

**Ballymun: 37<sup>th</sup> out of 37 towns / cities surveyed. Seriously littered.**

Despite good work being carried out in Ballymun, this result was a poor one. The dearth of top-ranking sites, two litter blackspots, combined with four seriously littered sites, place the area very much towards the bottom of the league. On a positive note, it was great to see the 'nobutts.ie' butt recycling bin on the main street. Balbutcher Lane is no stranger to Grade D status and this time around it was particularly poor. While the recycle bins at Sillogue Road have had a complete face-lift (brightly painted, the facility was still subject to dumping.

**Ballymun Road: Grade C.** The built environment was in good order with some ornamental trees and substantial planter boxes looking well. The area close to the Civic Centre / Theatre were not too bad with regard to litter but other parts had a very definite presence. Most obvious items included sweet papers and other food related litter e.g., cans, fast-food wrappers, plastic bottles, coffee cups as well as chewing gum and cigarette butts. Both face masks and protective gloves were present. An overflowing red litter bin presented poorly.

**Recycle Facility at Sillogue Road: Grade D.** The overall presentation of this facility was much improved with the recycle units brightly and colourfully painted. Alas, it was still subject to dumping (black sack of domestic refuse, cardboard boxes and other miscellaneous items). The units were not full / overflowing.

**Balbutcher Lane: Grade D.** There was no improvement on previous IBAL surveys. Unlike other Grade D sites which are often subject to dumping, Balbutcher Lane wasn't just subject to dumping but huge casually discarded litter throughout – there was litter everywhere, in the hedges, on the grasslands, on the road surfaces, on the kerbs, in people's gardens, on the pavements etc.

**Coultry Green: Grade B+.** This residential area just missed getting the top litter grade – food related litter (plastic bottles, cans, sweet papers, etc.) on the kerbs, took away from an otherwise well-presented environment.

**R108 - Approach to Ballymun from M50 to junction for Santry Avenue: Grade C.** The most obvious litter items were fast-food wrappers, plastic bags and sweet papers, with lower levels of cans, plastic bottles and coffee cups. This litter was found on both the road surfaces and the grasslands.

**Gateway Crescent: Grade C.** As well as the casually discarded litter in along this residential road, there were discarded miscellaneous items at the top of the road, with the junction of Ballymun Road.

**Area outside / in the vicinity of Poppintree Community Sports Centre: C+.** There was a significant litter presence along the roadway / in the low-lying shrubbery / planted areas outside this centre. This is located on Balbutcher Lane, itself a Grade D site.

**St. Mobhi Approach Road: Grade A.** The overall impression created along this road was a good one. It was a well-presented route with no major litter issues.

**Lidl: Grade A.** A very freshly presented environment, with car park surface, markings, signage in good order. It was excellent with regard to litter.

**Ballymun Sports & Fitness: Grade C.** This site has scored poorly in the past and there was little improvement this time around. A wide variety of food related items were present e.g., sweet papers, cans, fast-food wrappers, plastic bottles and coffee cups.