

## An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Survey 2, 2024

**Navan: Moderately Littered. 32<sup>nd</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed.**

**A disappointing result for Navan. Top-ranking sites included a couple of approach routes, Navan Shopping Centre and Preston Place. The Recycle Facility at Long Stay Car Park was let down by a quantity of items, both a mix of plastic bags and cardboard boxes which had been discarded in front of the recycle units. There was evidence of significant burnt items, along with large household items at St. Patrick's Park. which was again a litter blackspot.**

**Navan Shopping Centre: Grade A.** The entrance / façade of this on-street shopping centre had attractive paving and planted area with 'Managed for Biodiversity' signage. Colourful hanging baskets looked very well. Litter bin and associated cigarette butt unit were freshly presented. The overall impression was of a clean environment.

**Preston Place: Grade A.** There was a virtual absence of litter at this town centre environment – small amounts of fast-food wrappers, sweet papers and cigarette butts were present but not in large quantities. There was an obvious graffiti presence along one wall area.

**'The Loft', Trimgate Street: Grade A.** Clearly a careful eye is kept on this long since closed down premises as there was no litter directly associated with it. However, it presents poorly with paint, woodwork and metal gutters in poor shape. Based on the October 2024 signage 'landdirect.ie' (The official Tailte Éireann online service which allows you to search the Land Registry map and view and order title documents) / 'Land Registry' signage pinned to the front door, perhaps there will be some notice taken.

**Trimgate Street: Grade B.** A moderately littered street with obvious cigarette butts and lower levels of fast-food wrappers, sweet papers and chewing gum. The communal / seating area by the Bull sculpture was attractively laid out with all aspects in good order. The surface of the 'Lady of the Dance' sculpture was beginning to look very old / worn away.

**Recycle Centre - Long Stay Car Park: Grade C.** A quantity of items, both a mix of plastic bags and cardboard boxes, had been discarded to the front of the recycle units. The shrubbery to the rear of the units was poorly maintained and harboured clothing.

**Common area down towards Blackwater: Grade B.** Some improvement on previous IBAL survey but the casually discarded shopping trolley and loose litter are likely to attract further items. Clearly this area requires a close eye to prevent deterioration to previous status.

**Emmet Terrace: Grade A.** Dog fouling signage with an illustration of a dog: *'There are some things he can't pick up – when they Poop, use the Scoop' etc.* Signage appears to be having desired effect as there wasn't any dog fouling, and a virtual absence of other litter throughout. Communal grass area was neatly cut.

**St. Patrick's Park: Grade D.** Evidence of significant burnt items and large scaled household items characterised this site.

**R147 Kells / Dublin Approach Road: Grade A.** The overall impression created along this route was a very good one with regards to litter.

**R161 Trim Approach Road: Grade A.** There were minimal litter items (just small amounts of sweet papers) along this route, with gardens and parks.