

**IBAL Anti-Litter League 2011,
in conjunction with the Department of the Environment**

Bray: Joint 11th out of 53 towns / cities surveyed. Litter Classification – Clean to European Norms.

A great result for Bray – up from 21st last year. Hope the effort is appreciated by the citizens. Seven out of the ten sites surveyed got the top litter grade – these included Dublin Road which has almost always been somewhat littered. Bray Promenade has been a top ranking site for years and things were no different this time around. Clearly the Main Street is very well looked after – it was clean and adorned with some colourful flowering. Bray Civic Offices and Environs was a pristine site – all aspects of it were in very good condition and very fresh in appearance. The residential area of Cois Cairn was littered in IBAL Survey 1, 2011 and there was no improvement this time around.

Old Connaught Avenue: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this road – paving was in good order and there were a few incidents of graffiti.

Vevay Road: Grade A. A very positive first impression of Bray is created along this road – a mature setting of houses with well established trees – all very well maintained and clear of litter.

Cois Cairn – Residential: Grade B. What brought down the ranking of this site was the condition of the grassy areas at the entrance, on the left and right. Heavy levels of food / drink related litter were found around the perimeter and it wasn't just thrown over the wall from the main road. The remainder of the development was in good order e.g. grassy area to the rear playing field and Family Centre etc.

Dargle Park: Grade A. (Park by the river). This is a wonderful amenity being enjoyed by many at time of litter survey. Extensive area of grass was very well maintained and small playground was in good condition. Graffiti was very much a feature of the low-lying building in the centre of the park.

Recycle Facility at Beechwood Close Business Park: Grade B. This was a disappointing site, particularly one aimed at recycling. For a 'managed' facility it was not in good shape, with a 'No Dumping' sign strewn in the shrubbery – not a great start. Level of litter at this facility was such that if not addressed it could quickly deteriorate to a Grade C.

Dublin Road: Grade A. In previous IBAL Anti-Litter surveys this road had consistently let down by the bus stop on the left hand side – a new litter bin has been installed here and while the glass is still missing from the bus shelter it managed to be virtually clear of litter.

Main Street: Grade A. The high standards of previous litter surveys have been sustained – a very well presented and maintained street, particularly given the number of closed down / disused outlets. The flower boxes add a nice splash of colour.

Bray Civic Offices and Environs: Grade A. This is a relatively new 'mixed-use' area incorporating Bray Civic Offices, Bray Court House, Social Welfare Office, a café and some residential units (some of which appear incomplete) – the overall presentation was very fresh and clean and it is clearly a well maintained site. Perhaps the installation of cigarette butt units outside the Court House may help the high levels of same?

Bray Promenade: Grade A. A consistently top ranking site – things were no different this time around – well done to all concerned.

Upper Dargle Road: Grade B. Much of this road was in good order but it was let down by two isolated areas – both were on the left hand side as one approaches Bray – both areas were characterised by abuse (e.g. some burnt out grass and discarded shopping trolley). Graffiti was very pronounced.