

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

Tralee: 21st out of 40 towns / cities. Clean to European Norms.

A very solid performance from Tralee with seven out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade – one of its best results in recent years. Notable improvement was recorded at Market Lane – this time around it just missed the top litter grade. Top ranking sites included Town Centre Car Park, Tralee Town Park and The Mall / Bridge Street – all were freshly presented and maintained.

Town Centre Car Park: Grade A. A lovely feature of this car park were the trees lining the perimeter / within the car park and the planter boxes dotted about. Car park surface / markings / signage were all in very good order. There was a complete absence of litter throughout.

Tralee Town Park: Grade A. There was a lovely mix of semi-wild areas and more maintained areas within this town centre park. Apart from once incident of dog fouling, it was excellent with regards to litter.

Bridge Lane: Grade A. While the road surface was quite rough and the markings somewhat worn away, this small laneway had a virtual absence of litter – the only visible items were cigarette butts outside the entrance to Shaws.

The Mall / Bridge Street: Grade A. The paving / road surface was excellent with planter boxes / bicycle parking / seating / directional signage etc. looking very well. The stainless steel cigarette units attached to the wooden planter boxes were very fresh in appearance. This whole area was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

Market Street: Grade B+. There was a notable improvement at this previously heavily littered site – this time around it just missed the top litter grade – well done to all concerned. Cigarette butts were a feature outside Ladbroke's – there was no visible cigarette butt disposal facility – perhaps the installation of same might help?

Tralee Train Station: Grade C. Despite the best efforts of Tralee Tidy Towns, it would seem that their efforts are being thwarted, resulting in a heavy litter presence. The entrance and immediate environs were clear but there were concentrations in the shrubs and under the cars close to the EV Charging Station. There was a variety of food related items, along with cigarette butts and vape.

Deposit Return Scheme, Lidl: Grade A. This facility and the area immediately surrounding it were spotless.

Daly's Lane: Grade C. A corner area, at the junction of the black wall and fencing wasn't just littered but dumped upon. There were loose litter items on the grass, close to the signage for PT Garage. Just beneath the street signage for 'Daly's Lane, there was graffiti on the wall, with much of the paint peeling away.

Ballygilly Approach Road: Grade A. The overall impression with regards to litter along this route was a positive one. Views were stunning.

Bracker O'Regan Road: Grade A. A freshly presented approach road with a virtual absence of litter throughout. Road surface and signage were in good order.