

An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 1, 2018

Drogheda: 15th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

With seven top ranking sites and three moderately littered sites, Drogheda has scored very well. There were no seriously littered sites. Some improvement was noted at the 'Bring Centre' on Trinity Street – while it improved in general appearance and presentation it was still somewhat littered. Some of the very good top ranking sites surveyed in Drogheda included St. Dominic's Park, West Street, Lidl and St. Mary's School – these sites didn't just score well with regard to litter but were very well presented and maintained. Lidl, in particular, was exceptionally fresh and clean.

St. Dominic's Park: Grade A. A riverside park site which was in excellent condition. The park runs parallel to the Boyne River with pedestrian paths, playground and some opportunities for parking. It is a wonderful amenity which has been very well respected and the area was clear of litter.

Approach from Dublin: Grade B. The stretch of road closer to Drogheda town was somewhat littered – a wide variety of food related litter and cigarette butts were present. Street bins were in good order and road surface and markings were in good condition.

Approach from Ashbourne: Grade B. A moderately littered route into Drogheda, entering the town at the bus station. The road was enhanced by some low-lying planting. A wide variety of food related litter was to be seen.

West Street: Grade A. The attractive paving contributed to the positive impression created on West Street. The shops were well presented, street bins were in good order and the street scored very well with regard to litter.

St. Mary's School: Grade A. The grounds of this school were attractively landscaped and well maintained. There was plenty of greenery in the grounds. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good condition and there was a complete absence of litter throughout.

Drogheda Train Station: Grade A. The façade of the train station was very fresh and the built environment was in good order. Signage, seating and facilities were in good condition. There didn't appear to be any visible litter.

Drogheda Bus Station: Grade A. Drogheda Bus Station was a clean and tidy environment, with an absence of litter throughout. Outdoor waiting area was very fresh in appearance.

Bring Centre – Trinity Street: Grade B. It was noted that this site was much improved. The recycle units and signage at this facility were fresh and in good condition. There were some bottle tops / jar lids on the ground to the front of the units and the area to the rear had some fast-food wrappers and plastic bottles.

Lidl: Grade A. A pristine site. Not only was there a complete absence of litter but the whole area was exceptionally fresh and clean e.g. paving, car park surface, pedestrian crossing, bicycle parking, bollards.

N51 Drogheda – Navan Link Road: Grade A. There was no obvious litter along this route linking Drogheda with Navan. Overall, it was deserving of the top litter grade.