

Gorey: 32nd out of 40 Towns / Cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

Gorey has again come up short of the mark in our survey. Some of the top-ranking sites surveyed included the Main Street (excellent with regard to litter and overall presentation), St. Michael's Car Park and Lidl – the latter was exceptionally fresh and clean in appearance. There were two very poor sites in Gorey, with little change in the status since survey visits in 2018– Recycle Facility at Tesco and Gorey Sports and Leisure Centre. Clearly both need better management. It is disappointing that the attention drawn to these sites appears to have made little difference.

Main Street: Grade A. An excellent main street with regard to litter. Some attractively presented shop fronts / cafes contribute to the overall appearance. Wide street creates a great sense of space and the paving / road surface were in very good order. There was no issue with regard to cigarette butts.

Gorey Sports and Leisure Centre: Grade D. Fencing now surrounds the Boy Scout and separate purple building and all appeared in reasonably good order with regard to litter behind the green fence. The tennis court area was very well presented. The remainder of this mixed use site was in a very poor state. Not only was there a constant litter presence throughout the perimeter of the car parking area but a corner site was subject to dumping - black sacks and large items e.g. child's buggy, car tyre, shopping basket. There was also some large animal fouling. Where does responsibility for this site lie?

Gorey Town Park: Grade B+. Overall, this park was generally quite good. It is an extensive site, incorporating the park area, playground and the adjoining large grass area with PE equipment. There was food related litter e.g. sweet papers, plastic bottles and coffee cups on the grass area close to the playground and skateboard park.

Ramston Approach Road: Grade A. This route was more rural in appearance and maintained accordingly. It was a clean route with regard to litter. (Gorey Business Park is along this road.)

Recycle Facility at Tesco: Grade D. The CCTV stickers on each individual bin unit and large signage at either end of the facility are clearly having no effect. This facility was characterised by vast volumes of discarded materials and the dumping of household items e.g. TV. The base of the bins was poorly cleaned with a myriad of items beneath.

Lidl: Grade A. This was an excellent site, exceptionally fresh in appearance. Car park surface was excellent and all aspects of the area surveyed were in excellent order. It is certainly a sign of the times when car parks are providing Electric Car Charging Points – this is a new observation for 2019.

St. Michael's Car Park: Grade A. This small car park is positioned behind the Main Street, in the grounds of St. Michael's Church and right across from a residential estate. Very congested (i.e. too many cars for the spaces provided) but not a littered one.

Esmonde Street: Grade B+. There were some brightly painted shop fronts, including one with a colourful mural. The front garden of a boarded up house was mildly littered. Cigarette butts were pronounced throughout Esmonde Street with other occasional items. The remainder of the street was fine with regard to litter.

R772 Approach from N/M11 Dublin direction: Grade A. A positive first impression of Gorey was created along this route. There was a bicycle path on both sides of the road. Overall, it was a good route.

N11 / M11 Wicklow – Gorey Link Road: Grade A. The overall impression created along this main route was a very positive one. Much of the route was within Wicklow Co Co, with no discernible difference between the two local authorities. There was a virtual absence of litter throughout.