

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

While just five out of twenty-six sites surveyed got the top litter grade, there were fewer very heavily littered sites than in previous IBAL surveys. There is a very obvious dog fouling campaign with NEIC / IBAL Dog Fouling signage / facilities for the disposal of same e.g. Ballybough Road / Summerhill / outside Liberty Park etc. There were notable improvements at many sites, especially those which had been heavy littered / subject to dumping. This is very encouraging. Examples of these included Sean O'Casey Avenue, Buckingham Street, Rutland Street and Railway Street. The heavily littered sites didn't just appear overnight – most are subject to long-term abuse and neglect. These included the residential area of Sherrard Street Upper, Grounds beside Royal Canal, Newcomer Bridge and Ossary Road, Wasteground at end of Ossary Road / junction of West Road and Vacant site between No. 71 Summerhill and adjacent building – such sites are only likely to attract further dumping. If some of the nine moderately littered sites managed to improve, this would bring further improvement in the overall result.

**Sean O'Casey Avenue: Grade B+.** This residential area has been very mixed over the last number of years, oscillating between heavy levels of litter to just missing the top litter grade this time around. The overall impression was much improved. Main items this time around related to the remnants of fireworks materials.

**Ballybough Road: Grade A.** There have been great works along Ballybough Road over the last few years and this time around the main thoroughfare was very much deserving of the top litter grade. (see separate survey site area for some basements on Ballybough Road). Large wooden tree planter boxes looked very well, and the area is well served by Big Belly Solar Bins. There was a strong emphasis on Dog Fouling Signage / facilities for the disposal of same – appear to be having the desired effect as there were no issues with dog fouling.

**Basements No. 61 / 65 Ballybough Road: Grade C.** While No. 62, 63 and 64 were definitely much better than previous surveys, Nos. 61 and 65 harboured significant levels of litter – care needs to be taken to ensure that this doesn't build up even further as littered sites tend to 'attract' more litter.

**Sherriff Street Lower: Grade C+.** As well as a very obvious litter presence along the pathway, the area at No. 7 was particularly pronounced. It would seem that there has been little change / improvement here since most the last survey. The majority of the litter was food related e.g. plastic bottles, fast-food wrappers, sweet papers, mineral cans etc., along with alcohol bottles / cans. There didn't appear to be any visible litter awareness / no dumping signage / litter bins in the immediate area vicinity.

**Sherrard Street, Upper: Grade D+.** There were vast amounts of litter and domestic rubbish along this residential street, resulting in wildlife tearing up the bags and foraging at the contents. As well as all manner of food related items, discarded nappies were also present. Litter lined the kerbs, was at gateways to lanes, at door fronts, on the pavements, on the road and in the car parking areas.

**Gardiner Street, Upper and Lower: Grade C+.** Litter, fresh and recent, mostly food related was found on the kerbs and pavements and trapped behind railings at various flat / apartments complexes. Heavy levels of all manner of food items were present. Dog fouling was also an issue.

**Grounds beside Royal Canal, Newcomer Bridge and Ossary Road: Grade D.** This was one of the two most heavily littered sites surveyed in North Inner City Dublin – it wasn't just casually littered but it has been used as a 'Wasteground'. Copious quantities of bags of rubbish / black sacks had been discarded under the bridge, beside the railway tracks. Where does responsibility for this site lie?

**Mayor Street, Lower: Grade A.** When cigarette butts / chewing gum are obvious, it generally indicates an absence of other litter items. The overall impression was a good one, with butts most obvious at the taxi rank. Mayor Square was particularly well presented / maintained.

**Basement adjacent to St. Vincent de Paul, Sean MacDermott Street: Grade C.** The level of litter at this site was such that it was well on its way to Grade D status. This site has been noted in previous

IBAL surveys and this time around it was back to previously very littered status. A cover over the basement would help the build-up of litter. In the absence of this, a more thorough and frequent cleaning regime is required to tackle and prevent further build-up.

**Diamond Park / Playground: Grade A.** This park was closed for some time and has had a major revamp since last included in survey. The result is a very freshly presented park and playground environment with all aspects in very good order and colourful pathway underfoot. It was excellent with regards to litter.

**Wasteground at end of Ossary Road / junction of West Road: Grade D.** While a Grade D status, this site was even worse than previous IBAL litter survey. The 'Warning Notice, Satellite CCTV Monitoring' signage is having absolutely no effect. Vast amounts of dumping had taken place on a monumental scale. Another 'No Dumping' sign had been scrawled with graffiti. Gates to an adjoining property had been either left open / forced open, resulting in further illegal dumping.

**Summerhill Parade: Grade C+.** Significant litter (much of it food related, but also some clothing) lined the steps between the houses and the roadway. Some of the basements were littered, others were absolutely fine. Litter had also become trapped around the road works.

**Royal Canal – Greenway: Grade A.** This relatively newly developed site is a welcome addition to the city of Dublin. The overall impression was of a well maintained and clean site. Pathways were fresh and grasslands were appropriately maintained. There was some 'long-lie' litter within the water but not to a huge degree.

**Beaver Street: Grade B.** There was evidence of a 'clean-up' / street clean at Beaver Street but it would seem that it wasn't a very thorough clean as there was still a definite litter presence, post clean.

**Crinian Strand: Grade C.** Rarely has this residential area been anything but heavily littered in recent IBAL surveys. The overall impression was a generally untidy and neglected one. As well as casually discarded litter, there were discarded household items on the pavements.

**Killarney Street: Grade B+.** This site just missed the top litter grade. There were too many food related items but not much effort is required to deal with this. The overall impression was generally a good one. Dog fouling signage was in good order: Image of a dog, along with quote 'If I had 2 hands, I'd Clean it up myself' and dog fouling bags were provided.

**Vacant site between No. 71 Summerhill and adjacent building: Grade D+.** The site is almost derelict and has been subject to neglect and abuse. It wasn't just casually littered but subject to dumping – large number of black sacks of rubbish and other miscellaneous items had been discarded. It will only continue if not addressed.

**Buckingham Street, Upper: Grade B.** The overall impression was generally an untidy one, particularly at the gateway and basements of the various flats / apartments at Buckingham Village. Dog fouling was also an issue, as has been observed along Buckingham Street in many previous IBAL surveys. This is despite plenty of dog fouling signage / facilities for the disposal of same.

**Charleville Mall: Grade B+.** Much of the area was behind railings / fenced off. The pathways / road surfaces were new / freshly presented, creating a very good impression. Any visible litter was food related and mostly on the pavements and in front of the houses.

**Aldborough Place: Grade C.** There was a very heavy and persistent litter presence at this site, not just food related but other miscellaneous household items. Based on the high presence of alcohol bottles, it would seem that 'outdoor' drinking has taken place. The overall impression was generally poor, with heavy weed growth and graffiti also a feature.

**Rutland Street, Lower: Grade A.** There was a marked improvement compared to many years ago when this was often a heavily littered site. This time around, there was a virtual absence of litter.

**Liberty Park: Grade B+.** This small city centre park just missed the top litter grade – with a little extra care and attention this could easily be achieved. Dog fouling notice and facilities for the disposal of same were present directly outside the park. The park was well maintained, and features were in good condition.

**North Strand Road: Grade B.** The overall grade was a moderately littered one. The stretch of road closer to East Wall was generally very good with regards to litter while the stretch closer to Amiens Street was definitely littered. Most obvious litter items were food related e.g. significant levels of plastic bottles, sweet papers, fast-food wrappers, mineral cans and plastic bottles, along with cigarette butts and lower levels of dog fouling.

**Summerhill: Grade C+.** This residential and commercial area was characterised by litter and some dumping, particularly in front of the short series of shops and black sacks discarded behind parked cars. Some basements also harboured litter.

**Portland Row: Grade B.** Fresh and sporadic food related litter lined the kerbs of Portland Row – there was no one area which was particularly pronounced. With a little extra care and attention this could be a top-ranking site.

**Railway Street: Grade B.** What a transformation! With all the recent developments, much of Railway Street is unrecognisable compared to just a few years ago. Area has been enhanced by attractive planters / public space. The litter which was present along Railway Street was at the 'older' undeveloped end.