

Navan: 25th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

Navan again just retained its clean status, with seven out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade. Top-ranking sites included 'N' Navan Shopping Centre and Preston Place – the latter deserves a special mention as it was much improved compared to previous IBAL surveys. The Recycle / Bring facility at Bóthar Beaufort / Car Park was heavily littered to the rear of the units. By far the most heavily littered site surveyed in Navan was the residential area of St. Patrick's Park, which was again a litter blackspot.

R161 Trim Approach Road: Grade A. This site got the top litter grade, but only just. Occasional items were lurking in the long grass. Care needs to be taken to ensure that further litter doesn't develop.

St. Patrick's Terrace: Grade B. This was a mixed site in terms of litter – 2/3 of the homes appear to be 'house-proud', the remaining third less so, leading to an overall impression of a moderately littered residential area. While there has been an overall improvement compared to when there were accumulations at the end of the cul-de-sac, there is still some way to go for the top litter grade. Much of the litter was food related.

Emmet Terrace: Grade A. This large expanse of green space presented very well – abundant tree planting and grass throughout. Minor food related items included plastic bottles, mineral cans and sweet wrappers but not in sufficient quantities to bring down the overall litter grade.

Run down building - 30 Brews Hill: Grade A. While this building presented poorly with peeling paint, cracks to render, wood bare and a general air of neglect, it wasn't actually a littered one.

Trimgate Street: Grade A. A freshly presented main shopping street with paving creating a clean impression. The large, planted areas along the path are a great addition to any shopping environment and the street lamps looked well. Colourful wall murals in the immediate environs are a great way to take away the bare look of any wall.

Preston Place: Grade A. Overall, this site was fine and cleaner than previous surveys. Minor litter items (sweet papers / cigarette butts) were present but not to the degree to bring down the litter grade. There was no fast-food litter associated with McDonald's.

'N' Navan Shopping Centre: Grade A. The entrance area to Navan Shopping Centre presented well. The planted areas with bark at the base are a lovely feature. Large litter bin had ample capacity for large number of cigarettes and well designed to facilitate same. It was very good with regards to litter.

N51 Devlin Approach Road: Grade A. There were no litter issues of note along this approach route.

Recycle Centre at Bóthar Beaufort / Car park: Grade C. On first impressions, all appeared in good order with regards to litter. The area to the rear of the units presented a different picture altogether – where does responsibility for the cleaning of this part of the facility lie? Some of the clothing units had graffiti.

St Patrick's Park: Grade D. Heavy levels of dumping have taken place – a deterioration from a site which had seen some small improvements in recent surveys. It wasn't just casual litter but household waste.