

**Dundalk: 30<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.**

**There was significant improvement on view in Dundalk, with five top ranking sites and two sites just shy of same. It was the presence of three heavily littered sites which brought down the overall ranking. Clanbrassil Street was very well presented with attractive paving and streetscape. Other top ranking sites included some of the approach roads and the Clothing Bring Centre at Castletown Road. The heavily littered sites need more attention e.g. the Public Park at Maxwell, Row, Castletown River Bridge and Car Park at Cost Savers Storage / Service Area – they all present poorly.**

**Clanbrassil Street: Grade A.** The overall impression was of a virtual absence of litter along this large site. The streetscape looked very well - attractive paving, ornamental trees, seating, street lamps etc. Clearly a careful eye is kept on the various vacant / run down premises as there was minimal litter associated with them. As a general observation, and not just within Dundalk, disposable vape users are putting the stickers from the packaging on to the litter bins – very unsightly.

**Public Park, Maxwell Row: Grade C+.** There didn't appear to be signage associated with this park area, with just one litter bin on the footpath outside. There was a definite litter presence within, mostly food related items on the grass area. Dog Fouling signage '*Litter Louts Don't Litter Louth*'.

**Castletown River Bridge: Grade C.** There were significant levels of 'long-lie' litter, much of it food and alcohol related, along the banks / edge of the river adjacent to the bridge. While there may have been some clean up, this area presents poorly.

**Francis Street: Grade B+.** The street signage is very old / practically illegible at one junction. Efforts have been made to 'take away the bare look' by painting the various electricity type boxes but this stretch of wall presents poorly. Clearly a careful eye is kept on the numerous vacant sites as there was no litter directly associated with them. Francis Street just missed the top litter grade.

**N52 - from M1 junction to Hoey's Lane junction: Grade A.** An exceptionally freshly presented tree lined route with all aspects in very good condition. It was clean, tidy and very well attended, creating a very positive first impression of Dundalk.

**Avenue Road to Blackrock Road: Grade B+.** Much of this route was in good order with regards to litter but it was let down by fresh / recent food related items e.g. sweet wrappers and plastic bottles, particularly close to the signage asking the drivers to '*Pass with Care*' when overtaking the cyclists. The 'planted' roundabout was a lovely feature.

**Bring Centre / Clothing - Castletown Road: Grade A.** The two clothing recycle units were freshly presented with the signage associated with use of same in good order. Overall, the site was deserving of the top litter grade.

**St. Nicholas Avenue: Grade A.** The residential area of St. Nicholas Avenue was very well presented and maintained – well done to all concerned. The overall impression was a very clean and tidy one.

**Car Park at Cost Cutters Storage / Service Area: Grade C.** There was little noticeable improvement on previous IBAL surveys. It wasn't just untidy but heavily littered with plastic bags and other industrial packaging / wrapping.

**Dublin Road: Grade A.** (from N52 turnoff to turnoff for Avenue Road) The overall impression created along this route was a positive one with a virtual absence of litter throughout – minor items closer to the town centre.