

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

A slight improvement for Tallaght, with seven out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade – these were not just good with regard to litter, but overall presentation and maintenance. Some examples of these include Tallaght Village, Bring Facility at Fettercairn Community Centre, Village Green Shopping Centre and Abberly Square. The sole litter blackspot was the Wasteground at Vacant site at Belgard Square – subject to monumental levels of dumping. There was a modicum of improvement at Pedestrian access from Kilmartin Estate to Cheeverstown Road, but this was from a very low base – it remained heavily littered. The Public Park at Westpark Residential was also heavily littered.

Car Park, The Square, Belgard East: Grade A. An exceptionally freshly presented and maintained car park environment with no visible litter issues throughout.

Bring Facility at Fettercairn Community Centre: Grade A. A small Bring Facility for clothing and bottles / cans. The individual units and signage associated with same were freshly presented and there was no litter in the immediate vicinity.

N81 Tallaght ByPass: Grade A. The road and pathways were very good with regard to litter. The overall presentation was a positive one. Tidy Towns signage indicating that 'Volunteers always Welcome'.

Abberly Square: Grade A. The presentation and maintenance of Abberly Square was excellent – paving, seating, ornamental tree planting and street bins were in very good order – there was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

Village Green Shopping Centre: Grade A. A freshly presented shopping centre environment with no litter issues. When there is no obvious litter, chewing gum becomes more apparent. There were plenty of litter bins throughout.

Greenhills Road Approach: Grade A. Road surface / markings / signage were in good order – there were no visible litter issues along this busy stretch of road.

Tallaght Village: Grade A. Fresh 'Welcome to Tallaght Village' signage creates a positive first impression and this was sustained for the remainder of the area surveyed. Paving, bicycle parking, bollards, street bins etc. were in good condition. Signage on a street bin says, 'If a bin is full, please do not leave your rubbish on it, beside it'.

Pedestrian access from Kilmartin Estate to Cheeverstown Road: Grade C. A minor improvement was noted here, but it still presented very poorly. Much of the dumping from previous visits has been addressed but casual littering was widespread and likely to encourage further littering / dumping.

Public Park at Westpark Residential: Grade C. This site has steadily been getting worse over a number of years. Large expanse of the green space was fine with regard to litter but it's impossible to ignore loose litter and wooden pallets and shopping trolley around the perimeter. The experience of IBAL has shown that when larger items build up it only encourages further build-up and dumping.

Wasteground at Vacant site at Belgard Square East: Grade D. There has been no improvement at this site. It remains subject to dumping on a monumental scale – furniture, electrical appliances, wooden debris etc. There was a mix of 'long-lie' and recent items. Where does responsibility for this site lie?