

**Bray: 16<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

**A consistently strong performance by Bray with just one heavily littered site. Both the Main Street and Quinsboro Road scored very well. Other top-ranking sites included Bray Recycle Centre and a couple of approach roads. A miscellaneous Laneway off Main Street presented poorly and is likely to deteriorate further if not addressed. There was no notable change to the poor litter situation along Dargle Road Upper – to the casual observer it was mildly littered but anybody walking along would note heavier levels on the left-hand side.**

**Bray Harbour: Grade B+.** A large expanse of survey area - the harbour pier closest to the Prom was spotless. The pier on the opposite side had an alcohol related presence in front of buildings with graffiti. Signage in the immediate area was in good order, apart from notable graffiti presence on some signs. The brightly painted premises had some colourful planting to the front - a lovely addition to the area. Other scatterings of food related items included mineral cans.

**Dargle Road Upper: Grade C+.** There has been little / no change in the litter status along this route - it is in sharp contrast to the majority of other sites surveyed in Bray. Superficially, it looked mildly littered. The main litter issues were all on the left-hand side, close to the bus stop, another recessed area on the left and the area surrounding Bray Pigeon building - the latter was beginning to show a lack of thorough cleaning for quite some time. As well as typical food related litter, dumped items included pillows / cushions.

**Bray Recycle Centre: Grade A.** There were no litter issues at this managed facility. The planted area in front of the charity shop had a signage indicating 'Edible Bray'. Nice features the rear of the facility included plant boxes made from recycled plastic.

**Vevay Approach Road: Grade A.** (From Boghall Road junction towards the town centre) There was a virtual absence of litter on this long stretch of road, just minor amounts in front of the shops on the left. The overall impression was a good one and there were seemingly more fresh 'Big Belly' solar bins.

**Street level Car Park at Mermaid Arts Centre: Grade B.** The public car park was surveyed. The main surface area of the car park was freshly presented with car park surface / markings / signage relating to the use of the car park in good order. A corner planted area, beside a tree, harboured litter. This extended along the perimeter on the left-hand side of the one-way system. There was no visible litter bin or 'anti-litter' notices. The planted area presented poorly - perhaps there is an opportunity to develop it as a 'Managed for Wildlife' site?

**Herbert Road: Grade A.** This approach in towards Bray was excellent with regards to litter. The road surface was very fresh in appearance, creating a positive impression. Closer to the town, on the right-hand side, a commercial premises was attractively painted. Overall, this was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

**Main Street: Grade A.** It was lovely to see the colourful hanging baskets looking so well so late in the year. They, along with the tree planting / paving / seating areas all looked great. Clearly a careful eye is kept on the significant number of closed down / vacant premises as there was no litter directly associated with them. Painted signage 'Bray is where our Heart is - Stay Local / Buy Local' on traffic light box.

**Laneway off Main Street: Grade B.** The laneway, with no name, just signage indicating 'leading to Carlton Close', leads to residential area. For the purpose of the survey, the area surveyed was between the Main Street and the beginning of the residential area, Fatima Terrace. Overall, this small stretch of laneway presented poorly, with an obvious litter presence, both on the ground and long-term items trapped in the barbed wire above. Background environmental indicators presented poorly. Well on its way to Grade C if not addressed.

**Quinsboro Road: Grade A.** Attractively paved area with ornamental trees looked very well. As with the Main Street, there were plenty of closed down / vacant outlets, particularly the end closest to the Main Street. Some work had been done at a few of these to minimise the visual impact of the closed down / vacant property. A newly installed public telephone looked very fresh. Mature trees and grassy area further along looked well. Quinsboro Road was very good with regards to litter.

**Car Park at Lidl, Boghall Road: Grade A.** An exceptionally freshly presented supermarket car park environment. The paving directly outside / along the perimeter was spotless. The grass / tree planting around the car park were a welcome feature. Overall, this was very much deserving of the top litter grade. Excellent background environmental indicators e.g., car park surface and overall impression.