



Think BIG

Ballybeen Community Newsletter



Summer Youth Edition

Issue 9, July 2019

Sports Hub Update



The work is now well underway at the Ballybeen sports hub/3g facility, with the drainage for the 3g and grass pitches laid when we had the recent spell of good weather, which is important, as the chances for the drainage working as intended are increased having it laid during a dry spell. Meetings with LCCC and the Contractors



continue, in relation to the development of the site, with agreement reached on the markings of the 3g surface, that will be marked accordingly for 9, 7 and 5 aside small sided games as per the Irish Football Assoc SSG recommendations.

The spectator fencing for the grass pitch, and the fencing for the 3g facility are now in place, with car-park drainage installed, and the temporary facility well underway.. Great to see!

Phase 2 Housing starts at Ballybeen Square

Choice Housing has appointed the contractor and work has now begun on the phase 2 housing at Ballybeen Square .

There will be 28 new houses in this development, with some for complex needs available, with an anticipated completion date of Sept 2020. To facilitate the removal of the play-park in this area, Choice have agreed to a significant contribution to the new play-park that will be located across the road at the sports hub, that will also have disabled equipment. Great to see work started in what was a vacant site subject to ASB.



July Family Fun Day

Thanks to funding from Lisburn & Castlereagh Council under their Community Festival Fund, and a contribution from The NIHE Good Relations Dept; as well as the Peace IV re-imaging communities programme, BIG and Bagit had a great 11th Ballybeen Family Fun Day, with amusements, face-painting, music and much more.



Ballybeen Cultural Fun Day was an outstanding success with hundreds of people enjoying the festivities in Ballybeen Square. The event was organised by Ballybeen Improvement Group. Included are some of the BIG volunteers David Livingstone, Neil Shields, Hugh Johnston, Jenny McKee, Ivan McCann and John Howcroft. 812-18-7-19



A Beacon of Hope



L-R Billy Anderson, Con Alan McTier & Cllr Davy Drysdale

Ballybeen's Longstone bonfire was replaced by a beacon this July following months of discussions and focus groups with residents, bonfire builders, the Housing Executive and Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council. This is a very positive step for the community and would be an environmental and family-friendly bonfire, with a firework display on the night, within a new 'festival of fire' concept celebration, to continue to promote and continue our cultural celebrations but in a positive expression as part of our proud heritage, but to do so in a manner that recognizes the impact on local residents, and enhances their sense of community spirit and cultural celebration.



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Summer Youth League

We like to keep the boys and girls busy at the 2012s so this weekend saw the start of our very own Summer League. We welcomed Rosario, Glentoran, East Belfast, St Pat's, Shankill and Clonduff teams up to join our Titans, Spartans and Jets in a three week league. Great day was had by all and we are looking forward to next week. Dungoyne in the Community!

Peace IV Mini Soccer



A mini soccer programme funded through LCCC Peace IV Shared Space & Services theme has been taking place between local Football Clubs Dungoyne and Carryduff Colts

40 children have come together to help build bridges and unite the community through soccer. On the 1st June 2019, both Clubs took part in a game to showcase their skills, have fun, but more importantly, show how far both communities have come to creating a shared future, through the programme.

The programme will culminate with the opening of Ballybeens new pitch / facilities in October where both teams will play to mark the opening of the new Ballybeen Sports Hub.

Well done all!

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Thursday 6th June 2019
Final Conference Event
Digital Media: A Bridge to Inclusion
at
The Strand Arts Centre

Young people from the Peer Education Project took part in the DIME Project utilizing mobile phones to make videos of issues affecting their lives. They attended the final conference of the Project in the Strand Arts Centre, where their video was shown alongside the other European Partner Groups work. Well done to all involved - You did us proud! Pictured are young people from the PEP with newly elected Mayor of LCCC Cllr Alan Givan.



The Brooklands Youth Centre Independent Living Programme went and visited Dundonald Police Station Thanks to our local community policing team Michael, Alan and Matt!

The young people got a personalized tour of the station, where they got to see the control room with all the station CCTV, the enquiry office, meet sergeant Shelly, see the different police vehicles used, what happens in a road traffic accident and even got to try on different parts of the uniform! They all had a great time

Summer schemes are now underway with Brooklands Youth.

Brooklands Youth Centre

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Helping Hands Autism Support would like to thank all those people who came to the center for Aimee's tea and cake event.

As you can see it was very well supported and we know our helping hands parents are extremely grateful.

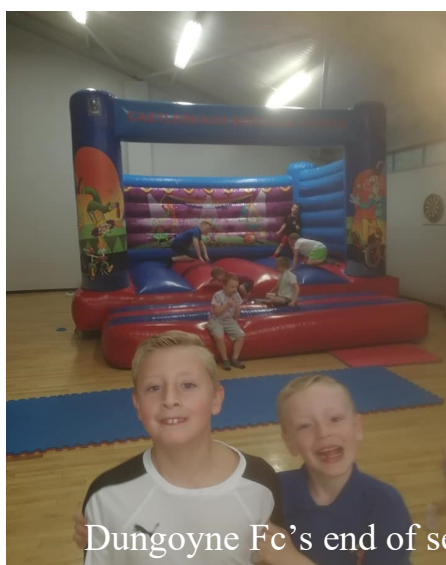
We are delighted to say the parents raised £1975.12.

Aimee's bench at the ark farm is now in place and an other has now been put in place at Dundonald High School.

Thanks for your support!



Ballybeen Peer Education project bring their pre-pubescent programme to a close with a party! And a visit to the Share Discover Village for their Peer Education Drop in crowd.....



Dungoyne Fc's end of season disability section celebration party.. Well done all!

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Brooklands Youth Centre on their TBUC Youth Summer camp at the Gannaway Activity Centre and Lagan water Centre! Great fun and lots of learning!

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Cultural Summer Scheme

Community & Arts



Some photos from the Ballyoran Community & Arts Group on recent Peace IV projects that they have become engaged in, and benefited from with Lisburn Castlereagh Council.
Good luck with future plans!



A piece of artwork produced in an Empowerment Through Art Workshop with Ballybeen and Footprints Women's Centre recent project supported by the St Stephens Green Fund..

Below is a picture of the empowerment through art group work.



Big News

Upcoming projects



EXPLORING CULTURAL IDENTITY

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We have been successful with an application to Lisburn & Castlereagh Council under their Good Relations and Cultural Identity grant, for a 3 year programme. In year one we will have £3000 to work with the Pride of Ballybeen as a partner group in delivering a cultural learning programme involves study visits to places of cultural significance, as well as an activity based trip for the young people involving in the band. Years two and three may see a further £6000 dependent on the appropriate funding being in place from the Dept of Communities and are only indicative at this stage. We look forward to working with the guys from the band in what will be an exciting and informative project. It is intended that year 2&3 will support the July fun-day for the upcoming years in association with BAGIT.



RE-IMAGINING COMMUNITIES

Under the Peace IV re-imagining programme, the steering group, assisted by Copius Consultancy, have designed new seating/planting arrangements for the Enler Complex. Following a consultative process with the community. We anticipate these plans to be actioned over the coming months, to create an improved and easily accessible space for local people to enjoy and more importantly interact. £6000 has been placed aside for these works. And thanks to the steering group for supporting our July fun day with an additional 2k to get the Twister

BALLYBEEN IN BLOOM

£2600 has been secured under \Live Here Love Here grant from make Northern Ireland Beautiful, to develop poly-tunnels for the area, this is currently in the planning process, and will be facilitated with Sweet Sound Café and Inspire, towards making Ballybeen in Bloom sustainable. Fingers crossed on planning being granted soon....

Other News

The Lisburn & Castlereagh Street Pastors receiving a donation from the Pride of Ballybeen Community Flute Band, in recognition of the great job they done at the recent Ballybeen band parade. The band would like to extend their gratitude to the Street Pastors.



Christchurch would like to give thanks to the Royal Servants (Reign Ministries) for all their help with their youth Summer Scheme and a big thanks to Alan Ashenhurst for all that you have done over the last year as intern.

Our thanks also to the PSNI Neighborhood Unit who made a much appreciated contribution to our BBQ and summer scheme fun day!



A presentation to Carole and Gordon Tucker from Ballybeen Improvement Group, to mark them leaving us very soon and bid them best wishes in their new posting. We wish you every success, and hope you bring a little bit of Ballybeen with you (hence the framed picture of the moral compass mural as one of our final projects together). Thanks for your service to the community, Carole's time as a Director on the Board of BIG, and the friendships you have both built in your 5 years with us. You will carry our thoughts and prayers with you!



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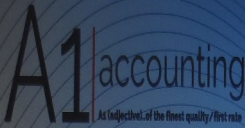
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keeping Ballybeen moving forward