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New look for Council's website

Residents, visitors and businesses will benefit from the new design and structure of Council's website www.ballymoney.gov.uk which is due to go live soon.

The new look site will have, a new navigation structure based on topics, and an updated A-Z of services and improved accessibility.

We want to hear your views on the website and how you would like to see it develop in the future. You can try the new website and use the Your Comments section to let us know what you think.



BALLYMONEY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT! SUPPORT SUSTRANS CONNECT2 BID TO WIN £50m LOTTERY FUNDING



Mayor John Finlay supports the Ballymoney Connect2 Project with staff and members of the public in Riverside Park

In December, the public will have the chance to ultimately decide which Big Lottery Fund Living Landmarks' shortlisted scheme wins a single grant of up to £50 million in a televised public vote in the 'The People's Millions' competition.

By supporting the **Sustrans Connect2 Project** you will help improve the chances of Connect2 winning the Lottery bid which would mean that Ballymoney would receive a grant of £350,000 towards a new railway bridge and improved access links to both the town centre and the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre for pedestrians, cyclists, disabled users, etc.

Connect2 is an exciting UK-wide programme, that aims to improve local travel in 79 communities – including Ballymoney – by creating new walking and cycling routes for the local journeys we make every day to school, work, local shops and amenities.



See inside for further information.

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Vulnerable People are Encouraged to 'Get the Message'

Message in a Bottle



The Message in a Bottle scheme is a simple idea designed to encourage vulnerable people, living on their own, to keep their basic personal and medical details on a standard form and in a common location where they can be easily found in an Emergency.

The scheme, which was launched in the Ballymoney area on 18th June, is rolling out across the Borough with the support of local community groups, voluntary and statutory agencies.

The "bottle" is kept in the FRIDGE, where the Emergency Services will know to look for it, in the event of being called to your home. They will be alerted to participation in the scheme, by the use of two special stickers. One is placed on the inside of the front door, or the

main door used for the home, by the door handle. The other is stuck on the fridge door (both out of sight from all windows).

Why the fridge? Most homes have a fridge, usually in the kitchen. It enables the Emergency Services to find the details quickly and easily, in a COMMON PLACE. In the event of fire, the contents of the fridge are protected longer.

Other useful information is recorded such as contact details for Next of Kin or friends to be notified in an emergency and even what provision is needed for any pet/s the participant may have. Participants are strongly encouraged to keep a copy of any repeat prescriptions in the bottle, as this will aid Paramedics and any hospital staff to ensure correct drugs are administered in the emergency.

If more than one person lives in the house, only one bottle is needed, but each member of the household should complete a separate form, which should have a passport type photo attached, to aid identification. There is NO COST to the user. Bottles are available FREE OF CHARGE by contacting Ballymoney Community Safety Partnership on 028 2766 0257 or emailing communitysafety@ballymoney.gov.uk or alternatively by calling into Riada House, 14 Charles Street, Ballymoney.

The Message in a Bottle initiative is being jointly funded and supported by the Community Safety Unit of the Northern Ireland Office, Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, PSNI and Northern Ireland Policing Board. Help the Aged and Age Concern are also supporting the Project.

Disability Action Plan

Ballymoney Borough Council, Moyle District Council and the District Policing Partnerships within the two council areas hosted a Disability Information morning in May 2007.

What is it all about?

It's about the introduction of two new duties under the Disability Discrimination Act which require public bodies, when carrying out their functions, to promote positive attitudes towards disabled people and encourage their participation in public life.

The new duties commenced on 1st January 2007 and all public bodies have to publish an Action Plan to show how they intend to fulfil these duties.

The Mayor of Ballymoney, Councillor John Finlay, says "As Councils we are committed to fulfilling these new duties and ensuring that our council areas become accessible and inclusive places for everyone to live and work."

In a joint statement the Chief Executive of Moyle District

Council, Richard Lewis, and the Chief Executive of Ballymoney Borough Council, John Dempsey said "Councils, as a major provider of services, are strategically placed to lead the way to ensuring fair treatment for disabled people by improving the outcomes of our own services and by setting the standards for others to follow. This is just the beginning of an on-going commitment to engage with disabled people across a whole range of Council services and activities."

connect2 in Ballymoney:

Ballymoney Railway Bridge & Links

Ballymoney Railway Bridge and Links is one of the 79 Connect2 projects. This route will create a promenade from the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre on the south side of town to the town centre at Castlecroft, making use of the Riverside Park green corridor along the way. The focus of the route will be a new bridge over the railway. The real challenge is to draw the station towards the town and make the approach to the shops and the schools an attractive experience. In doing so this will overcome the existing barrier of an unmanned level crossing at Fairhill and provide an improved access directly to the town centre via Seymour Street.



Existing unmanned level crossing at Fairhill will be replaced with a new railway bridge suitable for use by pedestrians, cyclists and disabled users at the existing railway station onto Seymour Street.

Ballymoney Town Needs Your Support!

None of this is possible without funding. To make this happen local people in favour of the project need to get behind Connect2, as it is up against three other organisations schemes, competing for a single grant of £50 million from the Big Lottery Fund's Living Landmarks: The People's Millions Competition. The other competing projects are: the Eden Project's Dry Tropics Biome, The Black Country as Urban Park and Sherwood Forest: The Living Legend.

The winning scheme will finally be decided by a public vote on TV in early December. Online voting will open at 9am on Monday 26th November at www.thepeoples50million.org.uk. Please log on and vote for Sustrans Connect2. An update on the TV scheduling will be made public in mid November. Until then people can register **support** for Ballymoney Connect2 at www.sustransconnect2.org.uk or

Text Connect2 to 80010 to be kept informed and updated about the TV vote.

If Ballymoney Wins, all 79 Connect2 Projects Win!

The Ballymoney project is not competing against the other five areas within Northern Ireland, as they too form part of the UK-wide Connect 2 Project. If Ballymoney wins, all six Connect2 projects within Northern Ireland - and indeed all 79 Connect2 projects within the UK win.

Thousands of supporters of Connect2 all over the UK are telling their family and friends about the initiative, as one of the 79 Connect2 projects may be right on their doorstep. Other Connect2 projects within Northern Ireland include:

- Strabane, River Mourne Bridge and links;
- Omagh Riverside path and new bridges;

- Newtownabbey to Belfast Lough;
- Dungannon Park Connections;
- Derry~Londonderry, greenway and cycle path links

A full list of the 79 UK wide projects is available at www.sustransconnect2.org.uk

Anyone wanting to see Connect2 succeed in Ballymoney can visit

www.sustransconnect2.org.uk and text Connect2 to 80010 to be updated about the TV vote or vote online at www.thepeoples50million.org.uk.

For further information contact Sustrans on **0845 058 1373** or Ballymoney Borough Council's Countryside Access Officer on **028 276 60227**.

Remember To Support Sustrans Connect2 To Help Win the Big Lottery for Ballymoney!



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Get to know your ecological footprint



What is a fair share of the earth's resources? What should be your priorities for living more lightly? One way to get to grips with these questions is to work out your "ecological footprint", the area of land needed to support your lifestyle. This sheet will help. It is divided into parts looking at: 1) food; 2) transport; 3) where you live; 4) energy in your home; 5) waste; 6) everything else. We will calculate your footprint score in "ares" of land, based on global average land productivity levels. One are is 100 square metres, or one hundredth of a hectare. That's a patch of land about ten paces by ten paces. This sheet isn't precise and may not fit your lifestyle perfectly – please do be creative and make guesses – but be honest with yourself!

1. FOOD

Accounts for land, energy and material use for food production, transport, processing and storage. Packaging is accounted for later, under waste.

Start with a score (based on a typical British diet, 38% animal-based) of.....155
 Serious meat eaters (50% animal-based diet).....add 25
 Vegetarians (20% animal-based)..... subtract 50
 Vegans (0% animal based)..... subtract 100

If you only eat processed and/or imported foodadd 5
 If you eat 75% local, unprocessed food..... subtract 10
 If you only eat local, unprocessed food..... subtract 15

If you only or mostly eat organic food subtract another 10

Your food score

2. WHERE YOU LIVE

Allows for land used by buildings, concrete, paving and grass, but not areas managed for wildlife or food. Also includes land use to provide construction materials, access roads etc.

For a typical British semi, score.....45
 For a larger detached house.....60
 For a terraced house35
 For a two bedroom flat20
 For a studio.....10

Divide by no. of occupants to get your score

3. TRANSPORT

Accounts for energy use, land use and materials for roads, materials and energy for vehicle manufacture etc.

a) **If you are a regular car user or passenger** please score:
 For high mileage drivers (15,000 miles/year alone)..200
 For typical drivers (8,500 miles/year, with a passenger 40% of the time) 70
 If you travel mainly as a car passenger score30
 But if most of your car trips are local (3 miles or less) **add 25%** to allow for extra energy use for cold starts.

These figures are based on UK average car fuel consumption of 8.5 litres/100km. If you drive a 4x4 (e.g. Range Rover Discovery) or MPV (e.g. Renault Espace), **add 50%**. For a small car (e.g. Clio or new Mini), subtract a third.

Your car score:

b) **If you use public transport:**
 For a weekly 150 miles return trip by rail or bus, or a daily return commute of 30 miles score20
 c) **If you only walk or cycle** score.....2
 d) For **each hour per year** you spend flying, add.....15

Your transport score (a+b+c+d)



Please support a local charity helping local people

Can Can Recycling project operate under the umbrella of Compass Advocacy Network based at Seymour St, Ballymoney.

We are an environmental project providing employment opportunities to adults with learning disabilities.

We Recycle: **Aluminium Drink Cans/ Foil Clothes/ Shoes/ Handbags Ink Cartridges Mobile Phones**

We collect from various places in Ballymoney including restaurants, pubs, factories, offices, community groups and recycling centres.

If you require more information on our project or want to donate your unwanted recyclable materials please contact us at 20, Seymour Street, Ballymoney, **Tel: 028 2766 7775.**

Charity Number: XR23013

4. MATERIAL SUPPLY AND WASTE

Accounts for energy and material use in manufacturing and construction, as well as land use and greenhouse gas emissions in waste disposal.

If you put out the UK average of 20kg a week (one dustbin-full of mixed waste including glass, food waste etc.) for the standard waste collection, score.....430

If you recycle all glass and metal, and compost all food and garden waste, your rubbish for the standard collection may be mostly plastic bags etc. and so much lighter. Score 22 points for each non-recycled kg per week.

For each kg per week of recycling, add.....5
(1kg=2-3 wine bottle or 20 cans or 2 weekend papers or 10 weekday broadsheet papers)

For each kg per week of waste composted, score.....0

If you filled a skip this year with building waste, score another150

Divide the total by the number of people in your house to get your total waste score

5. ENERGY IN YOUR HOME

Accounts for land use in energy supply, and greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel use.

First estimate your heating and hot water score.

A lot depends on the size of your home. To start off with:

If you live in a detached house, score165

If you live in a semi-detached house, score105

If you live in a terraced house65

If you live in a flat50

How warm is your home? For each degree above 17oC add 10%; for each degree below, **subtract 10%**.

If your home is well-insulated (e.g. a modern house with 200mm loft insulation, cavity wall insulation and double glazing), **subtract 30%**. If you have a new condensing-flue boiler subtract another 20%. If your boiler is over 15 years old **add 15%**. If you don't have central heating and only heat one or two rooms in your home, score 50. These figures are for gas. If you use electric heating, multiply your total by 2.5. If you use oil add 40%. For coal, add 80%. Now **divide by the number of people living in the house.**

Your heating and hot water score:

And now, your score for **appliances**. Start with a score of.....40

If you only choose "A"-rated appliances and energy-efficient light bulbs, subtract10

If you are frugal in your use of appliances (switching off lights only using the washing machine when full, not using a dishwasher or clothes drier) subtract5

If you have a house full of energy-hungry people, with TVs on all the time and daily use of a washing machine and dryer, add35

Divide by the number of people in the house.

If you use renewable electricity, divide by ten for your final **appliances score:**

Now add up your score for heating & hot water and appliances to get your home energy score.

6. EVERYTHING ELSE

Accounts for land use and greenhouse gas emissions linked to providing services.

Add up the amount (in £) you spend **each month** on the following:

Telecommunications – your share of the 'phone bill, mobile phone, internet access

Leisure and cultural activities – cinema, concerts, theatre, health club, visits to museums etc.

Restaurants, cafés and hotels

Divide by five to get a footprint score

Add 10 to allow for miscellaneous purchases and services such as health and education.

Your "everything else" score

7. AT LAST – ADDING IT ALL UP

Add up your score for:

Food	<input type="text"/>
Where you live	<input type="text"/>
Transport	<input type="text"/>
Materials and waste	<input type="text"/>
Energy in your home	<input type="text"/>
Everything else	<input type="text"/>
To get your total	<input type="text"/>

How do you compare?

The amount of land available globally is 1.9ha (allowing for a footprint score of 190)

Footprint scores around the world are:

Global average 230 per person	The average Oxfordshire inhabitant scores 750
India 80 per person	Londoners score 660
United States 970 per person	The Welsh score 525
The UK average is 550 per person	Liverpudlians average 415

Ballymoney Borough Council is committed to working with our community to deliver programmes and actions, which will lead to a more sustainable Borough. Each individual and group has a role to play in this and we welcome suggestions or approaches from both individuals and groups across the Borough. We believe there are simple actions everyone can take which will make a difference. This checklist may give you some ideas on areas where you can act.

If you would like to become involved in this, please contact
Borough Services on 2766 0257

Arts Cultural Events at Ballymoney Town Hall



During November and December there are a number of excellent arts & cultural events taking place in Ballymoney Town Hall & Museum which have been organised by Ballymoney Borough Council Cultural Services and Ballymoney Borough Arts Committee.

Wednesday 7 November at 8pm

Nomadic Theatre Company present *The Rare Oul Times* by Ken McElroy, a two-man play which sympathetically portrays the literary brilliance of Brendan Behan and Patrick Kavanagh - their humour, their music and also their sadness. Described in the Belfast Telegraph as "a head on, no holds barred, Dublin pub collision between two of Ireland's greatest writers and hell raisers...poignant, abrasive and hugely funny. A great night's theatre." An evening not to be missed!

15-24 November

The 21st Annual Art & Ulster Woodturners Christmas Exhibition.

Opening hours are Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm with late night viewing Tuesday & Thursdays 7.30pm-9pm. One of the most popular and highly anticipated events in the exhibition programme.

Monday 3 December at 8pm

Local historian S Alex Blair continues his fascinating talks series *The 19th Century Experience with **The Famine***. The series will resume in 2008 with four more engaging talks to take us right up to the close of the century.

Friday 7 & Saturday 8 December

Welcome aboard as the Panto Company take to the stage with Defoe's classic book *Robinson Crusoe* - a priceless performance, packed with music and laughter!

There is a show for Primary Schools on Friday at 10am with family shows for all ages on Friday at 7.30pm & Saturday 11am & 3pm.

For further information or to make a booking for any of these events, contact Tourist Information, Ballymoney Town Hall **028 2766 0230** or visit **ballymoney.gov.uk** for details.

FREE EVENTS LISTING



Are you planning any events in the borough area which are open to the general public. If so, Why not avail of the FREE events listing service available on the Council's corporate website, **www.ballymoney.gov.uk**

Simply email details of your event to events@ballymoney.gov.uk , fax to 028 2766 3852 or post the information to:

Events
Office of the Chief Executive
Riada House
14 Charles Street
Ballymoney BT53 6DZ

What information do we need?

- ✓ Date of Event
- ✓ Event Name
- ✓ Location of Event
- ✓ Description eg organizing body, admission charge, contact for further info.

Entertainment events will also be included on our new tourist website **www.visitballymoney.com**



castlecroft square

our **christmas markets** opens sat 24th nov & sat 15th dec
from 10am-3pm why not visit our website for
christmas happening in ballymoney

www.visitballymoney.com



Deaths from carbon monoxide poisoning generated by domestic heating appliances have received a great deal of publicity in recent years. When gas does not burn properly, excess carbon monoxide gas is produced, which is poisonous. You can't see it. You can't taste it. You can't even smell it. But carbon monoxide can kill without warning in just a matter of hours.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) is a carbon monoxide risk that may be present in your workplace or home. Gas appliances can be properly managed if homeowners and employers make sure they take the appropriate safety measures to eliminate the risk of carbon monoxide Poisoning. Others hazards associated with the use of gas are explosion and fire that may lead to serious injury, ill health and even death.

Ballymoney Borough Council are highlighting these risks and are requesting that duty holders such as landlords and employers to be 'Wise' about the safety of their gas systems.

Under the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) (NI) Regulations 2004, landlords and employers are

required by law to ensure that all gas appliances are maintained in good order. An annual safety check must to be carried out by a registered CORGI (the Council for Registered Gas Installers) engineer on all gas appliances and flues. Both Landlords and employers must keep a record of the safety certificate.

Ballymoney Borough Council is currently promoting the 'Gas Wise' Initiative throughout the borough. Borough Services Directorate are asking duty holders such as employers to be 'Wise' about the safety of their gas system in their workplace. The key message of 'GAS Wise' is:

- W** - work on gas systems should only be undertaken by appropriately registered CORGI installers
- I** - instruct staff on how to operate equipment correctly and safely
- S** - service appliances in accordance with manufacturer's instructions
- E** - ensure adequate ventilation in premises at all times

The Borough Services Directorate will be approaching workplaces within the Borough to remind employers of their statutory duties if they use gas. If gas is used at their premises a copy of a current appropriate gas safety certificate for the installation, issued by an appropriately registered CORGI gas installer will be requested.

If you would like more detailed information on the legal requirements of maintaining gas systems within your home or workplace, please contact Borough Services Directorate on 028 27 660 257.

SO YOU THINK YOU'RE AS GOOD AS LEWIS HAMILTON



Lewis Hamilton has shot to fame this year with his stunning performances on the World Formula 1 stage. Most of us won't reach the dizzy heights of winning at Indianapolis, but you can now get the opportunity to improve your driving skills here at home to help you survive the dangers on our roads.

17 young people are killed or seriously injured in vehicles every month on Northern Ireland's roads. Serious injuries include brain damage, spinal injuries and loss of limbs.

Amongst young people road crashes are the single most common cause of accidental death. 1 in 3 young people will have an accident in the first two years after passing their test.

Ballymoney Borough Road Safety Committee in partnership with Ballymoney Community Safety Partnership, Ballymoney Borough Council, Institute of Advanced Motorists, and Northern Investing for Health Partnership are providing a programme of subsidised training for young drivers aged 18 to 24.

The training is designed to take young drivers to a level of competence that they can pass the Institute of Advanced Motorists Advanced Driving Test.

Drivers must live in or work in the Ballymoney Borough Council area and should register their interest by completing a registration form, available from the Council Offices at Riada House. The registration form

can also be downloaded from the Council's website at www.ballymoney.gov.uk

The cost of the test is usually £75 and is now available for £25. Advanced drivers can also benefit from reduced insurance premiums.

Sam Knox, Chairman of the Ballymoney Borough Road Safety Committee said "This is an excellent opportunity for young people to gain from improved skills which will make them safer on the roads."

Get yourself in poll position and make sure you're a winner. Enrol today and make sure of a place on the training programme.



Christmas Switch On Night

High St Ballymoney

Thursday 29th November

DJ Barry from 7.00pm

Friendly Faces, Balloon Modelling & Facepainting all evening

"Ballymoney's Got Talent" from 7.05pm-7.30pm

Message from the Mayor and Chamber President 7.40pm

Follow the Star Parade with Local Schools 7.45pm

Santa arrives by Train at 7.45pm

Lights Switch On 8.00pm

Live on Stage the Fabulous Sunshine from 8pm to late

Special Late Night Shopping until 9pm



Ballymoney Borough Council and Ballymoney Chamber of Commerce

Additional Late Night Shopping Thurs 20th and Fri 21st December. Some shops will open Sunday 23rd December.

Christmas Tree Decorations and Lights Designed and Sponsored by Bell Architects Ballymoney.

*The above programme is subject to revision, addition or cancellation, without notice and subject to weather conditions.

Ballymoney Christmas Tree decorations and lights kindly designed and sponsored by Bell Architects, Main St, Ballymoney.

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