



# Think BIG

## Ballybeen Community Newsletter

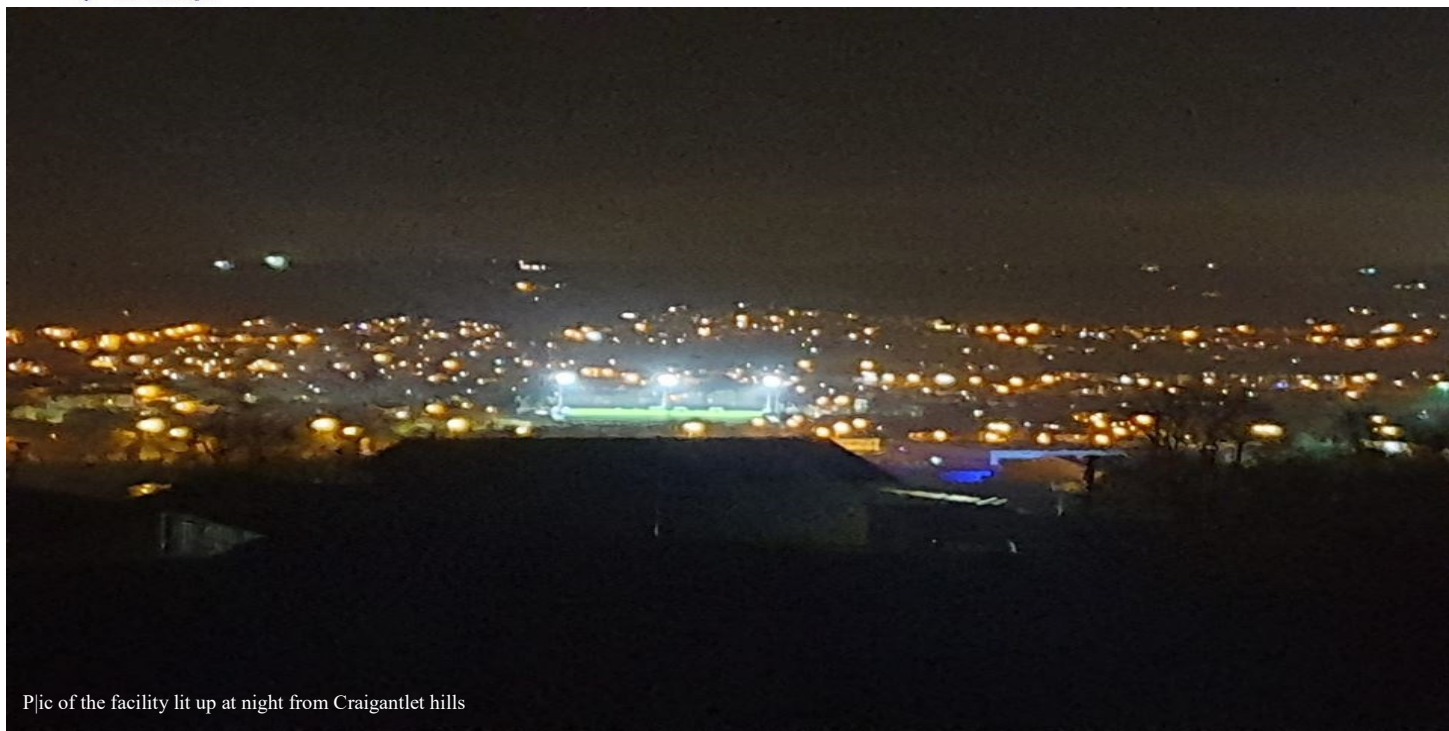
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## Opening of sport and well-being hub

The new 1.8m 3g hub was officially opened on 29th November 2019 by Alderman James Tinsley, as chairperson of the Councils Leisure & Community Committee, with Council and SEUPB representatives and invited guests in attendance..

In the first month there was a 1500 footprint of people using the new facilities, with BIG managing the facility and various sport and community groups using the 3g pitch, including the Irish Football Association, Dungoyne FC, 43rd Dundonald, Dundonald FC and Hollywood flooring, as well as regular Kid-Zones and a Midnight Street Soccer involving Brooklands Youth Centre, funded by the Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support! The new play-park is next!



Pic of the facility lit up at night from Craigantlet hills





# Community Launch of 3g



Glentoran vs Ballybeen Legends



Carryduff vs Dungoyne PeaceIV match refereed by David Burns CEO of LCCC



Peace IV donated sports equipment to the youth teams



young people from the disability section

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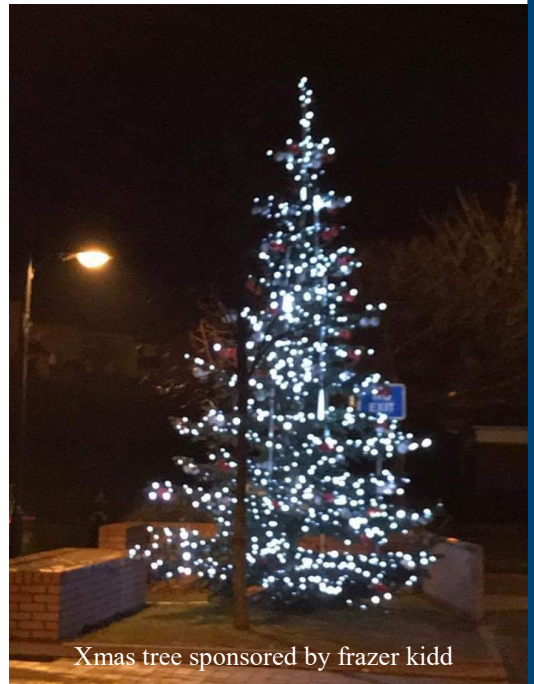


# Christmas Events



Brooklands Primary Choir

**BIG/BAGIT Grotto and lights switch on funded by NIHE**



Xmas tree sponsored by frazer kidd



**Seniors Dinner funded by NIHE and Asda Dundonald**



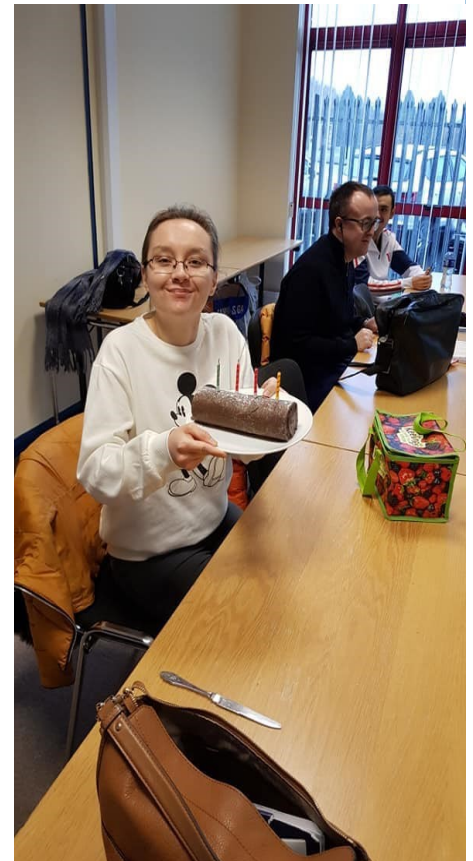


# Art & Crafts

Here are some photos of Christmas crafts that the ladies from Ballyoran Community arts group done, Knitted Santa's, table runners, advent calendar, cushion covers and aprons, They have all ages in the group, and meet in Ballyoran Centre on Thursday mornings from 10am till noon everyone is welcome to drop in to the group at anytime and become involved. Great work ladies!



Many thanks to Jenni and Denise who have been working alongside the Grahamsbridge residents for 6 weeks running up to Xmas, with flower arranging and Christmas decorations workshops for the ladies, and intergenerational work with the young adults from Right Reasons. Asda Dundonald have also kindly agreed to support coffee mornings going forward for the group to continue supporting them.





# Culture & Identity

Two study visits for 47 participants from the Pride of Ballybeen band, and funded by the LCCC Good Relations Dept, with year 2 funds when confirmed to support our July Family fun-day with BAGIT.



At the Boyne battle site Drogheda



Dan Winters Cottage



Sloan House Orange Museum





# Projects underway

## Ballybeen in Bloom



Our poly-tunnel project secured via Live Here Love Here Make Northern Ireland Beautiful funding, has finally started. This will enable us to work alongside interested groups to grow our own plants that can then be used to make the Ballybeen in Bloom concept more sustainable, and it's great to hear that the young adults from Right Reasons are already eager to become engaged in this project, with some visits to the Library already scheduled to discuss plant composition and variety etc. We are now discussing possibilities with Inspire about using this to provide horticultural learning programmes that support the move towards 'green jobs' sector.

## Re-Imagining Communities

The new Marlborough bespoke made seating has just arrived at the Enler Complex from funding received through the Lisburn & Castlereagh Council Peace IV Re-imagining Communities programme delivered by Copius, and is now awaiting installation.

We hope this will help create a more designed and comfortable interaction shared-space for people with two curving stone benches that will be positioned facing each other to promote 'togetherness', and we will also be looking at some planting going forward at the renewed planters on site under our ongoing Ballybeen in Bloom project.



## Dog Exercise Area



Our Health & Well-being sub-group have been out with Council Officers looking at locations beyond the sports hub, to insert a dedicated and enclosed doggy exercise area on site (something like the one at Billy Neil in this pic), Looking forward to this happening now.... the benefits of spaces for dog exercise may be easily overlooked and not adequately valued, but we feel it is important to people's own sense of well-being and also an important social interaction space for people with their pets. Thanks to Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council.



# Improvements

## **£500,000 Investment work continues in Ballybeen**

We are delighted to see work progress in Ballybeen to improve the footpaths and steps across the estate. For many years, parts of Ballybeen were neglected, with broken flagstones, uneven steps and a lack of handrails.

Gavin Robinson MP had raised this issue on a number of occasions with the Department for Infrastructure, but due to a lack of resource, they were unable to progress any schemes in the area. Gavin along with Cllr. Sharon Skillen met with the Department for Communities highlighting the difficulties that many elderly people had leaving their homes and engaging with the wider community.

To date over £500,000 has been invested into Ballybeen by the Department for Communities, with the Valley side of the estate transformed. The new asphalt surfacing has improved the aesthetics of the estate but provides practical benefits to those who have mobility issues.

This month, work has started in Campsie Park and Carron Walk, with additional drainage and asphalt surfacing being laid. This was one of the worst areas in the estate as during the summer the weed overgrowth provided a trip hazard. We are also delighted to see additional handrails installed on the steps behind St. Mary's Church. This is just the beginning.

Gavin & Sharon intend to meet with both Departments and will continue to raise the case for other areas of the estate..





# Brooklands Primary

Pics from Brooklands Primary, including a first-aid awareness talk at Dundonald Library with the British Red Cross, a 'mellow-yellow' day event in support of world mental health day, and their annual Remembrance Assembly.





# Environment

Just a sample of some before and after pics of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive funded gardening scheme managed by Inspire Business Centre that has now helped 40 residents this year. This has been of enormous benefit to residents whom for various reasons were unable to maintain their gardens, and has brightened up their lives. Contact Jenni in our office for more information on the scheme.



Before and after picture of the Jubilee Allotments, where Inspires gardener Stuart came in and tidied up the site ahead of the young adults from |Right Reasons taking a plot.. Looks great!





# Community Focus

The young adults from Right Reasons (pictured) attending Northern Ireland 's National Stadium in January, after visits to the Opera House, the MAC Arts theatre and lots of other exciting opportunities. We are now currently working on a poly-tunnel project with them funded through Live Here Love Here, with planning now in place .





# Upcoming

## BALLYBEEN St Patricks Day Festival

Saturday 14th March 2020

1-4pm @ Enler Complex



featuring:



**EcoMantella**  
Animal environmental education

**XL Dance**

**Bright Lights**  
Highland Dancers

Music Dance Bouncy castles

**Amusements**

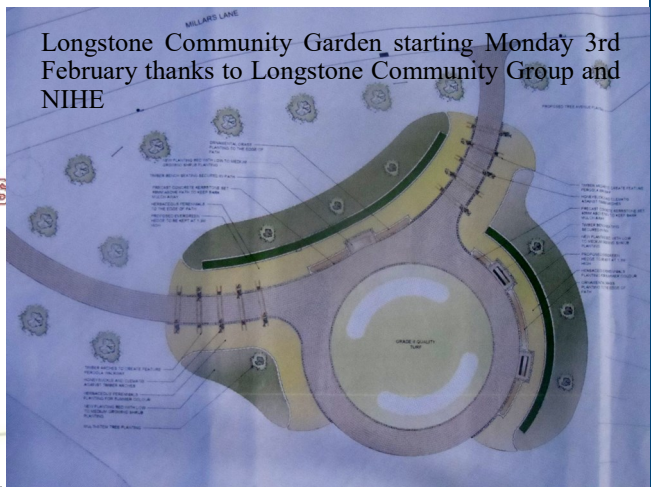
Face-painting



The Ballybeen Women's Centre are delighted to receive National Lottery Awards for All funding for our Looking Ahead Project. Over the next 12 months we will be delivering a range of programmes for women from the local area with a emphasis on health and well-being, personal development and empowerment. Watch this space for upcoming news for the opportunity to be-



Longstone Community Garden starting Monday 3rd February thanks to Longstone Community Group and NIHE



Following a PSNI community surgery on 29th January, we have scheduled a further two on Wed 12th February and Weds 11th March. If you have any issues that the community police can assist with please come along and help us create **Safer stable communities**.

Date and location to be confirmed



In support of charity, we are pleased to support this upcoming match on the 3g facility, and offer the pitch free of charge in aid of the named causes. Please come out and support this event.

**PARENTS**

**VS**



**COACHES**

**THE REMATCH!!**

**SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY**

**12.30 KICK OFF**

**@ BALLYBEEN SPORT & WELL-BEING HUB**

**£2 GATE CHARGE**

**ALL MONEY GOING TO**

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**



**EAST BELFAST  
Survivors  
of Suicide**



**BOWLERS OPEN FOR  
REFRESHMENTS  
AFTER THE MATCH**





## OPENING HOURS

MONDAY	9-3.30
TUESDAY	9-3.30
WEDNESDAY	9-3.30
THURSDAY	9-3.30
FRIDAY	9-3.30
SATURDAY	9-3.30
SUNDAY	10-4.30

### WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES...

After the disasterous fire at The Lewis Sam and his team have now opened in new premises - Inspire Business Park Carrowreagh Road.

" We are really excited to be back, we are local people and where possible try and support local businesses. We use local produce and employ local people so to be up and running again in Dundonald means a great deal. We are absolutely overwhelmed with the amount of support shown from not only our old customers but the many new ones we have picked up also. Hoping our business continues growing from strength to strength we have plenty of offers and ideas to share with everyone (Find us on Facebook!) Another added bonus to our new premises is the excellent parking that we can provide (a rare thing in Dundonald!) Again i would like to take this oppertunity to thank you all for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at the grill soon!"

- Sam Mathieson

**EVERY THURSDAY - PENSIONERS DAY - 2 COURSE £7**

**COLLECTION AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK SUNDAY DELIVERY SERVICE AVAILABLE**

*Mothering  
Sunday*  
**22-03-20**

**2 COURSE £17 3 COURSE £20**

**KIDS £7 (INCLUDES DRINK & CONE)**

**SITTINGS: 1.30PM/4PM\*BOOKINGS ADVISED**

**INSPIRE BUSINESS PARK**

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