

Lucan/Palmerstown Parks Bin Survey Report

Survey conducted April 2015 by

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Introduction

- Cllr. Liona O'Toole requested SDCC to provide a report on number and location of bins throughout the county in October 2014. This report remains outstanding.
- Liona conducted a mini survey herself of bins located in a sample of parks in Lucan/Palmerstown and for comparison a park in Naas Co. Kildare.
- It should be noted that the estimated size of parks are based on a free online mapping tool and as such may not be highly accurate.
- Every effort was made to ensure that the number of bins and locations recorded was accurate.
- It should be noted that only bins within the parks have been recorded

Griffeen Valley Park Section 1



- Park section located between Newcastle Road and Arthur Griffith Estate

Approx. size of park	11.7 hectares (117,000m2)
Number of bins	0

Griffeen Valley Park Section 2

- Park section North of Griffeen Avenue and bordered by estates Arthur Griffith, Esker, Ash Park, Griffeen and Johnsbridge



Approx size of park

26.3 hectares (263,000m2)

No. of bins 8

It should be noted that two of the bins have restricted access within the playground

Griffeen Valley Park Section 3

- Park section South of Griffeen Avenue and bordered by estates The Old Forge, Grange Manor, Hayden's Park and Tullyhall

  Approx size of park

  9.8 hectares (98,000m2)

  No. of bins 0



Willsbrook Park

- Park bordered by estates Esker, Willsbrook, Bewley and Elmbrook

Approx size of park

6.4 hectares (64,000m2)

No. of bins 0



Hermitage Park Section 1

- Park located West of Ballyowen Lane and bordered by estates Ballyowen and Hermitage

Approx size of park

7.7 hectares (77,000m2)

No. of bins 2



Hermitage Park Section 2

- Park section located between Ballyowen Lane Mount Andrew estates.

Approx size of park

3.5 hectares (35,000m2)

No. of bins 0



Waterstown Park, Palmerstown



- Waterstown Park located between River Liffey and Palmerstown

  Park size 29.7 hectares (297,000m2)

  No. of Bins 2

Monread Park, Naas Co. Kildare

- Monread Park is located in Naas Town. The demographics of the area would be very similar to Lucan/Palmerstown

Approx size of park

10.7 hectares (107,000m2)

No. of bins 17

No. of dog litter bag dispensers 8

There is a bin approx. every 150m of pathway



Park Bin Density comparison

Park Name	Size Hectares (10,000M2)	No. of Bins	Bins per Hectare (10,000m2)
Griffeen Valley 1	11.7	0	0
Griffeen Valley 2	26.3	8	0.3
Griffeen Valley 3	9.8	0	0
Willsbrook	6.4	0	0
Hermitage 1	7.7	2	0.26
Hermitage 2	3.5	0	0
Waterstown	29.7	2	0.08
Monread	10.7	17	1.59

There are in total 12 bins in the Lucan/Palmerstown Parks surveyed covering an area of 88.7 hectares. Monread Park has 17 bins over an area of only 10.7 hectares. Eight times the amount of parkland but 5 less bins

Monread Park Kildare County Council

The park has 17 bins and 8 dog waste bag stations. A station at each entrance to the park







St. Catherine's Park Fingal County Council

The park was not surveyed in detail but it has a high number of high quality bins, dog waste bins and benches.







St. Catherine’s Park Fingal County Council

High Quality Benches and Bins, tree lined pathways



St. Catherine’s Park Fingal County Council

Park benches are sponsored



Conclusion

- It is clearly evident that bin levels in Lucan/Palmerstown parks are inadequate
- Propose that the council considers installing at least a bin at every park entrance/exit.
    - Ensuring that Park pedestrians are aware of bin locations which should lead to less littering and dog waste not being picked
    - Ease of access for bin collection
    - Pedestrians walking outside Parks may also use the bins
    - High visibility demonstrating **local** property tax investment in our Parks

- Propose that the council considers putting in higher quality bins in park areas similar to park bins in Kildare, Fingal and Dublin City.
- Propose that the county seeks sponsorship of both bins and benches
- Propose that council provides dog waste bag dispensers are per our neighbouring counties