An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Survey 2, 2022

Navan: Joint 21st out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

Another strong performance by Navan and a big improvement compared to just a few years ago. St. Patrick's Terrace was much improved and very much deserving of the top litter grade this time around. Emmet Park and the Shopping Centre were both top ranking, not just very good with regard to litter but well presented and maintained. St. Patrick's Park was subject to dumping and arson and has once again deteriorated to 'litter blackspot' status.

R161 Approach Road: Grade A. A freshly presented route into Navan with road surface / markings / signage in good order. It was excellent with regard to litter.

Bring Facility, Long Stay Car Park: Grade B. A notable improvement, compared to previous IBAL surveys. The bin units and signage associated wit the use of same were in good order, albeit some graffiti on the orange Clothes Pod. The area to the front of the units was generally clear of litter but it was the items in the planting which brought down the litter grade.

Shopping Centre: Grade A. The paving and colourful planted areas were very freshly presented and looked well. There was a small area cordoned off with orange barriers – there was no litter directly associated this. There didn't appear to be a visible cigarette butt collector, the result of which is butts were present, but not in large quantities. Overall, very much deserving of the top litter grade.

Trimgate Street: Grade B. Cigarette butts were the most obvious litter item, there were frequent accumulations of same throughout the street. Other litter items were food and plastic related.

Preston Place: Grade A. A small, narrow site with red brick paving – the nature of the paving is such that chewing gum is particularly obvious. Litter bins were freshly presented, one with graffiti.

St. Patrick's Terrace: Grade A. A much-improved site compared to previous IBAL surveys. This time around there was a virtual absence of litter.

No. 9 St. Patrick's Terrace: Grade A. There was no litter directly associated with this building.

Emmett Park: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout this green space. Overall impression created here was a positive one.

St Patrick's Park: Grade D. Dumping on a large scale had taken place here – large household items. Evidence of burnt items.

N51 Approach: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this approach route – not enough to bring down the litter grade.