

## **An Taisce Report - IBAL Anti-Litter League, Survey 1, 2025**

**Drogheda: 24<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

**Drogheda is certainly inching its way up the league, compared to just a few short years ago – well done to all concerned. This time around there were six top ranking sites out of ten sites surveyed. These included West Street (The paving / tree planting / on-street planting / 'olde style' street lamps looked very well), the residential area of Whitethorn and the public park space at St. Dominic's Park. By far the most heavily littered site was the Bring Centre, Trinity Street – bag of domestic rubbish had been dumped, the contents of which were foraged and strewn around, along with other dumping.**

**Riverwalk, at North Quay: Grade B+.** (behind AIB). Signage at 'North Quay' was excellent and the overall impression was of a much improved environment compared to previous IBAL surveys. Littering / dumping issues have been addressed. This time around it just missed the top litter grade.

**M1 Retail Park: Grade A.** A model Grade A template site. A large expanse of retail space with some lovely planted and seating areas, all of which were in very good condition. Car park surface / paving were freshly presented. The whole area was excellent with regards to litter.

**Basements at St. Laurence Street: Grade C+.** While there was some improvement and evidence of 'clean up' since previous IBAL surveys, there was still a very pronounced litter presence, not just food and alcohol related but miscellaneous items e.g. street cone / clothing etc. There was a mix of 'long-lie' and recent litter. Weed growth was phenomenal.

**Trinity Street: Grade A.** A freshly presented approach route, with the built environment in good order. The overall impression was a very good one with road surface / markings in good order.

**Whitethorn: Grade A.** The residential area of Whitethorn was very much deserving of the top litter grade. The overall impression was a very positive one with well attended hedges and grasslands. There was a complete absence of litter throughout.

**Bring Centre, Trinity Street: Grade C.** This was by far the most heavily littered site surveyed in Drogheda. While the Drogheda Borough Signage associated with the use of the facility was freshly presented / in good condition, the overall presentation was let down by dumping. A black sack of domestic rubbish had been 'neatly' placed by the recycle units, the contents of which had been foraged / were scattered about and likely to attract more foraging. Other large miscellaneous item had been 'neatly' placed in front of the units.

**Fair Street: Grade C+.** The main surface area looked well, paving was mixed, old and cracked in some places, fresh and attractive in others. What brought down the litter grade was the significant litter in the basements of some houses. If not addressed, this is likely to attract more litter / deteriorate further.

**Platin Road: Grade A.** This route (passing through a mix of housing and industrial premises) presented very well, creating a positive first impression of Drogheda. Grasslands were in good order and there were no obvious litter issues throughout.

**West Street: Grade A.** The paving / tree planting / on-street planting / 'olde style' street lamps looked very well along West Street. The overall impression was a very good one with regards to litter – there was a virtual absence throughout. It appears to be very well served by litter bins.

**St. Dominic's Park: Grade A.** This park environment was very much deserving of the top litter grade. PE equipment was in good order and there was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.