

Tallaght: 28th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

A much improved performance by Tallaght with six out of the ten survey sites getting the top litter grade. These included 'The Square – bus station area', Civic Centre & Environs - an exceptionally freshly presented and maintained environment with all aspects in excellent order, and Tallaght Village. The residential area of Westpark was very much deserving of the top litter grade – a big improvement on recent IBAL survey visit. Likewise, Cheeverstown Road was much improved. However, the Pedestrian Access to Cheeverstown Road, from Kilmartin Drive, Grassland – St. Adams / Sheehy Skeffington Meadow and the Wasteground on Belgard Square East were all seriously littered.

Recycle Bring Facility - Tallaght Square: Grade B+. A freshly presented facility with bin units and signage associated with use of same in good order. This site would have got the top litter grade if it wasn't for a few items left by the clothing bin, items listed as 'not accepted' for recycling.

The Square - bus station area: Grade A. This was a template for a Grade A site. The planted areas were in particular good order. Paving, litter bins, cigarette butt units were very freshly presented. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

Pedestrian Access to Cheeverstown Road, from Kilmartin Drive: Grade C+. While there was an improvement of sorts noted, it was still not enough to shift it from a seriously littered site. Fencing has been erected to combat the dumping problems and the grass looked like it had been recently attended. Further and concerted efforts are required to make even more progress.

Cheeverstown Road: Grade A. This site had been littered in previous IBAL surveys – not so this time around. The area at the pedestrian crossing at traffic lights was clean, along with the pavements and kerbs.

Civic Centre & Environs: Grade A. The paved area was exceptionally freshly presented, enhanced by some lovely planting. All aspects were in excellent condition e.g planted areas, bicycle parking, seating etc. A great addition to this area is the stainless steel 'Water Station'. The whole site was a template for a Grade A.

Tallaght Village: Grade A. The high grade of many previous IBAL surveys has been sustained at Tallaght Village. The overall impression was of a well presented and maintained environment. The pavements / road surfaces were clean.

Wasteground on Belgard Square East: Grade C. Another site which had improvement a little but not sufficiently to shift it from a seriously littered site. Signage indicating that the site 'RFC Security Protect This Site – CCTV' hasn't been a deterrent to those who persist in dumping. Alcohol related bottles / cans were prevalent, along with old building materials.

Westpark: Grade A. A much-improved site compared to previous IBAL survey – the burnt materials from previous visit have been removed from this residential development.

Grassland - St. Adams / Sheehy Skeffington Meadow: Grade C. (adjacent to Cheeverstown Road). This site was characterised by recent domestic rubbish dumped on the grasslands next to the wall with Cheeverstown Road. Other litter was evident elsewhere. Such sites will only attract further littering / dumping, if not addressed.