

**To the Chairperson and Members
Of the Central Area Committee**









9th February 2021

Environmental Services Unit Report

Litter Hotline/CRM

In the period 1st Jan –31st Feb 2021, **326** incidents were reported via Litter Hotline/CRM for central area.

Incidents - Central Area Office

| Group Name | Sr Type | Count of Incidents |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Central Area Office | Abandoned Bicycles or Trolleys | 2  |
| | Community Clean Ups | 1  |
| | Homeless Materials | 3  |
| | Illegal Dumping | 306  |
| | Overflowing Skips | 1  |
| | Overgrown Hedge | 1  |
| | Report Graffiti | 6  |
| | Report Litter Offence | 6  |
| Grand Total | | 326 |

Graffiti removal:

Graffiti has been removed from the following areas using DCC waste management services from January 01 2021 to 31 January 2021:

Annesley Bridge Road, Fairview, Dublin 3
North Strand Road, North Strand, Dublin 3
Smithfield, Dublin 7
Custom House Quay, I.F.S.C., Dublin 1
East Road, East Wall, Dublin 3
Preston Street, Dublin 1
Cadogan Road, Fairview, Dublin 3
East Road, East Wall, Dublin 3
Church Road, East Wall, Dublin 3
Sheriff Street Lower, Dublin 1
Amiens Street, Dublin 1

IBAL 2021

The Irish Business Against Litter report was released on Monday 25th January 2021. Dublin North Inner City was classified as seriously littered and was positioned 36th out of 37 on the 2020 IBAL anti-litter league final result.

Please see comparison of the grades for the NEIC area from 2019 to 2021:

| IBAL 2019 | IBAL 2020 | IBAL 2021 |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 25 Streets inspected | 26 Streets inspected | 25 streets inspected |
| Grade A-4 | Grade A-8 | Grade A - 7 |
| Grade B+-2 | | Grade B+ -3 |
| Grade B- 6 | Grade B -3 | Grade B -4 |
| | Grade C+ 3 | Grade C+ -1 |
| Grade C-8 | Grade C 4 | Grade C- 6 |
| | Grade D+ -4 | |
| Grade D- 5 | Grade D -4 | Grade D-4 |

The following extract was taken from the IBAL press release.

The second nationwide litter survey by business group Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) since the Covid-19 pandemic reveals a continued rise in litter levels across the country, with further increases in PPE and coffee cup litter in particular. Kilkenny topped the rankings for 2020 for a record 5th time, while Ballymun and Dublin's North Inner City were both seriously littered. For the first time in 13 years, fewer than half of the towns surveyed were deemed clean.

According to IBAL, the survey results are consistent with a trend in recent years. "The decline in cleanliness is less a case of the poorer areas getting worse, but of previously clean towns slipping to littered," says IBAL spokesperson Conor Horgan. "Covid is clearly a factor here, but we should never accept litter as inevitable. It comes down to people disposing of their waste without regard for their surroundings or their fellow citizens and it is entirely unnecessary."

One explanation for the rise in litter lies in the restrictions surrounding cleaning services during the pandemic. "While council workers have not been on the streets as much as normal, the general public has been spending more time than ever out of doors," says Mr Horgan. There was a sharp rise in the amounts of litter on approach roads to towns, reflecting the fact that the benign winter has seen masses of people out walking. "Ironically, too many of them are showing a shameful disregard for the environment they are enjoying."

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