

**Ballymun: 37<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Littered.**

There were some top-ranking sites in Ballymun but the heavily littered sites bring down the overall litter ranking. The Bring Facility at Shangan Road and former entrances to Ballymun Towers have been stubbornly littered for many years – they weren't just littered but subject to dumping. Ballymun Leisure Centre was much improved on previous IBAL surveys and had been enhanced by colourful planter boxes. Ballymun Road scored very well – not an easy task for such a long stretch. The residential area of Longdale Terrace was subject to some dumping, perhaps not as significant as previously, but a definite presence all the same. As a general observation, there was plenty of dog fouling signage throughout Ballymun.

**Approach from M50 direction: Grade B.** Not heavily littered, but a definite loose litter presence, along both sides of the road. Items were primarily food related. Colourful planter boxes were a lovely welcoming feature.

**Bring Facility, Shangan Road: Grade D.** For such a small facility, the levels of dumping were very significant. The area to the front didn't appear too bad, but the areas to the rear and the sides told a very different story. Household rubbish and large piece of equipment had been discarded. This site has been heavily littered / abused over many years of IBAL visits.

**Deposit Return Scheme – Lidl: Grade A.** The facility and the area immediately surrounding it were spotless. Beside the facility there was an area where the public are encouraged to 'please pour any excess liquid below'.

**Ballymun Sports and Leisure Centre: Grade A.** A much-improved site compared to previous surveys when there had been a very definite litter presence, particularly the stretch along Ballymun Road. This time around the overall impression was generally quite a good one with regards to litter. The main entrance area had been adorned with some brightly painted planter boxes – adding some welcome colour.

**Ballymun Road: Grade A.** A notable change since last IBAL survey is the closure of Supervalu. Based on previous signage, they would have been big supporters of the Tidy Towns programme – hopefully this isn't going to impacted too negatively on the local community. Tiered planter boxes are a lovely addition throughout this long stretch of road. Fresh wooden seating looked very well. Some of the #brilliantballymun / #beautiful Ballymun / #betterballymun signage was looking tired and broken. The overall impression was of a virtual absence of litter throughout.

**Coultry Park: Grade B+.** This was a park of two halves – the area with play equipment / PE equipment was attractively presented and excellent with regards to litter. On the other side, the pathway lining the 'open space' was somewhat littered, primarily fast-food related. The grass area close to the enclosed 'court' was also littered. Dog fouling signage was broken.

**Longdale Terrace: Grade C+.** A more thorough approach to the cleaning of the parking bays throughout this residential area is required – there were small items accumulated in the corner. It was the larger items.e.g. bags of domestic rubbish (plastic bag / black sack), piece of wood / carpet, plastic wrapping, etc. which really brought down the overall litter grade.

**Santry Approach Road: Grade B.** This was a mixed site in terms of litter. The stretch from 'Northwood' towards Ballymun was generally well presented, with a virtual absence of litter. There was a colourful 'traffic light box art' at Northwood. The final stretch, closer to Ballymun harboured a definite litter presence – especially the grassy area on the right-hand side between the bus stop and the busy junction.

**Car Park, Ballymun Road: Grade B+.** The car park presented well with surface / markings / signage associated with the use of same in good order. With a little extra care and attention, this could be a top-ranking site, loose litter around the perimeter prevented this.

**Balbutcher Lane – entrances to former Towers: Grade D.** Very significant dumping of domestic rubbish and larger household items had taken place. Other miscellaneous items included street cone / car hub / large piece of carpet / clothing horse. Large volumes of glass alcohol bottles were also visible.