

Bray: Joint 19th out of 40 Towns / Cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

Bray retains the clean status from its last survey two years ago. A big development since 2018 is the major construction of Bray Town Centre on the Main Street. This had formerly been the site of 'Quinsboro Road Car Park' which had regularly been a heavily littered site. By far the most heavily littered site this time around was Upper Dargle Road – as with many previous surveys. Alcohol related litter was noted at both Bray Town Park and the River Walk. Main Street, Bray Civic Centre and Bray Promenade were all very much deserving of the top litter grade – not only were they very good with regard to litter but they were all very well presented and maintained.

Herbert Road approach: Grade A. The overall impression created along this road was a good one with regard to litter. It was noted that there was graffiti on many different surfaces e.g. the road signage at junction of Main Street, on a boarded-up window and electricity type box.

Upper Dargle Road approach: Grade C. Some stretches of the road were OK but there were pockets which were very heavily littered e.g. 'Bray Invitation Pigeon Club' had accumulations of a wide variety of litter; an area over a low wall on the left hand side had various items discarded and a pedestrian pathway (with bollards) off Upper Dargle Road was strewn with litter. Road signage at Murphy Lounge bar is broken and has been broken for a very long time.

Recycle Facility at Boghall Road: Grade B. This is a 'managed' facility, with some units 'outside' and some 'within'. Some of the units outside were grubby / broken / signage worn away. Within the facility there were bags of clothes on the ground of the overflowing clothing recycle units. The shrubbery surrounding the car park was littered, mostly food related items.

Bray Promenade / Beach / Environs: Grade A. An exceptional site in terms of both presentation and litter. The Bandstand was looking freshly painted and the surrounding paving was in excellent condition. The area is well served by regular litter bins (extra on the beach during the summer), dog fouling bins and there is the opportunity to separate waste items towards the end of the Prom.

Main Street: Grade A. This was a very good site with regard to litter. Major redevelopment along the main street, 'Bray Town Centre' is boarded up and very clean. Despite the number of vacant properties along the Main Street there was no litter associated with them – clearly a careful eye is kept on these sites.

Car Park at end of Bray Promenade: Grade B+. Most of this car park was in good order and presented well e.g. good car park surface, markings, bicycle parking etc. but it was let down by a definite litter presence at the base of the shrubbery surrounding the perimeter of the car park at the end. If this area was addressed, it could easily be a top-ranking site.

Bray Civic Centre / Mermaid Arts Centre / Court House etc.: Grade A. A pristine site, not just with regard to litter but in terms of overall presentation and maintenance. The paved area was very fresh and there was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

Bray Town Park / People's Park: Grade B. The main entrance was attractively landscaped with lovely paving, creating a very fresh impression. Maintenance within the park was good but it was impossible to ignore the food and alcohol related litter in isolated locations.

River Walk from bridge to Bray Harbour: Grade B. This relatively new area has been very attractively landscaped with lovely seating, brickwork, planting, sculptures etc. There were heavy accumulations of cigarette butts at the base of the seating area and other food and alcohol related litter, most notably closer to the main bridge. Further along the pathway was much cleaner.

N11 link road from Dublin: Grade A. No major litter issue were noted along this busy route.