BALLYMUN CELEBRATES ANOTHER TIDY TOWNS SUCCESS

For the second year running, Ballymun has been rewarded for its efforts in the National Tidy Towns competition. The area received the highest marks in Category G for a Dublin City region with a population of 15,001 - 25,000. We surpassed our winning ‘Best New Entry’ score of 214 points last year by accumulating 225 points in this year’s competition.

Ballymun also picked up two special awards at the ceremony, which took place in Dublin Castle on Monday September 10th. These were:

1. Notice Nature Biodiversity Awards: Native Hedgerow Project Award and Regional Award.
2. Anti-Gum Litter Awards (Gum Litter Taskforce) - Category G & H (Large Urban Centre) and an Awareness Programme Award.
In addition to the National Competition, Ballymun also held its own local competition. The two main categories were ‘Best Garden’ and ‘Best Kept Area’. The winners are as follows:

**Best Garden Competition Winners**
- **Overall Winner**
  Cathy Holden - 41 Coultry Way
- **Sillogue Neighbourhood Winner**
  Carmel Gaffney - 114 Sillogue Gardens
- **Poppintree Neighbourhood Winner**
  Elizabeth Healy - 8 Belclare Park
- **Balcurris Neighbourhood Winner**
  Harry Jackson - 3 Balcurris Gardens
- **Coultry Neighbourhood Winner**
  Catríona Franklin - 32 Woodhazel Close
- **Shangan Neighbourhood Winner**
  Carol Wilson - 2 Whiteacre Court

**Best Kept Area Competition Winners**
The areas below each received joint recognition for their efforts in keeping their local areas clean and tidy;
- Hollywell
- Carton Estate
- Sallowood View

Congratulations and thank you to the Ballymun Waste Working Group/Tidy Towns Committee for all the hard work and commitment throughout the year. Thank you also to everyone who helped Ballymun in reaching these goals by actively taking pride in their area.

The Ballymun Tidy Towns committee is actively seeking new members to help ensure that we continue to be successful in the National Tidy Towns campaigns.
All are welcome and we believe everyone has something to offer.

Please contact Roger Warburton on 01 222 8526 if you are interested or would like to find out more.

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**The Ballymun Otherworld Festival 2007**
**Wednesday 31st October 2007**

The Ballymun Otherworld Festival makes a welcome return for the 9th year this Halloween. The festival is one of the largest of its kind in Dublin with a crowd of up to 2500 people expected to attend the festival with young people from all over Ballymun taking part in a month long series of Arts, Music and Performance workshops leading up to the big night.

The theme of this years Festival is ‘*Getting There*’

**Halloween Playday** 12 - 2pm
**Ballymun Shopping Centre**

**Parade and Festival** 5 - 7pm
**Padgent on Main Street**

**Fireworks Display** 7pm - 7:20
**Balbutcher Park**

For further information contact Annette Ryan Tel: 01 222 5720 other_world@eircom.net
Regeneration update

It's time again for a regeneration update, giving you all the latest information on schemes which are under construction or in the planning or design stages. To date the regeneration of Ballymun has resulted in the completion of 1,170 social houses and three new neighbourhood centres with another centre currently under construction. Other community facilities such as the Reco, the leisure centre and the axis arts centre have been provided along with two new major parks and several smaller neighbourhood parks.

If you have any queries about any of the information here please do not hesitate to contact The Communications Team on 01 222 7387.

Balcurris/Balbutcher

To date 163 units have been completed in this area and 311 families have moved out of the flats.

- **Balcurris Park**
  
  Phase one of Balcurris Park is open to the public. It includes a GAA pitch, two playgrounds and a bowling green.

- **Balcurris 5 - 55 units**
  
  Location - On the site of 417 - 512 Balcurris Rd.
  
  Tenders have been received for this scheme and are being examined. It will go on site once demolition of 417 - 512 Balcurris has finished.

- **Balcurris 6 - 50 units**
  
  Location - On the site of 289 - 416 Balcurris Rd.
  
  This scheme is currently at the design stage. These units are for residents of 193 - 288 Balcurris Road.

- **Balcurris 7a/b - 110 units**
  
  Location - Off Balbutcher Lane Lower adjacent to 97 - 192 Balbutcher Lane.
  
  These schemes now have planning permission and it is hoped that construction will begin early in the New Year. These units are for 97 - 192 Balbutcher Lane.

Silogue

To date 232 units have been completed in this area and 328 families have moved out of the flats.

- **Silogue 4 - 124 units**
  
  Location - Eastern boundary of Poppintree Park, adjacent to Parc na Cuileann and Marewood.
  
  This scheme is due to be completed in Spring/Summer 2008. Residents of 373 - 468 Sillogue Road and 1 - 93 Sillogue Road will be moving into these houses.

- **Silogue 5 - 135 units**
  
  Location - West of Sillogue Avenue and east of Pinewood.
  
  This scheme is due for completion in at the end of this year/early next year. Residents from 1 - 48 Sillogue Avenue and 94 - 186 Sillogue Road will be moving into these houses.

- **Silogue 6 - 58 units**
  
  Location - Adjacent to Sandyhill Gardens and opposite Marewood. Where Sandyhill Avenue four story blocks were.
  
  This scheme is due to be complete in October 2008. Residents from 187 - 279 Sillogue Road will be moving into these houses.

Balcurris Park West

Owensilla Terrace

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The map above illustrates the distribution of the housing phases across Ballymun, with different colors representing each phase.
Sillogue 8 - 60 units
Location - Adjacent to Sillogue Gardens off Sillogue Avenue.
This scheme has been submitted for planning permission and a decision is awaited from Dublin City Council. Residents from 94 - 186 Sillogue Road will be moving into these houses.

Emerald Co-Op Housing - 37 units
Location - At the end of Gateway Crescent diagonally across from James Connolly Tower.
It is hoped that this scheme will start on site this year.

Sillogue Neighborhood Centre
Location - On Sillogue Road in front of Sandyhill Gardens Elderly units.
This building will include community facilities, sheltered accommodation for the elderly, and four shop units. It is due to be completed in the middle of 2008.

Youth facility Building
An all weather pitch and outdoor table tennis table is being constructed behind the Youth facility Building (Reco).

Poppintree
To date 286 units have been completed in this area.

Poppintree 3 - 74 units
Location - Balbutcher Lane, adjacent to Dolmen Court
Hoarding has begun on this site and consultation is ongoing with residents in relation to refurbishment of rear lanes and courtyard areas.

Poppintree 7 - 14 units
Location - Habitat for Humanity site on the left hand side of Balbutcher Lane heading out of Ballymun, just after the new Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre.

The scheme will be developed by Habitat for Humanity and will provide an opportunity for local people to purchase a new home in Poppintree. If interested in finding out more about Habitat for Humanity contact them on 01 6299 611.

Poppintree 12 - 20 units
Location - Between Balbutcher Way and Graigue Court.
This scheme is under construction and due to be complete summer 2008.

Poppintree Community Centre
Refurbishment and extension of the existing building, to provide changing rooms, club rooms, exercise facilities, a large playground and an all-weather 5 a side pitch.
This building work is progressing well and is due to be completed in April 2008.

Poppintree Park Development
Work on phase one of the park is due to begin soon. It will take approximately one year for this work to be completed.

Coultry
To date 332 units have been completed in this area and 250 families have moved out of the flats.

Coultry 4/5 - 119 units
Location- Coultry Drive, north of Coultry Park
New Addresses - Coultry Green, Coultry Place and Coultry Terrace.
Many of these units have been handed over and are occupied. 42 units are outstanding and are due for completion soon.
Coultry Neighbourhood Centre
Centra, BB’s Hair & Beauty Salon, and Bladez Barbers are now open for business in Coultry Neighbourhood Centre.

Coultry 6 - 64 units
Location - Northern side of Coultry Park and adjacent to Coultry Gardens.
This scheme has just received planning permission and tender documents are currently being prepared.

Shangan

To date 252 units have been completed in this area and 304 families have moved out of the flats.

Shangan 4 - 69 units
Location - At the back of Shangan Gardens.
New addresses - Whiteacre Place, Whiteacre Crescent, Shangan Drive and Shangan Green.
This scheme is due for completion in October.

Shangan 5a/b -110 units
Location - At the southern end of Shangan Avenue, between Shangan Gardens and Whiteacre and partly on the site of 1-56 Shangan Avenue.
It is hoped that these schemes will go for planning before the end of the year. We will be informing residents when this happens.

Shangan Neighbourhood Centre
This scheme consists of 19 two-bed apartments, 12 one-bed apartments, 3 retail units and one office suite.
There are still some apartments on sale at competitive prices and those interested should contact the BRL property unit on 01 222 5719 or Lisney on 01 884 0700.

Main Street

The Plaza
The works which are now taking place on the site bounded by the Ballymun Plaza Hotel and the Civic Centre on Main Street are a temporary measure to make the space more suitable for public use while we wait for the Metro station to come on line. The temporary plaza layout will provide an outdoor location for the Ballymun Farmers Market which we hope will soon become a weekly event. The plaza will have a tarmac and grass surface, trees, street lighting and some park benches and will provide an outdoor recreational focus for the Town Centre. BRL are currently in discussions with The Railway Procurement Agency (RPA) to incorporate the Ballymun Metro station into the overall plans for the permanent plaza design.

Demolitions
Connolly Tower and the last block in Balcurris (412-517) are currently being demolished. Next to be demolished are Clarke Tower and 187-282 Coultry Road.
St Patrick’s Day Parade

As part of the 50th Anniversary of the National Tidy Towns Competition, the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government has decided to participate in the St Patrick’s Day Parade in Dublin. Participants from all four corners of Ireland will be involved to represent towns that have been especially committed to the creation of a beautiful environment.

Ballymun has been chosen to participate and the Tidy Towns committee is currently looking for budding artists and performers to represent Ballymun. Professional training will be given so experience is not essential.

Please call Sarah Miller on 01 222 5680 or email sarah.miller@dublincity.ie to register your interest. Applicants must be aged 16 or over.

Hugh O’Neill at axis

Hugh O’Neill is a local photographer who has been commissioned by Breaking Ground as part of the local artists’ commissioning strand. Hugh works in a photo documentary style, focusing on the portraiture of young people living in Ballymun. These vibrant images portray local events and everyday life and reflect on the way young people integrate within the community. Images range from children at play to social events and protests.

The exhibition launch will take place at the Axis Centre on Thursday 27th September at 6 p.m. and runs until 26th October. Contact Breaking Ground for further information on 01 883 2112

Cycle tour of Ballymun by Phase 4 architects

Area Architect Darragh Lynch, with BRL staff, takes the architects involved in phase 4 schemes on a cycle tour of Ballymun

Public safety information

BRL Health and Safety Team would like to inform everyone about an information display which will be on show in the Civic Centre in October. The display aims to introduce the Health and Safety Team and to provide a wide variety of free public safety information, for example, Child Safety in Cars, Water Safety, Home Fire Safety, Food Safety etc.