

# BALLYMUN

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Members of the Ballymun Waste Working Group. From left to right Sarah Miller, Bernie Moloney ,Cecilia Moore, Roger Warburton, Andy Wilson, Alex and Daphne Sproule

# BALLYMUN SCOOPS THREE NATIONAL TIDY TOWNS AWARDS

allymun achieved an astonishing three awards at the National Tidy Towns Awards announced recently. To win three Tidy Towns awards when the largest regeneration project in Europe is underway, including extensive building and demolitions, is a major achievement and a great tribute to the community and to the many agencies involved, including Dublin City Council, BRL and GAP.

Ballymun won awards for:

- Best New Entry
- Regional Landscape Award Coultry Park
- National Award for Best Modern Building Ballymun Pool and Leisure Centre

The competition application was prepared by Ballymun Waste Working Group and the prizes were awarded for the efforts of the local community,

#### **HEALTH & SAFETY**

If you see anything that you are concerned about on the building sites, outside of working hours, please contact Ballymun Gardaí at 01 666 4400



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Ballymun Regeneration Ltd, Dublin City Council, Global Action Plan (GAP), Ballymun Neighbourhood Council, Poppintree Environmental Project, Shangan & Sillogue Recycling Centres and the local business sector.

#### **Local Waste Working Group awards**

In addition, Ballymun Waste Working Group organised four local competitions. The winners are:

- The Best Garden Award went to Ronnie McConnel whose garden was judged by the renowned Peter Wyse Jackson who is Director of the National Botanic Gardens and Dorothea Burger, Landscape Architect with BRL. Ronnie's prize is €300 worth of gardening supplies courtesy of Homebase at Santry Point and a nine week gardening course courtesy of The National Botanic Gardens.
- The Best Kept Area was Belclare Avenue, judged by Bernie Lillis, Anti Litter Officer, Dublin City Council (DCC). Prizes are courtesy of BRL and DCC.

The Youth Poster Competition and the Contractor League just concluded at the end of September and winners will be announced in the next edition of this newsletter. The Tidy Towns Competition Awards will be presented at the Harvest Market on Thursday 12th October in the Atrium, Civic Offices, Ballymun Main Street from 5.30 to 6.30pm. All are welcome.



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#### Two hotels now open in Ballymun

ow times have changed - Ballymun has recently become the proud home to not one, but TWO hotels! Furthermore, business is very good at both hotels with room bookings from guests as far away as the USA!



From now on local people can celebrate family gatherings on their own doorstep in their choice of two hotels while business people now have a local venue for conferences or meetings. And the best news of all is that tourists, yes tourists, will be coming into Ballymun because it is the perfect location to visit Dublin City and is right beside the Airport.

"Ballymun Regeneration Ltd is delighted to have attracted two quality hotels to the area and we wish the management and staff of Days Hotel and the Ballymun Plaza every success," says Ciaran Murray, MD, BRL. "We are especially pleased that the new hotels are employing many local staff."

Days Dublin Airport Hotel and the Ballymun Plaza Hotel worked closely with Ballymun Job Centre to source staff with the result that 60% of all staff live locally.

"All of our 88 bedrooms are booked out most weekends" says Anne Geraghty, Sales and Marketing Manager at Days Dublin Airport Hotel, Santry Cross. "Bookings are coming in from all over the world including France, Germany and America."

Luxurious double rooms at Days are keenly priced from €79 Euro, including free wireless internet and TV. Meeting rooms with full audio-visual (a/v) facilities are also available. Non-residents are very welcome at the hotel for breakfast, lunch and 'a la carte' dinner. Lunch is priced at approximately €8.



Local Days Dublin Airport Hotel staff from left to right Daniel Roche, Daniel Mahon, Careen Doyle, and Michael Keating

More good news for those visiting Ballymun is that in the coming months fully fitted 2-bedroom apartments will be available for short-term lettings for approximately €130 per night above Days Hotel at Santry Cross.

The Ballymun Plaza Hotel on Main Street is situated on the site of the old McDonagh Tower.

The 125-room Plaza Hotel has a full bar licence and will

host entertainment in its bar every Friday and Saturday night. There are two function rooms available for weddings, birthday parties, etc. Double rooms, with wireless internet and TV, are available from €89 per night. Meeting and training rooms with full a/v facilities are also available. The Plaza is open to non-residents for breakfast, lunch and 'a la carte' dinner.

Barry Smyth, Sales Manager, says business has been very good since the hotel opened in August and they have already taken their first wedding booking.



Local Plaza Hotel staff from left to right Irene Kelly, Sean Corkery, Michelle Whelan, Carmel Kehoe and Anna Bender

## Get involved in Sillogue recycling

sillogue ECO is a community organisation aiming to provide a positive setting for children and adults to become involved in caring for our environment. We run two clubs for young people and welcome adult volunteers who would like to help improve their local area.



Dean Carte working on his bike in the Bike Workshop

- We run a Bring Centre to help people living in the flats to recycle materials such as paper, cardboard, glass bottles, plastic bags, plastic bottles, tin cans, clean food cans, tetrapac cartons, batteries, old mobile phones and some small electrical goods. The Bring Centre is open on Mondays from 4.45pm to 5.45pm and on Wednesdays from 10am to 11am, and from 5pm to 6pm. Come along and see for yourself get involved or just bring your recycled goods.
- Children and young people of all ages are welcome at our Bike Repair Club every Monday evening from 5.30 to 6.30pm at 127A Sillogue Road bring your bike & learn how to fix it.
- We run fun activities and art projects as well as trips to learn about the environment at our Kids Eco Club. The Kids Eco Club meets on Wednesday evenings from 5pm to 6pm at 157 Sillogue Road.

Sillogue ECO is based on the ground floor of the second block of eight-storey flats on Sillogue Road, numbers 157 & 158A or why not visit our webite: www.sillogue-eco.com

Let's all make Ballymun an even better place.

### Safer Ballymun making a difference

afer Ballymun is a partnership involving An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council, Ballymun Regeneration Limited and local residents. This working group meets on a monthly basis and has an action based problem solving focus. The group assesses, monitors and aims eventually to control the level of antisocial activity in the area.

Members of the public are very welcome to attend the monthly meetings where you can raise any concerns you may have about safety in your community. The next meeting takes place on 6th November at 7pm in the Civic Centre, so why not come along and help make Ballymun a more pleasant place in which to live.



Global Action Plan & Ballymun Waste Working Group invite you to



Organic Produce, Plant & Seed Sale





Eco-Friendly Products & Local Crafts

Thursday October 12th 3.30pm - 6.30pm

# **Ballymun Civic Centre Atrium**

featuring

The Furniture Recycling Project Launch & Ballymun Tidy Towns Awards Ceremony

Best Poster
 Best Garden
 Best Kept Area

Contact GAP 01 862 5846 or BWWG 01 222 7308