

Ballymun: 32nd out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

In these testing times, it is heartening to see Ballymun improve its status and ranking. Top ranking sites included Ballymun Public Library, Ballymun Road and the much improved. Main Street which was well presented and free of litter. There were no very poor sites this time around but some could quickly slide downwards if not addressed e.g. Balbutcher Lane (little change in litter grade since IBAL 2019), Wad River Close / Court and Silloge Gardens and the Car Parking at SuperValu. While there is evidence of maintenance at some areas there was a problem with 'chopped up litter' as grass hadn't been cleared before grass cutting.

Balbutcher Lane: Grade C. There was no change in the litter grade since last surveyed for IBAL in 2019. In fact, the level of litter this time was such that it was almost a Grade D status. The freshly cut grass resulted in chopped up litter. The overall impression was a very poor one.

Main Street: Grade A. This was a very well presented site with a virtual absence of litter throughout. Road surface, markings, signage, street bins, large planter boxes, paving etc. were in good order. The overall impression was that this long stretch of road was much cleaner than previous IBAL visits.

Wad River Close / Court and Silloge Gardens and Environs: Grade C. There was persistent litter throughout the grasslands, with accumulations in the parking bays – all manner of food related litter was present. The grasslands hadn't been cleared of litter before cutting, resulting in chopped up litter. This whole area presented very poorly.

Ballymun Public Library: Grade A. There was some nice using of colourful planting at the windows of the library, creating a welcoming impression. The paving, signage, cigarette butt facilities, etc. were in good order and there was a virtual absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

Balcurris Park: Grade A. Balcurris Park got the top litter grade, but only just. The main park proper was very good with regard to litter but there was an overflowing bin, with contents strewn about at the entrance. The grounds were well maintained.

Car Parking at SuperValu: Grade C. The grossly overflowing skip, with mattress / black sack on the ground creates a very poor impression. The remainder of the site was characterised as generally littered, with all manner of litter present. This area could easily become a Grade D site.

Ballymun Road: Grade A. A well presented route with road surface, markings and signage in good order. There were no visible issues along this route.

Recycle Facility at Shangan Road: Grade B. Marginally improved compared to previous IBAL Surveys but still very much a littered site. The bin units were in poor condition.

M50 Approach to Ballymun: Grade A. A clean and tidy impression was created along this route – there was a virtual absence of litter throughout.

Coultry Terrace: Grade B. This residential environment was a fresh one with paving, bins, bicycle parking, plant boxes, signage etc. in good. While the bottle bank facility was in good order., there was a very definite litter presence throughout the road / pathways - the level of which was such that it was almost a Grade C status.