

An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 2, 2020

Bray: 7th out of 37 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

Further improvement for Bray at a time when most towns are slipping. With eight out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade, some deserve special mention e.g. Main Street (consistently a top-ranking site), Sidmonton Park (a small public park), Bray Head and the Car Park at Strand Road – these sites were not just good with regard to litter, but overall presentation and maintenances were excellent. The only seriously littered site surveyed in Bray was Upper Dargle Road – this has been the case for many many years of IBAL surveys.

Bray Harbour: Grade A. This was a very good site with regard to litter - fitting for an area designed a 'Swan Sanctuary'. Some of the signage had significant graffiti e.g., angling notice and signage relating to area being unsuitable for bathing. Other equipment and signage were in good order e.g., lifebelts and signage relating to dog fouling, parking, cycling etc.

Killarney Approach Road: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this attractive, tree lined route towards the town. It creates a very positive first impression of the town.

Car Park at Strand Road: Grade A. (Towards the end of the Prom, close to the Harbour). Excellent site - complete absence of litter throughout this small car park. Attractive paving surface within the car park. Signage relating to the use of the car park was in very good order.

Bray / Daly DART Station: Grade B. The main exterior of the station presented very well, recently enhanced by attractive landscaping and the area directly outside the station was spotless. The Irish Rail Car Park (at the base of the pedestrian bridge) had a variety of food related litter items.

Bray Head: Grade A. Visitor information notices at the beginning of the walk were in good order, as were the picnic tables and seating. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the entire path from bottom to the top. A wonderful facility for locals and visitors and seemingly much respected.

Sidmonton Park: Grade A. All aspects of this small square park (surrounded by houses) were in very good order e.g., picnic table, seating, bins, playground, signage etc. It was excellent with regard to litter.

Quinsboro Road: Grade A. The overall impression with regard to litter was a positive one with the streetscape presenting well. Wooden seating, visitor information notices, bicycle parking and planting were in good order.

Main Street: Grade A. A consistently top-ranking site in previous IBAL surveys and things were no different this time around. Paving and seating were in very good order and very fresh in appearance. Clearly a close eye is kept on the closed down / vacant outlets as there was no litter directly associated with them.

Upper Dargle Road: Grade C. The litter issue wasn't just one isolated area but a series of separate areas on the left-hand side as one comes in towards Bray e.g., behind the yellow bus stop; at Bray Pigeon Shooting Club; areas behind fencing - items included child's buggy, trolley, real estate sign.

N11 link road from Dublin: Grade A. Overall impression was a good one with no major litter issues. Well maintained roadway.