

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

Tallaght: 38th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Littered.

There has been quite a dip in Tallaght's performance this time around, with just three out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade. At the other end of the scale, the Bring Centre at Tallaght Leisure Centre was a blackspot (not just casually littered but subject to dumping). Somewhat better, but still heavily littered sites, were two residential areas (Sheehy Skeffington Meadows and Aidan's Close). There has been some improvement in the overall presentation of Pedestrian Access to Cheeverstown Road, although it is still subjected to abuse.

The Square Shopping Centre: Grade A. The overall impression created at this large shopping centre environment was a very good one with a virtual absence of litter throughout. The coloured brick work along one wall was very freshly presented. Area appears to be well maintained.

Pedestrian Access to Cheeverstown Road: Grade C+. (from Kilmartin Drive). While this site was still heavily littered, the overall impression was somewhat improved compared to when it was first included in the IBAL surveys. Examples included freshly cut grass verges / the erection of new fencing, which have certainly contributed to the overall impression created here. However, it still suffered from not just littering but the dumping of household items. It would seem that this whole area needs further attention to shift it from this status.

N81 Tallaght ByPass: Grade A. This was an excellent route in terms of presentation, maintenance and litter. It was characterised by good road surface / markings / signage and freshly cut grass verges. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Doorways at Eurogiant / Mroz, Belgard Sq. West: Grade C. There were heavy accumulations of a wide variety of litter at the enclosed doorways / iron gates. Litter items were primarily food related, along with some cigarette butts and vaping devices. The overall impression is a very poor one.

Bring Centre, Tallaght Leisure Centre: Grade D+. Being located in a leisure centre, the bottle / can units were brightly painted 'Swim / Splash' and looked very well. Apart from this, the remainder of Bring Centre presented poorly due to the heavy dumping of bags of rubbish / cardboard boxes / discarded carpet and clothing.

Sheehy Skeffington Meadows: Grade C+. There was a very obvious and persistent litter presence throughout this residential area. Litter was not limited to typical food items but also included cardboard boxes / other miscellaneous larger items. The whole area presented very poorly.

Cheeverstown Road: Grade B. This functional route was characterised by fresh litter on the pavements, especially close to Kilmartin Drive turnoff. The overall impression was of a generally untidy environment.

Brookfield Road / Rossfield Stores: Grade C. There was a constant stream of all manner of food related litter along the grass / pavements / kerbs with accumulations at Rossfield Stores. All manner of food related items were present, along with heavy levels of dog fouling and cigarette butts.

Tallaght Luas Stop: Grade A. All aspects of this facility were freshly presented and in excellent order. There was a complete absence of litter throughout.

6-10 Aidan's Close: Grade C. As well as casually discarded litter, there was evidence of dumping at this residential area. Weed growth was very pronounced and the grasslands presented poorly. The overall impression was of a heavily littered environment.