

**North Inner City Dublin: 39<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Littered.**

While the area is still littered, the recent improvement in North Inner City Dublin has happily been maintained, with fewer heavily littered sites in evidence. The area has seen remarkable changes and developments over the last number of years and this has been reflected in the overall presentation of many areas which were previously abandoned sites. Notable improvements at Sheriff Street Upper have taken place here since it was first included in our surveys; large construction at Railway Street has resulted in the clearing up of a previously heavily dumped area; the Canal at Charleville Mall was much improved, with some way to go before attaining top litter grade; Rutland Street Lower was not as heavily littered as in previous surveys; Crinian Strand wasn't subject to the very heavy levels of dumping / casual discarding of litter; Sheriff Street, Lower: (from Commons St. to Amiens St) was partially boarded up for construction and much improved. One of the greatest improvements was noted at Sean O'Casey Avenue – Grade A, up from very poor rating in 2021. Dog fouling was noted at a large number of sites surveyed. A newly developed site at Slate Street / Dublin Landings – this was not just excellent with regard to litter but beautifully presented and maintained.

**Bring Facility, East Road: Grade B.** Not as heavily littered / subject to dumping as many previous IBAL surveys; but still a definite discarding of non-recyclable items in the immediate environs; items were left on top of the units and some loose items were strewn on the ground.

**Sheriff Street, Upper: Grade B.** What monumental development has and continues to take place along this road - it has been completely transformed compared to the early days of when it was first included in IBAL survey. Even the road / paving surface have been replaced and now look very fresh. Loose litter items along the pavement, all food related / cigarette butts. No major accumulations like there used to be.

**Spencer Dock - Canal Promenade: Grade B+.** A vastly improved site, especially at the Lock of Spencer Dock - previously there were heavy accumulations of litter gathered at the lock - just minor amounts this time and light amounts along the grassy path to the side. Cigarette butt accumulations beneath benches; lifebelts were in good condition, ditto for seating and bins.

**Slate Street / Dublin Landings: Grade A.** A completely newly developed pedestrian pathway between very modern office development; very attractively laid out with soft planting, wooden seating and attractive paving. It was completely spotless throughout. As well as the typical no litter signage, it also included 'no vaping' / 'no smoking' / 'no drones' - not a single butt visible throughout. Absolutely spotless.

**3 Arena / Point Square / Point Plaza: Grade A.** Entrance to 3 Arena / Plaza was spotless throughout; lovely seating, shiny silver litter bins, some tree planting etc. Extensive bicycle parking; all aspects of the area surveyed were freshly presented and in excellent condition.

**Canal Dock at Ossary Road / North Strand: Grade D.** . Nice DCC Sponsored Artwork along the pedestrian bridge. Black sacks thrown over the wall onto the railway line; beneath the pedestrian bridge, there was a grassy area, not the area cordoned off for building site, which harboured litter and street cone

**Spencer Dock Luas: Grade A.** A spotless Luas stop - all aspects of the area surveyed were in excellent condition and spotless throughout

**Canal at Charleville Mall: Grade B.** Certainly, a much improved site compared to many previous surveys but still a definite litter presence within the water. It is encouraging to see evidence of community-based projects.

**Canal between Ossary Road and Spencer Dock: Grade C+.** There was a virtual absence of litter along the pathway / cycle path between these two bridges; Within the water, there was a very definite

litter presence, mostly food / alcohol related but also a couple of life-belts. All of this litter lay on the bank opposite the pathway.

**Summerhill: Grade C.** (between NCR and Rutland Street Lower) The area directly outside Summerhill Primary Care Centre was very good with regard to litter. However, this was the only clean area along this stretch; the remainder of the area harboured significant litter. As well as casually dropped items, black sacks had been ripped open with birds scavenging at the contents. Litter lined both sides of the street.

**Sean McDermott Street: Grade B.** The Mary Mansions development at the junction of James Joyces Street certainly adds a freshness to Sean McDermott Street, combined with the associated planting project and tree planting; 'urban tree planting' project; a long stretch of road; some of it was very good with regard to litter, and other parts had a presence; The Traffic Light Box Art at junction of Gardiner Street was a welcome feature.

**Buckingham Street Upper: Grade D.** Despite recent improvements, the litter / dumping situation along this street was very much what was found a few years ago – namely, large numbers of black sacks dumped beside the street bins, combined with heavy levels of litter. Dog fouling was significant throughout; also 1/2 dozen black sacks in another area.

**Rutland Street, Lower: Grade B.** There were significantly lower litter levels compared to many previous IBAL surveys along this residential street. The small presence, mostly food related, and significant levels of cigarette butts were along the kerb / between parked cars. There are plans for the boarded-up school building - there was no litter directly associated with this site.

**Crinian Strand: Grade B.** Another site which was significantly better than previous surveys - the large-scale dumping and significant litter of previous surveys were not an issue this time around. Wooden pallets were visible, along with some food related litter.

**Crinian Park: Grade A.** Great to have the full park back in action following the building works. Playground equipment was in good condition. The whole area was excellent with regard to litter.

**Sheriff Street, Lower: Grade B+.** (from Commons St. to Amiens St) Major redevelopment taking place with colourful boarding indicating the future of the development. Most of the road was clear of litter but closer to Amiens St there was some food and alcohol related litter and a bag of rubbish.

**Talbot Street: Grade B+.** (from Amiens St to junction with Store St / James Joyce St.) This stretch of Talbot St just missed the top litter grade - loose food / alcohol related items along the kerb took away from the predominately clean pavements. Lovely tree planting throughout.

**Sheriff Street Lower – Residential: Grade B.** There wasn't the large scale dumping as previous surveys and the overall impression was generally a much cleaner one. However, litter at the boarded-up premises and discarded larger items along the pavement may well attract further discarding / dumping. The same items were still visible at 10.00 the following day e.g. chair / pieces of wood / miscellaneous items behind railings

**Park, Foley Street: Grade A.** There was a virtual absence of litter in this small city centre park. There were minimal facilities / features within, but all was in good order. Colourful wall mural at one end was in good condition.

**Railway Street: Grade B.** What a transformation! There was one area along Railway Street which had been used as a dumping ground for a number of years - this area is now boarded up and an active building site. The remainder of the street was moderately littered, mostly food related, but some loose items of clothing.

**Short cul-de-sac at red brick building on Portland Row: Grade D.** very short cul-de-sac / laneway to the side of the large red brick building - where does responsibility for this site lie? It wasn't just casual litter but has been used as a dumping ground e.g., cardboard / industrial waste / large items etc. It clearly hasn't been cleaned for some considerable time.

**North Circular Road: Grade D.** (from Summerhill to Belvedere Place)

NCR has typically been a seriously littered / Grade C site but this time around there was a further deterioration. It wasn't just casual litter but there were plastic bags of rubbish placed at the bottom of trees along this stretch of road - almost every second tree had bags of rubbish, the contents of which were frequently scattered along the pavements. The whole impression was a very very poor one. Larger items had also been discarded.

**Ballybough Road: Grade B.** Lovely 'Welcome to Ballybough' signage and planting at both ends of the road. Nice seating / planted area at the Clonliffe end and great to see it being enjoyed by the public. Traffic light box art and large DCC Sponsored art mural were nice features along Ballybough Road. The paving along one stretch was very fresh. There was very minimal loose litter but it's impossible to give the top litter grade due to the presence of plastic bags beside street bins.

**Sean O'Casey Avenue: Grade A.** What a transformation! This residential area had been a Grade D / Grade C in previous surveys - this time around it was very much deserving of the top litter grade. Great to see such an improvement - the experience of IBAL shows that once a site is clean, it is much more likely to stay clean.

**Ballybough Health & Fitness Centre: Grade A.** The area to the front and sides of the premises were spotless. There was a nice use of flower boxes at the front entrance. This site was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

**Clonliffe Avenue: Grade B.** (Residential road off Ballybough Road.) Nice planter boxes at the beginning of the road. Very good dog fouling signage, indicating the availability of free dog fouling bags in local shops - seems to be having the desired effect as there was none visible. Loose litter items were mostly food related, along with face masks. Not much effort is required for this site to get the top litter grade.