

## AnTaisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 1, 2019

**Navan: Joint 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 40 Towns / Cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.**

Navan has failed to hit the heights of 2018 in this survey but is nonetheless 'Clean'. Top ranking sites in Navan included Emmet Terrace and Watergate Street – the latter had brightly painted premises and this contributed to the overall positive impression. Some of the moderately littered sites could easily be top ranking with a little extra care and attention e.g. Navan Shopping Centre (mostly cigarette related litter) and Trimgate Street. By far the most heavily littered site in Navan was the Small Park by the River – it was beautifully landscaped but badly let down by the heavy accumulations of a wide variety of food related litter and clothing close to the river.

**Navan Shopping Centre: Grade B+.** The area outside the shopping centre was very freshly presented with paving, signage, bollards etc. in good order. The level of chewing gum and cigarette butts with lower levels of sweet papers took away from what could be a top ranking site.

**R162 Approach from Drogheda: Grade B+.** Closer to Navan town there was a litter presence, mostly fast-food wrappers and coffee cups, with some discarded clothing on the road. Cigarette butts were also pronounced.

**Small Park by the River: Grade C.** The presentation of this environment was a fresh one, with railings, paving, bicycle parking, planting, life belt etc. in very good order. However, just below the parapet there were heavy accumulations of all manner of food related litter and some clothing – with a gust of wind the loose litter could easily be blown into the river.

**Watergate Street: Grade A.** Some brightly painted premises and the attractive paving certainly contribute to the overall appearance of Watergate Street. Apart from an isolated incident of smashed glass it was excellent with regard to litter.

**'Meath Chronicle Ltd' building: Grade B.** The peeling paint / plaster and heavy accumulations of cigarette butts create a poor impression at this 'For Sale' building. Such is the state of the building that there was growth over the façade.

**Trimgate Street: Grade B.** The nature of the red brick footpath highlights the heavy chewing gum presence along Trimgate Street. Sweet papers and cigarette butts were present, to a lesser degree. Black bollards and bins were in good condition. Not much effort is required for Trimgate Street to get the top litter grade.

**St. Patrick's Park: Grade B+.** The empty / derelict properties along this residential road don't help the overall appearance. Much of the litter was along the kerb. Fast-food wrappers, plastic bottles and sweet papers were all present. A corner site at the end also had food related litter.

**Emmet Terrace: Grade A.** This was an excellent site with regard to presentation and litter. The grass / hedges had been recently cut and trees were in good order. Overall, a top ranking site throughout.

**R161 Trim Approach Road: Grade A.** Road surface, markings and signage were in good order and the overall impression was of a litter free environment.

**N51 Connecting Road to Drogheda: Grade A.** This road was predominately litter free and a delight to travel.