



BALLYMUN

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Country Park contributing to biodiversity in Ballymun (see page two for article)

WORLD POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

Fresh with success, St. Pappin's Pool Club have just returned from the 2009 World Pool Championships in Bridlington, England. To take part in this year's event, the club received support via the BRL Small Grants Awards. Big congratulations must go out to Nial Fagan from Ballymun, who along with partner Kristi Caulfield (Ballyhonas) walked away with this years Doubles Title from the Youth Event. The trip had a total of 46 young people taking part, all of whom were under 18.

Explaining the benefits of being a member, local man Martin Kirwan highlights that, "The children learn discipline and respect when playing the game, as they have to call their own fouls and admit their mistakes. They get to build relationships, meet children from other cultures and develop new skills".

Well-done to everyone involved with this fantastic club. Keep up the good work and congratulations once again on your success at the Championship from all at BRL.



Ballymun Farmer's Market first Thursday of every month

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

Biodiversity in Ballymun

As part of the process of developing a new Ballymun there is a need to integrate the new buildings, streets and other developments with the natural environment, creating new habitats and ecosystems. This is a key objective of the Ballymun Masterplan, and the new Ballymun Biodiversity Action Plan presents even more opportunities for supporting biodiversity in the area over the next 5 years.

Biodiversity provides the basic ingredients for life – our food and shelter. Like us, animals and plants need homes and particular conditions for their survival.

Nature is not just in the countryside – biodiversity in urban areas is also very important.

The people of Ballymun should be very proud of all the wonderful gardens, parks and landscaped areas that have been and are being created for biodiversity in the area, but additional work is needed by everyone to protect and improve this.

Nature is life and it's important to us all. Help protect and develop it.

To find out more about biodiversity and nature in your area please contact GAP on 01 862 5846. For a copy of the Ballymun Biodiversity Action plan please call Roger on 01 222 8526 or log on to www.brl.ie



Trees

Trees look great and are vitally important in absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, which counters the effects of climate change. They provide homes for birds, insects and other wildlife and also purify toxins from the air we breathe.

Tree pits

Many tree pits in Ballymun are planted with shrubbery, wild flowers, etc. This helps the tree to grow; the gravel and planting allows oxygen to reach the tree roots, which is essential for a healthy tree.



Wildflower area (e.g. swales)

Wildflower grassland areas are important for a number of reasons. Not only can they contain rare plant species, but they also provide valuable pollen for the insects to germinate other plants.

Biodiversity and the Ballymun community



Local residents in Sallowood View assisting GAP's Community Gardener, Maire Hurley in planting a native Mountain Ash

Committed and enthusiastic residents in Ballymun have embraced the concept of increasing biodiversity in their local areas. This is best demonstrated through the exciting work, which has taken place recently in Coultry. In 2008, a small plot of open space in Sallowood View was transformed into an attractive local community space that attracts birds and other wildlife. Local residents and Global Action Plan worked tirelessly over many weeks to transform this space into a haven for insects and birds.



Local residents helping create a Biodiversity garden in Coultury Forum Office this year. This garden includes bird feeders as well as containers planted with spring flowering bulbs, ivy and honeysuckle

The Coultury Forum office was also identified as a potential space to encourage wildlife and a wonderful biodiversity garden has been created there.

Gardening for wildlife in Ballymun schools



Children are often far removed from nature because they seem to spend so much of their time indoors that they fail to see the growing abundance of nature that surrounds them.

As part of the actions set out under the Ballymun Biodiversity Plan, Global Action Plan are busy



Students at the Virgin Mary Girls School caring for the spring flowers planted last winter

creating a variety of wildlife gardens in the local primary and secondary schools. By creating wildlife gardens we are inviting insects, butterflies, hedgehogs and birds to make their home here and in doing so, children are being introduced to the beauty and simplicity of nature.



Examples of some biodiversity projects in schools include:

- The planting of an 80m native hedgerow in the Virgin Mary Girls School
- Planting of flowering bulbs and nectar rich plants such as Honeysuckle in local primary schools
- A wildflower space in St. Joseph's Senior School
- Bird boxes and bird feeders installed in a number of schools throughout Ballymun.



Native hedgerow planting along the school perimeter on Shangan Road

Recent and upcoming Breaking Ground events

Cecilia Moore - My Space

Cecilia Moore's highly successful 'My Space' exhibition toured across Ireland, and will return to the Civic Centre in May 2009, where the work was launched a year ago.



including art training/development, mentoring, exhibition support, equipment and materials purchase. The successful applicants include Daniel Seery, Cecilia Moore, John Duffy, Rita Cahill & Frank Scalzo, Suzanne O'Toole, Hugh O'Neill, Helen Nic Giolla Rua, John Montague, Robert O'Connor, Long Weng, Aideen McBride, Ciaran Breathnach, Loretta Byrne, Ciara Hession, Samantha Judge, Deirdre Walsh, and Damian Fay.

Carl Doran: People's Postcard Project

Carl Doran will undertake a project responding to the emerging, new, intercultural communities in Ballymun. Carl will be in the Civic Centre on 28th May, and at the Ballymun Farmer's Market on 4th June, from where he will offer to make personalised postcards for passers-by, which can be sent to a recipient of their choice for free. He will photograph individuals on the day, which will form the front of the postcard along with a greeting from Ballymun in the participant's native language.

Hotel Ballymun Art Bursary

Breaking Ground recently invited expressions of interest from local based artists and aspiring artists for the Hotel Ballymun Art Bursary. Following a fantastic response, 17 applicants were selected for an arts bursary. The successful applicants will use the bursaries in a number of ways



Samantha Judge and Ciara Hession both recieved Hotel Ballymun Art Bursary Awards

Girls Drop - in Futsal

**Are you interested in playing Futsal? (indoor 5-a-side)
Want to show off your skills?**

Come along, Admission is only €2

**PE Hall, Trinity Comprehensive School Ballymun
Starting Monday 8th of June
4pm – 5pm for 10 – 15 years**

**Contact FAI Football Development officer Jamie Wilson
on 086 047 2135 (text) or email: jamie.wilson@fai.ie**



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