



Think BIG

Ballybeen Community Newsletter

ISSUE 3

The BIG Story

UPGRADED BALLYORAN PLAY PARK OPENED

We at BIG are pleased that our new play-park has been completed. BIG's Health & Wellbeing sub-group had successfully lobbied for this development, with Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council taking a lead in the community consultation and driving the development forward.

We continue to lobby in relation to the Dungoyne Play-park, and have LCCC engaged with Choice Housing in relation to drawing up plans for this development and supporting it.

Other developments include a masterplan for Billy Neil pitches and Moat Park, that will see these areas re-developed.

As you can see from these pictures, the Ballyoran Park is a fantastic facility for this community and we commend the Council on what we have collectively achieved.



Local Cllr's Sharon Skillen & Tommy Jeffers on the swings



BIG Director, Neil Shields testing the swings out!

Some residents raised the issue that there was nothing put in place for children with special needs and in response the Council have fitted this swing . (top centre). BIG understands that Cllr's Hazel Legge UUP and Sharon Skillen Scott DUP supported this inclusion for those with special needs.

To create & sustain an identity for Ballybeen as a self-sufficient progressive community

BIG NEWS

BALLYMUN BEST-PRACTICE STUDY VISIT

On 29th March, Ballybeen Improvement Group went on a best-practice study visit to Ballymun (Dublin) in order to exchange learning on regeneration and community development. This project, was funded by the Irish Dept of Foreign Affairs, included visits to the Sillogue Community Neighbourhood Centre, where we met with the Parish Group & the Ladies Craft Group; the Poppingtree Community sports facility, the state of the art Axis Community Arts Theatre & the Rediscovery Centre that takes an innovative and ground-breaking approach to recycling. We built relations with local community groups on the day that our group hope to build upon as we move forward.



Cllr Tim Morrow presenting a plaque to Cllr Andrew Montague, Ballymun Labour Cllr and former Dublin Mayor, on behalf of BIG, for Ballymun Council facilitating our trip.



CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERING AWARDS DINNER

Ballybeen Improvement Group hosted a volunteer appreciation event on the 22nd March 2017 @ Sam's grill at the Lewis. This event was well attended across our member groups. A networking dinner was followed by a awards ceremony, that recognized the contribution and impact of volunteers across the Ballybeen area.

This was our chance to celebrate local volunteering, and ensure that those who contribute their time, effort, skills etc, were adequately valued for the difference they make to the peoples lives. Those who received awards were; the Salvation army volunteers, the Methodist church volunteers, Ballybeen women's centre - peer education project, Dungoyne FC's David Hamilton (Tucker), Jason McCartney from the Ballybeen Mens Motivational Group, The Dundonald Foodbank, and Dundonald High School, with local Cllrs Sharon Skillen Scott & Hazel Legge presenting the awards.

Our congratulations to all the award winners and we hope to make this an annual event in the Ballybeen Community Calendar. Special thanks to our funders LCDI who administer funds for the Dept for Communities.



Jason McCartney (BMMG) receiving a volunteer appreciation award from local Cllrs Sharon Skillen & Hazel Legge



Volunteer AWARDS

St Patricks Cultural Fun-Day 2017

Ballybeen Improvement Group
St Patricks Day Festival
Cultural Fun Day ☆
 Saturday 11th March
 Enter Complex
 1 - 4 pm

2 - 3 pm
Stonewall
 Ulster-Scots band

Face-painting

Amusements

2.30 - 3 pm
Bright Lights
 Scots/Irish Dance Troupe

Balloon-modelling

3 - 4 pm
Pride of Ballybeen
 Community flute band

Bouncy castles

Funded by
 Housing
 MANTILLA
 Environmental education



L-R Craig Mullan, Deputy Mayor LCCC Stephen Martin, Davy Livingstone, Cllr Sharon Skillen, Stephen Sheerin & Cpt Carole Tucker



Traditional Irish music from Stonewall



The BIG Focus

Ballybeen Men's Motivational Group: MEN'S SHED

After a long and sometimes frustrating process BMMG are now in the very final stages of opening their brand new men's shed project, funded by the Big Lottery. The shed has been renovated to a very high standard and will be fully equipped with the highest quality of machinery and tools. Anyone wanting to get involved or just get a bit more information, please feel free to get in touch or call in.



DUNGOYNE FC 40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

An evening of Nostalgia & Celebration

Compered by UTV's Adrian Logan
Entertainment by Comedy Sensation Al Foran
Music by the Manouche Boys

Supported by



Stormont Hotel | Saturday 3rd June | Tickets £40 | Dress Code - Black Tie

Ladies Day

Friday 28th April

@

Ballybeen Woman's Centre

10am-12 noon

Treatments on offer:



Gel Nails



Facials

All proceeds go to



All Treatments are
£5
To book call:
90481632

The BIG Issue



BRINGING POSITIVE CHANGE

A number of residents contacted Gavin Robinson (MP) office to complain about the steps at Strone Park. The moss had grown over the pathways leaving it a slippery mess. We are glad to report that TNI have come down and cleared it, leaving a great job. In addition, Gavin met with officials from Transport NI this morning in Ballybeen where he raised the issue of the speed ramps along Drumadoon Drive, Craigleith Drive and in Longstone. Many have severe defects that need to be addressed. Officials have confirmed their commitment to carrying out a full assessment and rectifying the issues where they are needed.

Cllr Skillen and Parliamentary worker Ruth Patterson have also raised the issue of old traffic/street signs needing upgraded/redone across the Ballybeen area, and work has already begun, as you will see from these pictures, in renewing the faded traffic lines across the area. We are aware that a request has also been submitted to the Dept of Infrastructure to review the voluntary one wall traffic system at Brooklands School, that has been met with mixed-success, something that our Community Development Sub-Group have lobbied on as their BIG ISSUE, we will endeavour to keep you updated ref: their response

Lifetime Achievement Award



The ever popular Robbie Rea, pictured at our recent study-visit to Poppingtree sports facility in Ballymun, won the Mayor's lifetime achievement award, in recognition of his years of dedicated youth work in Ballybeen. Well Done Robbie from us all at BIG and the Ballybeen Community!

Our congratulations also to Steven Thompson, a member of our Health & Wellbeing sub-group, who also won the 'Fundraiser of the Year Award' in recognition of all the charitable causes he has continued to support.





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Ballybeen Cultural Fun Day



Tuesday 11th July

1-4pm

Enler Complex

SUBJECT TO FUNDING

Sponsored Walk



**Dundonald Methodist Church
Sponsored walk**

To support the church building fund
Saturday 22nd April
Meet at Church 10.30, walk at 11am
(to comber)
Refreshments afterward



Ballybeen in Bloom

A FABULOUS FESTIVAL

As part of our Ballybeen in Bloom Initiative, BIG are organising a visit to the Allianz Garden Show at Antrim Castle Gardens on Saturday 6th May.

We will use this visit to generate interest/ideas, and to get local people engaged in this project, that we hope will add some aesthetic value to Ballybeen.

We will also be engaged in perennial bulb planting, and placing planters around Ballybeen to improve the appearance of the area.

If YOU would like to get involved in this project please call in and have a chat.

Thanks to the NIHE for funding this project & also the Jubilee Allotment Group for their expertise and support .

Allianz

**Garden
Show
Ireland**

Ballybeen Activity Week

Cordners 5k Run

16th May



**Half page ad
Sams Grill at the Lewis
BOOKED**

**Half page ad
Cordners Spar
BOOKED**

Health & Wellbeing Day

27th April 2017


Inspire
business centre Ltd


Lisburn &
Castlereagh
City Council

 Invest in Health
Profit in Business

 **HSC** Public Health
Agency

- 3~4.30pm Informal Networking with Exhibitors
- 4.30~5pm How to improve your life with humorous advice from Turan, Feel Good Hypnosis.
- 5~6pm Hot Fork Buffet is served
- 6~7pm Learn how to dress for success with advice and inspiration from Helen Allen (House of Colour)
- 7.30~8.30pm Discover the strong links between nutrition and success in life and business from Lynne McCullough (The Healing Works.)

**ALL ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE A NUTRITIOUS
GOODY BAG FROM SWEET ROBYN
FREE NUTRITIOUS SMOOTHIE SAMPLES**


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