grade B+. This historical street, with many significant buildings including St. Laurence Gate and the excellently presented red brick building, home to Whitworth Leisure, just missed the top litter grade. With a little extra effort on behalf of smokers this could be achieved.

Boardwalk: Grade A. (next to Scotch Hall and the D Hotel) An attractively presented riverside environment with paving, ornamental trees, street bins, bicycle parking, statues, railings, planter boxes etc. in very good condition. It was excellent with regard to litter.

Marsh Road: Grade C+. There was a modicum of improvement at this site but not enough to shift it any higher. There were two areas of note – around Sawmills House and near the red bus stop at Weirhope – there were accumulations either side. Alcohol related litter was a definite feature, along with a wide variety of food related items, dog fouling, face masks, plastic ties on poles etc.

Marley's Lane: Grade C+. There were scattered accumulations of a wide variety of litter throughout this area with concentrations at the railings opposite Aura. The most obvious litter items were plastic bottles, coffee cups, mineral cans, fast-food litter and face masks, with a lower level of alcohol cans cigarette butts, plastic ties on poles and other food items. The side of the road with St. Oliver's Community College harboured the most litter.