

Tallaght: 33rd out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Littered.

While it is great to see that six out of the ten sites surveyed in Tallaght got the top litter grade – examples of these included Village Green, Main Street and Belgard Retail Park - the presence of a few very heavily litter sites brought it down in the rankings. Work has taken place to address the issues at Pedestrian access to Cheeverstown road from Kilmartin Drive and the residential area of Westpark – and yet still dumping was still a feature at both these sites. There was no obvious improvement at Wasteground on Belgard Square East – it was a litter blackspot.

Recycle / Bring Centre at Tallaght Square: Grade C+. It is usual to see this facility score so poorly. It is a small, freshly presented 'Bring Facility' with bins / signage associated with the use of same in good order. It wasn't just casually littered but bags of items had been 'left' beside the bin units, along with a large plastic container. Plastic bags had been stuffed between the bin units.

Bancroft Apartment Complex: Grade A. All appeared in good order at this exceptionally freshly presented residential development. Area was enhanced by attractive paving and planting – it was excellent with regards to litter.

Village Green: Grade A. When cigarette butts / chewing gum are the only visible litter items, it's testament to the absence of other more obvious litter items. The Village Green was very much deserving of the top litter grade. The overall impression was an excellent one.

Main Street: Grade A. The Main Street was well served by litter bins (reconfigured to prevent disposal of household waste). Dog fouling signage was clear and legible. Large wooden planter boxes were a lovely feature. Overall, this area was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

Greenhills Approach: Grade A. There were no visible litter issues along this busy approach route to Tallaght.

Westpark: Grade D. This residential area was one of the two mostly heavily littered sites surveyed in Tallaght. It was noted that the perimeter had been cleared since previous IBAL surveys but this time around it was the dumping on the green / grasslands and the remnants of a large bonfire which was responsible for bringing down the litter grade.

Belgard Retail Park: Grade A. A very freshly presented retail park environment with all features in very good condition e.g. paving, litter bins, stainless steel bollards, planted areas etc. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

Tallaght Square Car Park: Grade A. An extensive survey area and yet it still was worthy of the top litter grade. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Wasteground on Belgard Square East: Grade D. There was no improvement noted at this site. The other heavily littered sites in Tallaght had been subject to domestic dumping – the dumping at this site was predominantly builders' rubble.

Pedestrian access to Cheeverstown road from Kilmartin Drive: Grade D+. There is no doubt that some work has been done to address the dumping issue at this site e.g. the erection of new fences to prevent dumping. The new pavements / landscaping have certainly improved the overall impression. And yet, the dumping has continued, not just some litter items but household waste and large children's toys.