

Tallaght: 34th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered

It is disappointing that Tallaght failed to improve on last year's showing. Top-ranking sites included The Square, Car Park at Tallaght Retail Centre and Tallaght Village – the latter was a particularly freshly presented and maintained town centre environment. The Bring Centre at Tallaght Leisure Centre presented very poorly – there were heavy levels of litter at the base of the recycle units and in the immediate environs; Pedestrian Access from Kilmartin Estate to R136 Cheeverstown Road - while there is evidence of what appears to be a recent clean up, this area continues to be abused and used as a dumping ground; Area surrounding Rossfield Stores on Broomfield Road had suffered from heavy levels of very casually discarded litter.

Bring Centre at Tallaght Leisure Centre: Grade C+. A small facility with just a few 'recycle' bins, some of which were fresher than others. The area at the base of and in the immediate vicinity of the bin units was heavily littered with items associated with recycling e.g., beer cardboard boxes, empty black sacks etc. but also other food related items and cigarette butts. The signage associated with the use of same was in good order.

Old Bawn Road: Grade B+. The litter at various bus stops along this route bring down an otherwise clear route. Sweet papers and plastic bottles were obvious, along with some other smaller litter items.

Whitestown Way: Grade B+. This site just missed the top litter grade – sporadic litter along the road sides took away from an otherwise good site. Attractive tree planting and well-presented grass verges looked well along Whitestown Way.

Kiltipper Way: Grade B. There were litter bins at some of the bus stops and yet these areas, along with the grass verges, which harboured the litter – fast-food wrappers, plastic bottles and sweet wrappers.

Car Park at Tallaght Retail Centre: Grade A. A freshly presented car park environment with car park surface / markings and signage associated with the usage of same in good condition. The street bins were very fresh in appearance. Overall, this site was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

St. Maelruain's Church: Grade A. The grounds / graveyard of this church were not just good with regard to litter, but lovingly tended. It was a welcoming and peaceful space.

Tallaght Village: Grade A. The overall impression throughout Tallaght Village was of a freshly presented and very clean environment. The streetscape was in good order, e.g., litter bins, bollards, paving, bicycle parking, etc. were in very good condition. The area is well served by litter bins – perhaps this gives that message that litter is taken seriously.

The 'Square', Tallaght: Grade A. Street signage indicating 'The Square' and signage highlighting 'You Are Here' were in excellent condition. Seating, bollards, bicycle parking, litter bins, dedicated cigarette butt units etc. were all in very good condition. Signage on the Big Belly Bin 'Keep The Square Green & Clean'. Hedge Cutting in Progress gives the impression of a well-attended environment. There was minimal litter throughout.

Pedestrian Access from Kilmartin Estate to R136 Cheeverstown Road: Grade D. While there is evidence of what appears to be a recent clean up, this area continues to be abused and used as a dumping ground – there were very heavy levels of a wide variety of litter items. There didn't appear to be any litter awareness / anti-dumping notices in the immediate vicinity.

Area surrounding Rossfield Stores on Broomfield Road: Grade C. There was a constant stream of heavy levels of a wide variety of food and alcohol related litter in the area surrounding Rossfield Stores. In some instances, there were accumulations of same. Plastic bottles, coffee cups, fast-food wrappers, sweet papers etc. were all very much in evidence.