

Ballymoney Community Safety Partnership



Safer Bonfire Competition 2009

Competition Rules & Entry Form

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Entry Form

Town/Village _____

Location of Bonfire (Please give details of the exact location in the town/village where the bonfire is due to be held) _____

Date of Bonfire _____

Name and contact details of primary organisers (Please note there must be at least 3 adult organisers)

1. Name: _____

2. Name _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Tel No. _____

Tel. No. _____

3. Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel No. _____

Nominated Charity, Youth Group, Band or Local Community Group to Receive Prize Money if Successful: _____

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Marks	
Comments	

Please forward completed entry forms to:

**Bryan Edgar, Chairperson, Community Safety Partnership, Ballymoney
Borough Council, Riada House, 14 Charles Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6DZ.**

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Safer Bonfire Competition

Purpose

Ballymoney Community Safety Partnership wish to encourage organisers of traditional bonfires in the Borough to enter a Safer Bonfire Competition in 2009. Bonfires before and after the event can be an eyesore and it is therefore hoped that this competition will encourage a safer, more environmentally friendly approach that will benefit everyone.

Number of Competitions

There will be 2 competitions. The first competition will be for bonfires up to and including July 2009, and the second one will be for bonfires up to and including October 2009.

Eligibility

Only traditional bonfires that have taken place for 9 years or more prior to June 2009 in that locality will be eligible to enter the competition. Traditional bonfires will be deemed to be those that have come to the attention of either Ballymoney Borough Council, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Police Service of Northern Ireland or any government department responsible for public land within the Borough of Ballymoney.

The deadline for entries to the first and second competitions will be 26th June 2009 and 16th October 2009 respectively. Where a traditional bonfire site has been relocated as a result of a safety issue or following negotiation with local residents and landowners, with the agreement of the competition organisers, the new site will be eligible to enter the competition.

If three responsible persons do not register an eligible bonfire in the competition, it will nevertheless be automatically entered and if successful in winning a prize will be offered to the nearest constituted community group/association. In these circumstances the prize money will be reduced by 50% and only one payment will be made per community group/association. A responsible person is defined as someone over the age of 18 (eighteen) years.

Duties of Responsible Persons

Responsible persons will be liable for directing the bonfire construction and liaising with officers of the partnership on relevant issues.

Prizes

There will be a range of prizes for the Safer Bonfires. The prize money will be donated to a charity, youth group, band or local community group of your choice. The designated charity/group chosen to benefit from the prize money

if the bonfire is successful must be agreed by the partnership before the competition takes place.

Paying Orders or cash will not be made or given to any individuals in respect of prize awards.

Application forms

Competition entries must be made on the approved application form. Signed application forms must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked Safer Bonfire Competition addressed to the Community Safety Co-ordinator Ballymoney Community Safety Partnership, Ballymoney Borough Council, Riada House, 14 Charles Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6DZ by (26th June 2009 at 4.30pm and 16th October 2009 at 4.30pm).

Application forms may be obtained from the Community Safety Co-ordinator, Ballymoney Community Safety Partnership, Ballymoney Borough Council, Riada House, 14 Charles Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6DZ, telephone 028276 60257, or by visiting www.ballymoney.gov.uk, and following the link from Council services to community safety.

Judging Criteria

The following criteria shall be used when marking the competition.

Any bonfires containing tyres, gas cylinders, aerosols, batteries, fridges, washing machines or other non-burnable items shall be excluded from the competition.

Removal of any of the above items prior to the final assessment of the bonfire will ensure reinstatement to the competition.

The bonfire site must be kept tidy at all times.

No materials for the bonfire shall be placed on the site more than 4 weeks before the date of the bonfire. Stockpiling of material more than 4 weeks prior to the event will be considered to be flytipping and the landowner will be required to remove and properly dispose of it.

Sites will be assessed from 4 weeks prior to the event and 2 weeks after. There will be two independent assessments by all statutory organisations (once before and once after) excluding Ballymoney Borough Council who will undertake three independent assessments. Finally there will be a joint post event assessment by all statutory organisations.

There must not be any huts or dens in or near the bonfire.

Bonfires must be built with a clearance space of at least 5 times the bonfire height around it and it must not cause damage to nearby property or the surrounding area. If the bonfire is 5 metres high (approximately 15 feet) it should be 25 metres (approximately 75 feet) to the nearest property. Property includes any boundary fence or hedge.

Bonfires must be kept clear of electricity and telephone wires and shall not cause a hazard for road users.

Any attempt to sabotage any other bonfire in the competition will result in immediate disqualification from the competition.

Additional scores will be awarded to those events that embrace a more family orientated approach.

The successful bonfire in each competition will be decided and announced by the end of August and November 2009 respectively.

The decision of the judging panel will be final.

Ballymoney Community Safety Partnership will not be in any way liable for any events/damage/injury which occur as a result of a bonfire entered in this competition.