

Navan: 17th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

Navan has come a long way since the early days of the IBAL Anti-Litter League. This time around there were six top ranking sites with the remainder moderately littered i.e. no seriously littered or litter blackspots sites. Pollboy Bridge and Environs was a beautifully landscaped environment which has been very well maintained and was excellent with regard to litter. The provision of cigarette butt units could make a big difference at Navan Shopping Centre entrance and Abbey Road. Care needs to be taken at the Recycle Facility to ensure that there isn't a further build-up of items to the rear of the units. Other top ranking sites included the environs of Treasury Buildings, approach road from Trim and Flower Hill Road.

By Treasury Buildings: Grade A. The built environment was freshly presented and the overall impression was generally a positive one. However, there was a distinct cigarette butt presence, the level of such was that the litter grade could easily drop. There didn't be any visible cigarette butt disposal units.

R161 - Trim - Navan Approach Road: Grade A. A clean and tidy impression was created along this road with road surface / markings and signage in good order. Grass and ornamental trees were an attractive feature.

Recycle Facility at Car Park off N51 on outskirts of town: Grade B. The recycle units were freshly presented, with signage relating to usage in good order. There was a definite litter presence, loose items to the front of the units with more between and behind. Care needs to be taken with the area to the rear of the units that it doesn't become a dumping ground.

Pollboy Bridge and Environs: Grade A. A beautifully landscaped riverside environment with plaque dedicated to murdered Postmaster in 1921. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good condition – it was excellent with regard to litter.

Trimgate Street: Grade B. A moderately littered shopping street with cigarette butts the most obvious litter items and lower levels of chewing gum and sweet wrappers. Butts were most pronounced outside the bars. A more thorough approach to cleaning could address the small items throughout.

Derelict / Boarded up site –Anne's Florist: Grade A. This premises has attracted fly-posting – as happens with such sites. It presents poorly but wasn't littered.

Navan Shopping Centre: Grade B+. The entry and immediate environs were surveyed. It was a freshly presented environment with paving and building in good order. It would have got the top litter grade if it wasn't for the high levels of cigarette butts and lower levels of fast-food wrappers and sweet papers. There didn't appear to be dedicated cigarette butt units in the immediate environs.

Flower Hill – Road: Grade A. Road surface / markings / signage were in good order and there were no visible litter issues. Paving created fresh impression.

Abbey Road: Grade B. A profusion of cigarette butts dominated some parts of the street, most notably at the bus stop. Other litter items included sweet papers and chewing gum. The paving and bicycle parking were in good order.

N51 Connecting Road to Drogheda: Grade A. The overall impression created along this road was a positive one, with a virtual absence of litter throughout.