



# BALLYMUN

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## €1 MILLION CCTV SCHEME ANNOUNCED FOR BALLYMUN

The Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform, Brian Lenihan TD, announced in Ballymun on 31st July that the Government has committed €1 million towards the provision of a community CCTV system in the area.

This announcement comes as a further commitment by the Government to the regeneration of Ballymun, the Minister stated. He said, "As part of the overall strategy to support the regeneration and to make the new Ballymun a safer and better place to live and to do business, a new community CCTV systems will help Gardaí and the community to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour together."

The overall aim of the CCTV system for Ballymun is to improve community safety and the quality of life of residents and of the general public.

This is a partnership effort involving:

- Ballymun Regeneration Limited
- Dublin City Council

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- RAPID (Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investment and Development)
- Ballymun Neighbourhood Council
- An Garda Síochána
- Local residents and residents associations

The partnership wishes to improve the quality of life for local residents, businesses and visitors to the area through

the proactive use of surveillance equipment. Closed circuit television cameras (CCTV) will be used as appropriate for community safety and quality of life purposes, and will be promoted as one of the many community tools available in the area.

**CCTV will be located at vulnerable locations throughout Poppintree, Sillogue, Shangan, Balcurris and Coutry.**

## Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre welcomes two new businesses

In 2006 Ballymun Regeneration Limited completed the construction of the Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre with a view to bringing much needed services to the community. The latest additions to the neighbourhood centre are Poppintree Pharmacy and M.A.R.T.O.

March heralded the arrival of the new Pharmacy and with it some much needed healthcare remedies for those summer flu's. Now, residents of Poppintree need only cross the road and a world of services are available to them. Not only can you have your prescriptions dispensed but you can now avail of free healthcare advice, take care of all your baby care needs, or for those of us lucky enough to be going abroad you can have your passport photos taken. They even stock a wide range of cosmetics, so now you can look great as well as feel great.

For all you organised folk the pharmacy offers you the facility to join their Christmas club. While I'm pretty sure that the Christmas turkey is not on the list of available items your probably better off to just call in and have a chat with owner Declan Grogan for more details.



*Poppintree Pharmacy up and running*

Another new addition to the Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre is that of Martin Lennon, creator and owner of



*Martin Lennon at work in his new workshop*

Manufactured Arts Recalling the Occasion or M.A.R.T.O. as its more commonly known. Martin's new enterprise initially started out as a hobby but after a short time it was evident that it was blossoming into a full time business. Martin's business had a humble beginning, working from his own home initially but with some help from Ballymun Regeneration Limited, who facilitated Martin with a workshop space at the rear of the Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre, things have gone from strength to strength. As a local start-up business Martin pays a reasonable rent in keeping with his business opportunities.

Martin first started making picture frames back in 1987 as a hobby but it's only since the millennium that he has been doing it full time. Martin's work includes pictures on Irish culture and family occasions, however being an avid GAA fan himself, Martin's favourite type of work is doing GAA pictures. The type of frames that he designs are very special in that part of the frame can be coloured to match the colour of a room but also if the colour of the room is changed so can the colour in the frame.

Martin is very busy at the moment and most of his work comes through word of mouth. He plans to officially

launch his business in September by having an open day in his workshop. As part of the launch he will also be starting up a dedicated website. Martin's work has already achieved much acclaim, some of which will be on display in the GAA museum in Croke Park soon.

Martin said "I want M.A.R.T.O. Frames to be recognised the world over for quality, that's the main objective." At this rate we think Martin's work will be frame-ous in no time...

## Cumman Baire Setanta

Setanta Hurling and Camogie club has been in existence in Ballymun since 1980 and was always closely aligned with Scoil an Tseachar Laoch and Holy Spirit Boys School. The club has had many successful teams throughout the years at various levels in many different competitions and a good number of these winning team-members remain associated with the running of the club to this day.

In 2006, a major goal of the club was achieved with the opening of the new clubhouse, just beside the library on Ballymun Road. The ground floor has dressing-room facilities with showers, toilets, reception area and an all-purpose room. On the first floor there is a function room with club bar facilities and a games room for young members. Outside the club-house, facing onto the Ballymun Road is the flood-lit all-weather nursery pitch while at the back there is a full-size pitch.

The building of the club-house was made possible through the efforts of Setanta club members, in particular Priosias ÓConghaile, who secured grant aid from various agencies, including Ballymun Regeneration, Woodford Developments, BRYR and others, with special credit to Minister Noel Ahern for his input.



Setanta member's bar

The club has now established links with many of the schools in Ballymun, with particularly strong links with Trinity Comprehensive.

There are excellent opportunities for people to get involved with the sport at all levels and a hurley and helmet will be provided for training free of charge so people can try out the sport without having to go to any expense. Phone Larry McDermott on 086 067 0797 if you're interested.

Alongside Hurling and Camogie, the Club want to promote all things Irish. With that in mind, Radharc Ceilteach (an Irish cultural organisation) use the all-purpose room to promote a variety of classes and activities e.g. music, dance, drama, karate as Gaelige. Contact the club for more details on getting involved.



All weather training pitch

The Club bar is bright, spacious and modern and hosts many events, such as ballad and karaoke sessions. It is members-only but members can sign visitors in and individuals can themselves apply for social membership.

The main aspirations of Setanta now are to increase the number of teams participating and to get more parents involved as mentors so that the children can be entered into more competitions. Eventually, they would like to get promoted to senior status and to win a senior championship!

**If you would like to find out more about Setanta, phone Larry McDermott or log onto [www.cummanbairesetanta.ie](http://www.cummanbairesetanta.ie) or email Liam O'Brien at [liamo32@hotmail.com](mailto:liamo32@hotmail.com).**

## Positive Ageing Exhibition comes to Ballymun

An exhibition of photographs that challenge some negative public perceptions of ageing and older people was staged in Ballymun Civic Centre from Thursday 6th September to Wednesday 12th September.



*Out and about in Albert College Park*

“Positive Images of Ageing and Older People in your Community” featured the winning images and some of the other images from this year’s Age Action Positive Ageing Week Photographic Competition.

The images on show featured older people hill walking, running, playing with their grandchildren and working. The fact that they are enjoying life to the full is evident in each image. All of the photographs included were taken by amateur photographers.

Age Action chief executive Robin Webster said that these images are a great way of overcoming fears about growing old as they show people continuing to enjoy an active and healthy later life.

The exhibition was staged in Ballymun ahead of Positive

Ageing Week, which runs from 28th September to 6th October. It aims to celebrate Ballymun as one of six Positive Ageing Week towns. A full programme of events is being planned in Ballymun, details of which will be announced in the coming weeks.

**For further information contact your local Positive Ageing Week town committee at 01 475 6989**



*A game of Petanque engrosses all involved*

### Competition winner

We are pleased to announce that the winner of last month’s competition for a €50 voucher for dinner in the Plaza Hotel is **Sharon McGuire, 151 Shangan Road.**

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