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Ballymun Farmers Market every Thursday on the Plaza

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Virgin Mary Girls National School Green Team receiving their award for the Beautiful Schools Competition.

VIRGIN MARY GIRLS NATIONAL SCHOOL GREEN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

The Virgin Mary Girls' NS Green Schools Committee received a check for €300 as winners of the Beautiful Schools Competition, Ballymun 2008.

This competition is run annually by the Ballymun Tidy Towns Committee, sponsored by Ballymun Regeneration Ltd and facilitated by Global Action Plan (GAP) Ballymun.

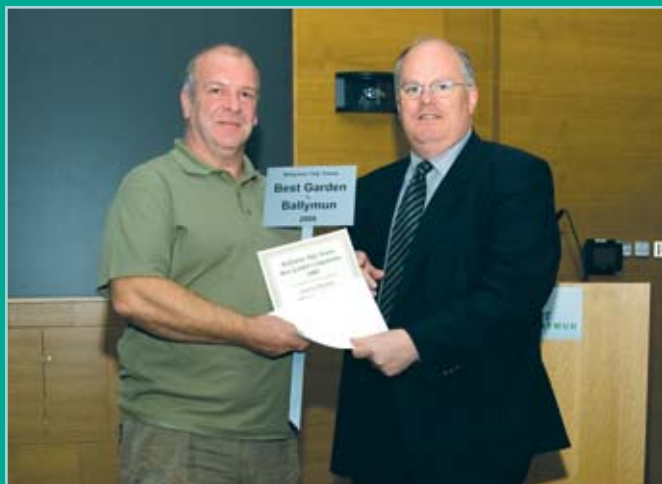
The Beautiful Schools Competition encourages schools to 'green up' their school grounds and make their school a more beautiful place for young people to learn and play. Points are awarded for participation, litter collection and overall enhancement of the school area. Emlyn Cullen, National Spring Clean Manager, An Taisce judged the competition. He said "it is a great opportunity for the schools to improve their school grounds" and was "very impressed", that as well as the improvements to the grounds, the Virgin Mary Girls School managed to reduce their waste by 60% in the previous 3 months.

Another great year for Ballymun in the Tidy Towns

Congratulations to all of Ballymun's residents, businesses, organisations and schools for their success in this year's National Tidy Towns Awards.

This was Ballymun's third year entering this prestigious National competition and it was another great year, with Ballymun scooping 4 awards and significantly improving their points total!

- **The Rediscovery Centre Furniture Recycling Project won the Dublin Region and the National Award for Best Recycling Initiative. This award recognises Ballymun and the Rediscovery Centre as a forerunner in tackling and implementing practical solutions to Ireland's waste crisis (see www.rediscoverycentre.ie).**
- **Coultry Green won the Landscape Award for the Dublin Region.**
- **Ballymun also received an Endeavour Award for achieving the biggest percentage increase in marks in the Dublin region since the 2007 Tidy Towns Awards. This year, Ballymun scored a total of 244 marks, an improvement of over eight percent since last year.**



Gerry Walsh, overall winner of the Best Garden Competition 2008, receiving his award from Peter Wyse-Jackson, Director of the National Botanic Gardens.

Roger Warburton, Ballymun Tidy Towns Co-ordinator, says, "lots of hard work goes into competing for the Tidy Town Awards and we are all thrilled to win more awards again this year".

The response to Ballymun Tidy Towns committees competitions, such as the Beautiful Schools, Best Garden, Best Kept Area, Biodiversity/Nature and Best Contribution awards are an example of how Tidy Towns is developing a sense of local pride in the new Ballymun. This year's local competitions had over 250 entrants and

the awards ceremony in the Civic Centre Council Chambers in September was to a full house!



Residents of Belclare Avenue, winners of Best Kept Area in the Tidy Towns Awards.

The Best Garden competition, which is sponsored by BRL, proves to be one of the most popular annual events run by the Ballymun Tidy Town Committee. Peter Wyse-Jackson, Director of the National Botanic Gardens, has been the lead judge for this event over the last 3 years, and he has noted a significant improvement in the overall standard of local gardens. Ballymun's overall winner, Gerry Walsh, says that "anyone starting their garden should not be afraid to try anything because you can not make mistakes. You might not like a particular flower when it blooms but you will learn from that and not plant that flower again. You don't even need a big garden, I was in the flats for years and always had small pots on the balcony with herbs for the kitchen in them."

The Best Kept Area competition, which is sponsored by Nans SuperValu, is also growing from strength to strength and the committee has spent a lot of time trying to encourage new resident groups to get active and involved in their own area.

Linda Harris of Belclare Ave, one of this year's winners, says "we find the best way to keep the area clean and keep the plants healthy is to give all the children in the area responsibility for those plants. Lots of the kids have their own plants and they look after them very well. They do knock into the houses with their watering cans and the main thing is they take pride in what they have done. I think that's how it works."

The main focus of the Ballymun Tidy Towns Committee's work is to encourage greater participation at a local level and help make Ballymun a Safer, Cleaner and Greener place to live. Following this success, the Ballymun Tidy Town's committee would like to invite

people throughout the community to get involved with Tidy Towns initiatives in the area.

To find out more about the Tidy Towns please contact Roger 01 222 8526 or Vanessa 01 862 5846.

Rediscovery Centre Project recognised by Tidy Towns

The Rediscovery Centre Furniture and Paints Recycling Project has once again been praised nationally and has picked up the prize for the best recycling initiative in the country.

The project which has been in operation in Ballymun since 2005 accepts and collects old and broken furniture, destined for landfill, and through a restoration or redesign process produces fabulous new furniture for sale online and at the Ballymun Farmers Market. Old paints are also recycled and redistributed through a local membership scheme.

The project is one of several projects which highlight the value of waste and it is a pilot project for the proposed Rediscovery Centre.



Award winning Furniture Recycling Project staff receive two Tidy Towns awards.

To contact the Rediscovery Centre Furniture Recycling Project call Liam on 01 842 2078

The Rediscovery Centre is being developed in response to growing national and international concern in relation to the management of natural resources and waste. The centre will present an integrated solution encompassing all elements of the waste management hierarchy at a central facility.

In anticipation of the development of the centre a number of successful pilot projects have been established in the area of resource recovery. In addition to the furniture and paints recycling scheme a recycled fashion initiative is also currently underway.

Work with primary, secondary and third level institutions on educational awareness and research programmes to further the science of waste management is ongoing. The centre has been selected and accredited as a 'Discover Science Centre' under the National Discover Primary Science initiative.

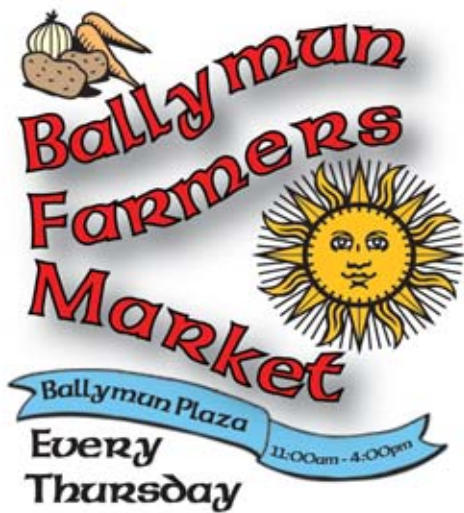
A community-composting project, located in a new apartment block at Santry Cross, in partnership with the National Botanic Gardens and funded by the Environmental Protection Agency, is establishing a template for community composting throughout Ireland. Additional research projects have been developed with Dublin City University, Trinity College Dublin and the Dublin Institute of Technology.

The success of these pilots highlight the opportunities that exist for the community sector to contribute to meeting national recycling and resource recovery targets.

The rediscovery centre will be the first fully integrated resource recovery centre in the country and will be a model for sustainability in Europe.

To find out more about the centre log on to www.rediscoverycentre.ie





October & November Specials

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 Tel: (087) 809 7309



All This for €10

Philip P&P Produce (fruit & veg)

- 1 x 10kg new season queens Irish potatoes
- 1 x bunch of Carrots
- 1 x any of the following Irish vegetables: Cauliflower - Cabbage - Kale - Turnip

Pick & mix any 12 of the following for €5

Apples - Bananas - Oranges - Pears - Plums (large) - Kiwi



Gary Greenmount Butcher



Wow €20

- 2 x chicken fillets • 9 sausages
- 1 x pack of rashers • 1 x 1/2 black & white pudding
- 2 x round steak • 4 x steak burgers
- 6 x slices Vegetable roll



Half Price!

Martin Footstools

October & November Deals!

- Faux beanbags (large) half price €60
- Beanbags (small) half price €30
- Four cushions half price €30

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