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Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, John Gormley TD, presents the Notice Nature Tidy Towns Award to Roger Warburton, Sarah Miller & Donal Horgan Managing Director of Musgraves

MORE AWARDS FOR BALLYMUN TIDY TOWNS

Ballymun was successful in increasing its overall points total in the prestigious National Tidy Towns competition 2009 and also scooped a “Notice Nature” Biodiversity Award for the Dublin Region.

Ballymun won category G tidiest large urban centre for Dublin City (population 15,000–25,000). To put this achievement into perspective, the Dublin City section of the Dublin Region was won by Temple Bar with just seven points more than Ballymun. The Ballymun Tidy Towns Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to this great success and would urge more people in the area to get involved.

Quotes from this years Tidy Towns judges adjudication report: “It is evident that you are an extremely active group and work closely with Ballymun Regeneration, Dublin City Council, the local community and other stakeholders on the many projects and initiatives that are outlined in your submission. Once again you have submitted an entry which shows innovation along with real results from projects which you are continually developing.”

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Special Christmas Market with Santa and the lighting of the Christmas Tree lights on the Plaza, 3rd of December 2009, 11am– 7pm.

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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“The success of your best garden and best areas awards are a tribute to the sense of community and pride in ownership that has been a cornerstone of your housing strategy.”

“As you travel through your town (Ballymun) the journey takes you from waste ground, to building sites to streets that have settled extraordinarily well into established residential neighbourhoods.

The human scale of many of the streets means that on

adjudication day neighbours can be seen chatting over garden walls alongside children playing in the streets the sense of real neighbourhoods being established rather than streets of houses being built are a real achievement for your community.”

If you would like more information on the Tidy Towns Committee or the local area competitions, log on to www.brl.ie or contact Roger Warburton by email at roger.warburton@dublincity.ie or 01 222 8526.

Ballymun Tidy Towns Committee Awards

This year's awards ceremony was held in the atrium of the civic centre. Over 120 people came to find out this year's Ballymun Tidy Towns competition winners. Here are some of this years winners;

Best Garden Competition 2009



Overall Best Garden Winner, Jean Rowley receiving her award from Peter Wyse-Jackson, Director of the National Botanic Gardens for her garden at 10 Carton Close.

Jean Rowley - 10 Carton Close - Overall Ballymun Winner

Edith Poole - 59 Silloge Park - Silloge Winner

Gillian Staunton - 6 Carton Close - Poppintree Winner

Martina Poole - 12a Ard na Meala - Balcurris Winner

Cathy Hislop Holden - 41 Coultry Way - Coultry Winner

Doreen O'Connor - 1 Whiteacre Court - Shangan Winner

Ray Leahy - 45 Coultry Way, Biodiversity Award 2009



45 Coultry Way, winner of the Biodiversity Award

Best Kept Area Competition 2009



Overall Best Kept Area Winner, Marewood Court Residents



School category winner Holy Spirit Girls National School and right, Youth category winner, Trinity Comprehensive Gardening project

Beautiful Spaces Competition 2009

Beautiful Spaces is a Ballymun Tidy Towns competition, which aims to encourage schools and youth groups within the community to 'green up' and 'clean up' their local areas. The competition focuses on areas such as: cleaning up the local area, improving biodiversity and youth participation and awareness.

Ballymun Tidy Towns committee would like to thank the following for their support in this years' competitions:

- Ballymun Regeneration Limited (BRL)
- Dublin City Council (DCC)
- Global Action Plan (GAP)



- SuperValu, Ballymun
- Ballymun Shopping Centre
- IKEA
- National Botanic Gardens

Dublin City Awards

On Thursday 24th September, Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Emer Costello announced the winners of the Dublin City Neighbourhoods Awards at a ceremony in Croke Park. Global Action Plan won the overall Best Sustainability Initiative in the Business category for its Eco Action Programme in Ballymun.



Lord Mayor of Dublin Emer Costello presented The Dublin City Award to Vanessa Moore, Colin O'Byrne and Maire O'Sullivan from GAP Ballymun

Breaking Ground 2002–2009

Breaking Ground, the Ballymun Regeneration Limited percent for art program, launched two new major commissions by Kevin Atherton and Paul McKinley along with a publication, art trail map and exhibition highlighting commissions from 2002 to 2009. The launch also marked the completion of Breaking Ground's innovative and unprecedented programme in Ballymun. Set up in 2002, Breaking Ground has to date launched some of the most ambitious and challenging public art projects ever seen in Ireland, and as such is regarded as the flagship for public art in the State.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Emer Costello together with Fiach Mac Conghail, Director of the Abbey Theatre officially launched the new art works on the 21st October 2009 in the Civic Centre.



KEVIN ATHERTON, Another Sphere

Kevin Atherton's pair of stainless steel hemispheres is sited in two different parts of the new Balcurris Park. The

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respective hemispheres, and the subjects reflected on their surfaces, are continuously filmed by two CCTV cameras, which transmit the two images to a central broadcasting point. There, the images are juxtaposed and simultaneously broadcast together to form a full circle on a plasma screen integrated into the architecture of an exterior wall of the new pavilion. Atherton's work plays with the idea of surveillance, using CCTV in a positive way by attributing an unexpected, performance role to these devices and wittingly or otherwise, the passer-by, the audience, becomes and is included in the work.



PAUL MCKINLEY, *The Broe Chronicles, The Crean Chronicles and The Walshe Chronicles*

Paul McKinley's commission takes the form of three large scale, narrative driven paintings derived from three different Ballymun families photographs. Each painting presents a multifaceted scene loaded with specific references from each family's recent history, recognisable

yet imaginary, utopian, yet rooted in the real. Paul's stunning new work has now been permanently sited in the Civic Centre Atrium, while a fourth piece, a large-scale lightbox work, has been specially commissioned for Poppintree Community Centre.

PUBLICATION – Breaking Ground 2001–2009

This major publication documents Breaking Ground from 2001–2009.

It is a definitive guide to one of the most pioneering per cent for art programmes of socially engaged projects. The publication features 47 commissions and new essays by Aisling Prior and Catherine Marshall and 12 republished text commissions from the history of the projects, including writing by Mark Orange, Daniel Seery, Ellen Rowley, Mick Wilson, Jan Estep, Rona O'Reilly, Gemma Tipton, Valerie Connor, and Caoimhin Mac Giolla Leith.

ART TRAIL MAP & TIMELINE EXHIBITION

The Breaking Ground art trail map will entice visitors and locals alike to various sites across Ballymun; to visit a range of public art works commissioned through the programme. A timeline exhibition in axis provided an opportunity to look at the diversity and breadth of projects commissioned by Breaking Ground from 2001–2009.

Remaining Breaking Ground commissions by John Byrne and Mick O'Kelly to be completed in 2010. If you would like further information, publications or an art trail map contact Breaking Ground on 01 883 2112.

Ballymun Kickhams U12 team champions 2009

On the 12th of October Ballymun's U12 team won the 2009 Champions league beating Clontarf in their final league game of the season. The achievement was all the greater considering that they went through the league undefeated drawing one game and winning all the rest.

New members are always welcome so if you would like more information contact Paddy Christy @ 087 222 9222



Back row L-R: Cian Fallon, Christopher Burke, Paul McGrath, Conor Kavanagh, Dean Ashmore, Patrick Judge, Aaron Farrelly, Patrick Small, Sean Brennan, Dean Maguire, Adam Thomas.

Front row L-R: Nathan Whelan, Conor Young, Sean Donnelly, Aaron Kelly, Cathal O'Tighe, Daniel Cray, Caoimbin Deegan, Ryan O'Leary, Carl Keeley, Adam Conway, Dylan Toal.

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