

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

Tallaght: Moderately Littered. 30th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed.

An improved result for Tallaght in 2024. An area with six top ranking sites would typically score reasonably highly in the IBAL litter league but the presence of some heavily littered sites and particularly the Wasteground on Belgard Road – a litter blackspot - have brought down the overall ranking. On a positive note, significant improvements were recorded at Pedestrian Access to Kilmartin Drive to Cheeverstown Road – hopefully this can be sustained and that any issues in adjoining sites don't have any negative impact.

Pedestrian Access to Kilmartin Drive to Cheeverstown Road: Grade B. A much improved site compared to previous IBAL surveys – hopefully this can be sustained and that any issues in adjoining sites don't have a negative impact.

Environs adjacent to Rossfield Stores: Grade C. The overall impression in this vicinity was of a heavy and persistent litter presence throughout – some of it 'long-lie' indicating a lack of thorough cleaning for quite some time. This is all despite the presence of a few obvious street bins.

Old Bawn Road: Grade A. A busy route with plenty of exits / entrances to various housing developments. It was excellent with regards to litter, with a great impression at the bus stops and shopping areas.

Whitestown Way: Grade A. This route was characterised by excellent road surface / markings / signage with a fresh looking bicycle path on one side and trees lining the pavement on the other side. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Road from Cookstown Way to Old Bawn Road junction: Grade A. Neatly cut grass verges, clean pavements / kerbs / road surface contribute to the positive first impression of Tallaght along this route.

Recycle Facility at Tallaght Leisure Centre: Grade C+. This area around the base of, behind and between the bin units were heavily littered, some items relating to recycling, others were not. The surrounding area was poorly presented / maintained. Overall, this site is likely to deteriorate if not addressed / allowed to build up even further.

Tallaght Village: Grade A. This area is usually top-ranking, and things were no different this time around – well done to all concerned. This was an exceptionally clean and well maintained town centre environment.

Westpark: Grade A. The residential area of Westpark was very much deserving of the top litter grade – all aspects were in good order.

Abberly Square South: Grade A. The presentation of this business / commercial area was excellent, with street furniture in very good condition e.g. seating, paving, tree planting, litter bins etc. The whole area was very good with regards to litter.

Wasteground on Belgard Road: Grade D+. It's all in the title of the site -i.e. wasteground. It wasn't just typical litter but dominated by builders' rubble, which would appear to have been there for quite some time. Smaller items and household waste have added further to the situation and will only continue to do so if not addressed. It's a terrible eye sore. There has been little change since last included in IBAL surveys.