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Alderman Jim McClurg
Mayor

Autumn brings its own special events and attractions and in this Autumn/Winter edition of Compass, you'll find lots of ideas on what there is to do, see, take part in and enjoy throughout our beautiful Borough.

Carrickfergus is indeed a beautiful place to live and we are fortunate to have such a wonderful range of historic attractions right on our doorsteps. Many of us drive past our majestic and imposing Castle every day, but when was the last time we took time to explore it? So why not do as the article on tourism at home suggests, and enjoy an autumn day rediscovering our rich local history and heritage.

I hope you also enjoy the fascinating article on the Council's Dog Pound at Sullatober,

Marshallstown Road, Carrickfergus. Staff at the Pound do a wonderful job of rescuing, caring for and re-homing numerous dogs, not just from our Borough, but also from Belfast. It brings to mind the strapline 'A dog is not just for Christmas', a thought which becomes all the more relevant as we approach the festive time of year.

I am sure that many of you, like me, will be looking forward to seeing the Council's newly commissioned 'Boots' sculptures when they are installed. The sculptures are especially poignant in that they commemorate not just our own war-time dead, but also remind us of recent tragedies in the mining community of Ruda Slaska, our Polish sister city.

In conclusion, I sincerely hope you enjoy this edition of Compass and that you are proud to live in such a special place as Carrickfergus.



Alan A C Cardwell
Town Clerk & Chief Executive

Each year our 'Carrickfergus in Bloom Best Kept Awards' reveal the exceptional level of pride that residents hold for this Borough. In this year's competition, the judges noted a particularly high quality and diversity of entrants. I would like to congratulate the winners and thank everyone who took part, including the sponsors who continue to support Carrickfergus in Bloom.

One of the primary roles of local government is to facilitate economic development and social growth in its communities. With this in mind, it is pleasing to note the success that has been achieved to date under the GROW scheme, especially for Whitehead, which is set to benefit from approximately £170,000 of

regeneration funding. This funding will create opportunities to carry out major improvements and development in the area, which will be to the benefit of the local community and businesses in the locality.

With winter approaching and central heating systems once more coming into use, I welcome the articles on Carbon Monoxide and Keeping Warm in Winter. Both of these subjects are pertinent and timely. I would encourage you to read them carefully and follow their advice, particularly in relation to the killer gas, Carbon Monoxide. Never was the saying that it's better to be safe than sorry more applicable.

Finally, may I express my delight at the pilot "Mastermind" scheme being rolled out as part of the Council's curriculum-linked school programme. I am sure that its innovative blend of the historic and the contemporary will be a hit with students and staff alike.

A KNIGHT to remember

Carrickfergus Borough Council recently brought history home when John De Courcy returned to be quizzed by Year 8 history pupils of Carrickfergus College.

The pilot "Mastermind" scheme is being rolled out as an offering on the Council's curriculum-linked school programme. It saw De Courcy being put quite literally under the spotlight, as he was grilled about his life and times in Carrickfergus by pupils who had recently studied the topic.

Professional re-enactor Mark Davis took to the "Mastermind" chair and gave the students a taste of Norman life, answering their questions and providing authentic demonstrations. Workshops are available to schools by contacting Stacey Ferguson.

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In memoria

Military boot sculptures to commemorate the war-time dead.

Carrickfergus Borough Council has commissioned the internationally renowned sculptor John Sherlock, who is based in Newtownabbey, to create three pairs of replica military boots in remembrance of war-time dead. Two of the boot sculptures will be installed at the Borough's war memorial sites in Carrickfergus and Whitehead. The third will be placed at Prospect Gate in Carrickfergus.

A further pair of boots was commissioned as a condolence gesture to Carrickfergus' Sister City, Ruda Slaska, in Poland. This was to commemorate a recent mining disaster in the town which claimed 13 lives and left 18 miners seriously injured. It was the worst mining tragedy in the town since 2006, when 23 miners perished in the Halemba mine. The sculpture was presented to the Mayor of Ruda Slaska in memory of their loss.

John Sherlock created the boot sculptures using authentic military boots as his template. Moulds were made of each pair. These were enlarged to one and a half times life size, then individually sculpted by Sherlock. When every detail had

been replicated, the moulds were sent to the 'Bronze Art' foundry in Dublin where a durable and attractive patina, or surface finish, was applied.

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Sculpture, John Sherlock, thoughtfully crafting the replica military boots as part of Carrickfergus Borough Council's programme of public art

GIVE A DOG A HOME



All the dogs pictured above have been successfully rehomed.



The team at Carrickfergus Dog Pound

Are you thinking of purchasing a new family pet? If so, why not visit Carrickfergus Dog Pound! We're located at Sullatober, Marshallstown Road, Carrickfergus and we have a large selection of dogs for you to choose from.

You'll find all sorts of breeds and dogs of all ages, shapes and sizes, so we're sure to have a pooch to suit you or your family's needs. What's more, the Pound receives new dogs every day (especially now that we are receiving dogs from Belfast City Council), so if you don't see your ideal dog today, you can always try again tomorrow.



You can visit the Dog Pound at the following times:

- Monday to Friday: 11am – 12.30pm and 2pm – 4pm
- Saturday: 11am – 12pm
- Sunday: Closed

It only costs £30 to adopt a dog from the Pound, plus £5 for a license. All our dogs are micro-chipped free of charge by trained staff before they leave. Also, when you home a dog from the Pound, you will receive a voucher, redeemable at veterinary surgeries, towards the cost of having your new pet neutered. This means you will only have to pay the first £15 of the vet's costs for neutering.

Maybe you've lost your dog and you're coming to the Pound to reclaim it – the cost is £20 if claimed on the first day, plus £5 per day thereafter. We take every precaution to ensure that all dogs leaving the Pound are in a healthy condition; however, we strongly recommend you take your dog to a local veterinary surgeon for a health check and vaccinations as soon as possible.

We hope you find this information useful. If you require any more information on the topics covered here, please contact the Dog Pound on T: 028 9335 1639 or email dog.pound@carrickfergus.org. You may also find some useful advice on our Dog Pound pages on the Council's website at www.carrickfergus.org/environment/dog-control/



A DOG IS FOR LIFE!

Before you buy or adopt a new dog, please be sure that you have the time, money and energy to look after it. Also make sure you have selected a dog that will fit in with your lifestyle. Dogs can take up a lot of your time and commitment, they impact upon the lifestyle of you and your family, coming with both a financial and an emotional cost. If you have decided you want a pet dog, here are some general areas you should consider.



TIME:

- You will be responsible for your dog for the next 10-15 years.
- Puppies require more time than adult dogs. You will have to house it, provide obedience training and play time. Adopted dogs may require more training and lots of patience.
- In their first year, dogs need three to four 20-minute play sessions a day.
- Adult dogs require lots of exercise – about 30 minutes per day. Large breeds, terriers, herding and sporting dogs require two to four times as much exercise.
- All dogs require grooming. Long haired dogs will require grooming once a day. Short and medium haired dogs need to be groomed at least once a week.



COSTS:

- **Buying a dog** – pedigree dogs can cost anything from £200 to £1000. Mixed breed dog costs vary. Most animal sanctuaries also charge adopters for a dog.
- **Health care** – all puppies need to be vaccinated at eight and

12 weeks. They will also need annual booster vaccinations.

Your dog will also have to be wormed regularly.

- **Dogs have accidents and illnesses as they get older** – get your dog a veterinary pet insurance plan to help with these costs.
- **Neutering** – dogs not kept for breeding should be neutered.
- **Food** – some pedigree dogs may require special food due to food allergies. Food costs increase as your dog gets bigger. A large dog may require six times as much food as a small dog. Older dogs will require special diets and medications.
- **Grooming** – there may also be grooming fees – coat cutting, toenail clipping and ear cleaning for long-eared dogs.
- **Holidays** – you may incur pet sitting/boarding fee costs.
- **Equipment** – you will need a dog crate, bowls, collar and lead, toys and grooming equipment. You may also need a dog bed or dog run.



LIFESTYLE:

- Dogs are pack animals and generally like the company of humans and other dogs. Do not leave your dog for long periods of time. They need to play and exercise.
- Do not get a large or working dog if there are no open spaces to exercise it near your home.
- If you have a demanding job you may be too tired to exercise a dog twice a day.
- You will need lots of patience with a new puppy or an adopted dog for house and obedience training. Find out if any of your family are allergic to dog hair before getting a dog.
- If you are fussy about your home and do not have time to clean away dog hair, do not get a long haired breed.



SELECTING A DOG:

- When viewing a potential new dog, don't make an instant decision. Think about how the dog will fit in with your family, your lifestyle and other pets.
- Get to know the general breed traits of dogs before you make a selection.
- Do not buy a dog as a surprise for someone else as they may not like your choice.
- If you are adopting a dog find out about its background. If you are selecting a new puppy find out about the parents' temperaments.
- Before you bring a new dog/puppy home, make sure you have all the required food and equipment.
- Put expensive items in safe places so the dog cannot break them in play.
- Identify household poisons and lock them away.



EVERY ANIMAL HAS FIVE BASIC RIGHTS WHICH MUST BE UPHELD BY ITS OWNER. THESE ARE:

- 1 **Freedom of movement** – dogs should not be curtailed for prolonged periods of time in a kennel, outhouse or chained up at the bottom of the garden.
- 2 **Food and water** – dogs should have constant access to clean, fresh water and should be fed at least twice per day. Puppies should be fed three to four times per day until they are six months old.
- 3 **Shelter** – dogs should have a clean, draught free building or kennel which protects them from the elements. Kennels should be cleaned out every other day to ensure the dog's continued good health.
- 4 **Exercise** – depending on breed, dogs should receive anywhere between 30 minutes to one hour of exercise every day.
- 5 **Psychological freedom** – like humans, dogs become stressed if unable to express their frustration. A stressed dog behaves in a way that will attract human attention. Barking, biting and chewing furniture, chasing, digging, and forgetting its house training are all behavioural signs that the dog is not at ease with its environment.



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS INCLUDE:

- **Grooming** – some dogs require regular grooming and should be brought to a professional groomer if they have long, difficult coats. In summer, be on the lookout for fleas and ticks on your dog's scalp.
- **Insurance** – taking out insurance means that should your dog damage property or injure someone, the insurance company may be liable for costs. Insurance also covers the prohibitive costs of some veterinary treatment. Always check your policy beforehand.
- **Neutering** – prevents the misery of unwanted litters and promotes the health and well being of your pet.
- **Vaccinations** – disease prevention by vaccination must be started in puppyhood and maintained by annual booster doses throughout the animal's life. Older dogs that are re-homed from a shelter are normally vaccinated and the new owner will receive a certificate of vaccination.
- **Cars are death traps for dogs** – never leave your dog in a car in warm weather. A dog is incapable of dealing with high temperatures inside a car, and will quickly suffer from heatstroke and eventually heart failure.

DOGS AND FIREWORKS

Fireworks are something that a lot of people love to see this time of year, unfortunately for some dogs and their owners it's a time that causes a lot of stress and in extreme cases can cause an injury or even the death of a much loved pet.

Many of these injuries are self inflicted as the animal is so stressed it will bite and claw its way out of almost anything including jumping over high walls and fences they normally wouldn't be able to get over and jumping at windows etc. If the dog isn't already injured by then it is now at great risk of a road traffic accident as well as injuring other road users and members of the public.

In the past fireworks were only heard on a few nights but now they can continue for weeks on end making it impossible for pet owners to predict and prepare their dog. All dogs are different and what works for one won't necessarily work for another.

There are some things you can do to prepare; firstly if you already know your dog is frightened of fireworks you can try using a desensitising CD in the weeks building up to the fireworks. The CD plays random noises to mimic the fireworks and gradually desensitise the dog to the fireworks. It's also very important not to try and comfort your dog while it's stressed as this is actually rewarding it for being afraid and enforcing the behaviour because you are praising and petting the dog. Your dog will look to you for reassurance but it is best to ignore it, if your dog sees that you are relaxed it will see there is nothing to stress about. Having a crate or hiding place to mimic a den can make your dog feel safe and secure that's why you will see some dogs go in below tables etc. Try just to let them settle and you could also cover the sides with blankets to create a more secure environment. You could also try turning the TV up or the radio but bear in mind that not all dogs like music played too loudly.

There is a lot of very useful information online these days if you have access to the internet and if none of the above things work you can also speak to your vet to see if he can prescribe some sedatives.

So much to see... right on our doorstep

As residents of Carrickfergus Borough, we are fortunate to live in an exciting and beautiful place. Now that the busy summer season has come to an end, why not make the most of the wealth of attractions right on our doorstep and be a tourist at home! With a host of places to choose from, here is just a sample of our best loved attractions:

Spadefuls of history

With its strategic location at the mouth of Belfast Lough, Carrickfergus was the most important town in the north of Ireland until the 1700s, when it was gradually overtaken by the growing industrial might of Belfast. However, its rich historical and architectural heritage means that today, Carrickfergus is the most researched and excavated town in Northern Ireland.

And what an historical tapestry has been woven around Carrickfergus. From the Anglo-Norman conquest and settlement in the 12th century; through Cromwell's campaign in Ireland in the 1640s; then the Williamite campaign of 1689-92, and the 18th century wars with France and the American colonies - all these historical events affected the physical and social fabric of our town and its people. Yet both survived these periods of turmoil and continued to prosper.



Come home to history at Carrickfergus Museum

Carrickfergus Museum interprets the long and distinguished history of the town and surrounding district from earliest times to the present day. Material from the Council's own civic collection, together with Carrickfergus related material on loan from both private and national collections are on display. There are several 'hands on' interactive facilities giving a fun as well as an informative angle to the displays. The separate 'community archive' features 20th century local and social history material, relating to the Borough's recent past. The archive also gives visitors the opportunity to add their own information, stories, photographs, documents and newspapers to the collection. Admission is free of charge.

Carrickfergus Castle

A striking feature of the landscape from land, sea and air, Carrickfergus Castle greets all visitors with its strength and menace. It represents over 800 years of military might. Besieged in turn by the Scots, Irish, English and French, the Castle saw action right up to World War II. Today it is maintained by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency and is an ideal place for a day out, whether you want to learn more about its history or are just looking for a fun day out.



Andrew Jackson Cottage & US Rangers Centre

The Andrew Jackson Cottage highlights Carrickfergus' strong American and Ulster-Scots connections. Its display gallery tells the story of Andrew Jackson, seventh president of the USA, whose parents emigrated to America from Carrickfergus in 1765.

Located less than a mile from the town centre off the Larne Road, this single-storey thatched cottage, built in the 1750s, has been restored to its original state. The interior has been decorated with a dresser, spongeware crockery, iron pots and griddles. The cottage also has a collection of Ulster patchwork quilts.

Beside the Jackson Cottage is an exhibition centre dedicated to the US Rangers, the elite American army regiment. Formed in 1942, the US Rangers were based in Carrickfergus during World War II. The exhibition has an enthralling collection of uniforms, photographs, documents and other material detailing this famed combat unit.



Beauty and serenity in St Nicholas' Church

St. Nicholas' Church was established on this site in 1182 by the Anglo Norman, John de Courcy. Symbolism and history are interwoven in the church's fabric, as illustrated by the famed crooked aisle. This 'skew', as it is known, was quite deliberately created to represent the head of Christ on the Cross falling to the right. The Church has many impressive stained glass windows, but take time to enjoy the 16th century Flemish "John the Baptist" window. Its unique style and exquisite colouring make it a 'must-see' for visitors.



Coming soon, our New Leaflet

Carrickfergus Borough Council's Tourism Section is currently developing a new tourism brochure detailing all of the Borough's historic attractions in one place. This will shortly be available from the Tourist Information Centre.



Flame! The Gasworks Museum of Ireland

Carrickfergus boasts Ireland's sole surviving coal gasworks, one of only three left in the British Isles. The original gasworks opened in 1855 and supplied the town with gas for over 100 years. It has now been lovingly and faithfully restored by the Carrickfergus Gasworks Preservation Society and opened to the public.

Visit this unique museum and discover how gas was made from coal and used for light, heat and power. Take a nostalgic and educational look at the extensive display of original gas appliances. Groups and school parties are especially welcome to this survivor from a bygone age.

CO: the silent killer

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is toxic. As events this summer have tragically shown, it can, and does, kill.

CO is a gas which is given off when carbon-based fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas, are incompletely burned. When a heating appliance that burns a fossil fuel is working correctly most of the carbon in the fuel is converted to carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide (CO₂) will not support life, but it is relatively harmless when breathed, so long as there is sufficient oxygen in the air.

However, if the heating appliance is not working correctly, or there is insufficient combustion air available, a larger proportion of the carbon in the fuel is converted to CO. CO, unlike carbon dioxide, is poisonous. Our lungs will transfer CO to our blood in preference to oxygen. This means that no matter how much oxygen is in the air, if there is too much CO we will begin to feel the effects. In fact, depending on general fitness, as little as 20 to 50 parts of CO to one million parts of air can cause symptoms.

THE DANGER SIGNS

The effect of CO can be cumulative. You can be in an atmosphere with a low concentration of CO which will not noticeably affect you immediately, but over a period of time it can gradually overcome you. CO is tasteless, odourless and invisible. The initial symptoms, which include slight headache, shortness of breath etc, may not be noticed. It is this insidious nature which makes CO so dangerous.

Carbon monoxide may be present if there are any of the following danger signs:

- ☠ Gas flames that normally burn blue burn orange or yellow instead.
- ☠ Sooty stains appear on or just above appliances, regardless of the fuel being burnt.
- ☠ Coal or wood fires burn slowly or go out.
- ☠ The fire is difficult to light.
- ☠ The room is not properly ventilated.
- ☠ The chimney or flue is blocked - watch out for smoke in the room.
- ☠ You develop the following unexplained symptoms:
 - tiredness
 - drowsiness
 - headaches
 - dizziness
 - chest pains
 - nausea

SAFETY MESSAGES & FACTS

The first line of defence against CO poisoning is to ensure that all fuel burning appliances i.e., boilers, fires, gas cookers etc are properly installed, are provided with sufficient combustion air and are correctly maintained (note that the installation of some of these appliances may require Building Regulation approval and should certainly only be carried out by a properly accredited professional).

Having taken these initial steps you may then wish to consider the installation of one or more CO detectors, similar to a smoke alarm. If you do so, you should ensure that the detector you buy meets the appropriate standard. The standard applicable is a 'Euro Norm' i.e. it is applicable across the whole of Europe. The number you should look for is BS EN 50291. The detector should be installed strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

You should also check the life of the detector as most of the "detector modules" in these devices have a five to six year lifespan and the module may need to be replaced after that time. Such a detector should give you a second line of defence if an appliance becomes faulty or the supply of combustion air restricted.



For further information refer to the following: Gas Safe Register at www.gassaferegister.co.uk or the Council Building Control Section T: 028 9335 8061

Keeping Warm: in winter



With the weather turning colder, and fuel costs rising again, now is the time to think about the most energy efficient ways to keep your home warm this autumn and winter. Cavity wall and loft insulation will help to keep in the heat. But it's also important to have a regular maintenance check of your heating system, as this will keep it running efficiently and ensure you achieve the best value for your fuel costs.

Oil Stamps Scheme

The launch of the popular Oil Stamps Scheme as a pilot scheme in the Whitehead area in Autumn/Winter 2010 will help you to budget for your next oil bill. The savings cards and stamps will be available from several outlets. The £5 Oil Savings Stamps can be purchased as often as it suits you and put on the card, which holds 30 stamps. These stamps will then be accepted by a selection of local oil companies as payment or part payment for your next fill of oil. By spreading the cost in this way, you will not have to find hundreds of pounds at one time to pay the bill.

Oil Savings Stamps also make a great gift for a neighbour or relative. Keep an eye on the local press and on the Carrickfergus Borough Council website (www.carrickfergus.org) for details on the launch of this scheme!

For further information about any of the above or to arrange a talk for local groups please contact Paul Miles on T: 028 9336 3449 or E: paul.miles@carrickfergus.org

Insulation and heating advice

For homeowners and private tenants there are also several schemes such as 'Warm Homes' and 'Warmer Ways to Better Health' to help with insulation, heating and advice on energy efficiency. For those of any age in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits, for example Pension Credit, Working Tax Credit, Rate Rebate or on an income for a single person of £18,000 per annum or less, or a couple with an income of £25,000 per annum or less, the work may be carried out free of charge.

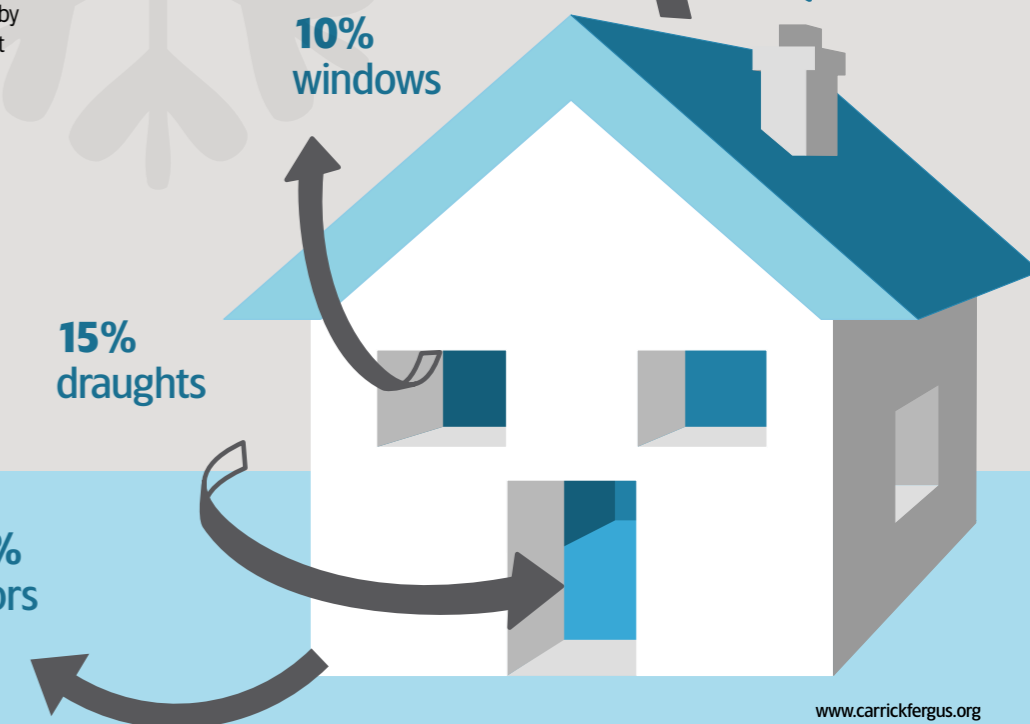
Where does the heat go?

10% windows

15% draughts

15% floors

25% roof



And the winner is...

was very difficult for all categories; however everyone who took part should be proud of their achievements"

BEST KEPT GARDEN

Winner: Joan Reid, Carrickfergus.
Runner-up: John O'Neill, Carrickfergus.
Runner-up: Chris Hamill, Whitehead.
Runner-up: Bill Johnston, Carrickfergus.

BEST KEPT CONTAINER GARDEN

Winner: Annette Keith, Carrickfergus.
Runner-up: Christopher Betts, Carrickfergus.
Runner-up: Robert Welch, Eden.
Runner-up: Ruth Hickey, Carrickfergus.

BEST KEPT COMMUNITY PLANTING SCHEME

Winner: Brooklands Drive Residents Association, Whitehead.
Runner-up: Charles Sheils Charity, Carrickfergus.
Runner-up: Greenisland Environmental and Heritage Group, Greenisland.
Runner-up: Carrickfergus Town Centre Display (Carrickfergus Chamber of Commerce).

BEST KEPT ALLOTMENT

(sponsored by Sunnybank Nursery and Garden Centre)
Winner: Godfrey Robinson, Carrickfergus.
Runner-up: William Robinson, Carrickfergus.
Runner-up: Maggi Watson, Greenisland.

BEST KEPT COMMERCIAL PREMISES

Winner: The Gallery, Carrickfergus.
Runner-up: McMasters Butchers, Whitehead.
Runner-up: Glam Hair and Beauty Salon, Whitehead.
Runner-up: Northern Bank Limited, Carrickfergus.

BEST KEPT PUB OR HOTEL

Winner: Coffee and Cream, Whitehead.
Runner-up: Brewers Fayre, Carrickfergus.

it a 'Borough of Flowers', Carrickfergus has become a more pleasant place in which to work, live and visit.

Rewarding our horticultural talent In September, the results of this year's 'Carrickfergus in Bloom Best Kept Awards' were announced by Alderman May Beattie:

"We are delighted to announce the Carrickfergus in Bloom Community Competition Winners and Runners-up. I am thrilled with the response from those taking part and am really excited about the quality and diversity of the entrants. It has been an opportunity for me to see the wealth and variety of horticultural talent in our community. Winners and runners-up will be invited to a prize-giving ceremony at the Town Hall in October to receive their certificates and prizes. At the ceremony we shall announce our plans for Carrickfergus in Bloom in the coming year. I would also like to thank the sponsors for supporting Carrickfergus in Bloom."

Stephen Daye, Parks & Countryside Development Officer with Carrickfergus Borough Council and one of the judges, commented:

"We were very impressed by the number of high quality entries this year. The amount of time many entrants spend in their gardens and level of dedication they devoted to their displays is a credit to them all. Deciding on a winner



Alderman Beattie pictured with Joan Reid winner of the 'Best Kept Garden'

There's an old advertising strapline which suggests that when it comes to expressing our feelings, we should 'Say it with flowers.'

In that case, the abundance of flowers, hanging baskets, bedding plants and other attractive horticultural displays on show each summer must represent an outpouring of affection for Carrickfergus Borough. They also are a visible manifestation of the horticultural talent at large within the Borough and the willingness of our green-fingered residents to participate in the annual Carrickfergus in Bloom Community Competition.

Carrickfergus in Bloom was developed by Carrickfergus Borough Council as a means of brightening up the Borough. By making

Tree Week

National Tree Week (27 November - 5 December 2010) is an annual festival to mark the start of the tree planting season, and a nationwide celebration of trees and woods. National Tree Week is a great chance for communities to do something positive for their local treescape.

This year we have a special celebration as we will have planted by the end of the planting season 100,000 trees in the Borough since 2000. Across the Borough there will be lots of opportunities to plant trees. To celebrate National Tree Week, Carrickfergus Borough Council is inviting everyone to help make trees matter by planting and celebrating trees in National Tree Week. For events in your area visit www.carrickfergus.org/treeweek or T: 028 9335 8000.



2010 International Year of Biodiversity

Biodiversity is our life

2010 has been declared the International Year of Biodiversity by the United Nations. Biodiversity encompasses all living things; the diversity of species, the variation of genes that enables organisms to evolve and adapt, and the wide range of ecosystems where organisms live and interact.

Biodiversity is essential for sustaining the natural living systems or ecosystems that provide us with food, fuel, health, wealth, and other vital services. We humans are part of this biodiversity and we have the power to protect it... or destroy it.

The world's ecosystems are fragile and their collapse may cause mass extinction of species. It is estimated that more than 10,000 species become extinct worldwide each year, and this figure is rising. The primary cause of this extinction is human activity. These losses are irreversible, they impoverish us all and they damage the life support systems on which we rely. But we can prevent them.

Here's what we're doing

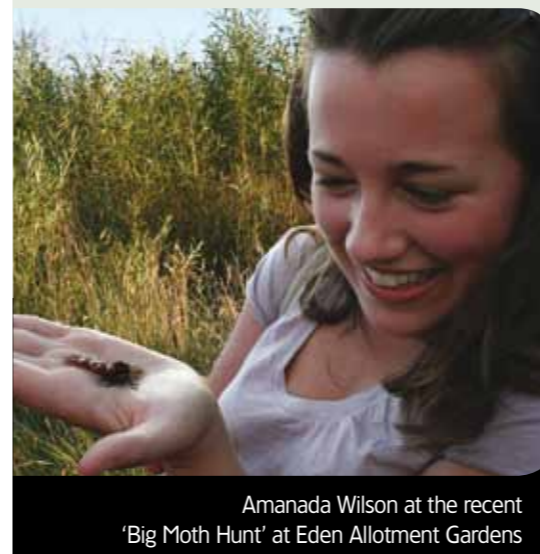
Carrickfergus Borough Council is committed to enhancing biodiversity through:

1. Reducing chemical inputs in our properties.
2. Not using peat-based products.
3. Planting wildflower meadows and thousands of trees since 2000.
4. Deploing the illegal collection of plants from the wild.
5. Ensuring where possible that wood products used, are genuinely certified as coming from forests that are well managed with full regard to the environment.
6. Employing horticultural best practice and encouraging a sustainable approach to the work we do.
7. Monitoring, recording and enhancing biodiversity at our open spaces.
8. Providing relevant scientific and practical advice to our customers.
9. Maintaining plant genetic diversity by growing a wide range of ornamental plants.
10. Providing advice on the control of invasive alien plants.

Here's what you can do

1. Use ornamental plants that provide a food source for mammals, birds and insects over a long period.
2. Leave dead wood on trees. It's hugely beneficial to biodiversity. Alternatively, use dead wood as a garden ornament, or create a feature from a log pile.
3. Consider cutting back some of the perennials in spring that provide a winter food source for birds and mammals.
4. Reduce the use of chemicals, particularly to control insect pests.
5. A water feature without fish will enable amphibians to spawn. They will return the favour by controlling slugs and snails.
6. Reduce the size of your lawn, or consider leaving part uncut.
7. Turn all or part of your lawn into a wildflower meadow.
8. Install bird feeders, bird, hedgehog and bat boxes, solitary bee nests, ladybird and lacewing homes, etc.
9. Think carefully about what you use in your garden, such as potting compost, plants and wooden furniture.
10. Recycle the plant material in your garden as compost.

This year we have been carrying out a sustainable development audit of our services and we hope to publish the results soon. If you are interested in protecting our biodiversity and would like to be kept informed, please telephone Stephen Daye on T: 028 9335 8039 or visit www.carrickfergus.org/biodiversity



Amanada Wilson at the recent 'Big Moth Hunt' at Eden Allotment Gardens



FUNDING BOOST FOR WHITEHEAD

Whitehead is one of several villages across rural South Antrim which is set to benefit from funding under GROW. The GROW scheme was set up to manage and deliver funding under the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2007–2013. GROW has a budget of almost £9 million to invest in a wide range of projects, including farm diversification, business creation and development, tourism, basic services, village renewal, conservation and upgrading the rural heritage.

Through the Village Renewal theme of the programme, GROW offers support to local villages and surrounding rural areas, with the aim of improving the quality of life and making our rural villages better places to live, work and play.

The first stage of the renewal process will be to develop a Masterplan for Whitehead. This will involve identifying what resources are currently in place in the village and pinpointing what additional resources need to be developed.

The second stage will entail implementing those actions identified through the Masterplan to regenerate Whitehead and enhance the community infrastructure. This could, for example, involve making improvements to how Whitehead looks; providing signage and/or streetscaping; or, encouraging greater use of existing buildings in the village. Approximately £170,000 could be available to implement these and other actions in Whitehead under the Village Renewal measure.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND INVOLVEMENT

Carrickfergus Borough Council was successful in its application for funding to develop the Whitehead Masterplan, and the Masterplan process began in June 2010. From the outset, community consultation has formed the cornerstone of the plan's development. An open forum event was held in Castleview Pavilion at the end of June, to which all residents and members of the Whitehead community were invited.

To date, there have been six stakeholder meetings with various groups, including Roads Service, local Councillors, Community Groups and the Housing Executive. After the draft Masterplan was completed, a three week public consultation was held for members of the public to voice their views and have their say

in the future of Whitehead. The Masterplan is due to be completed by the end of November 2010 and it is anticipated that the village will apply for funding to implement aspects of the plan in early 2011.

REVITALISED, VIBRANT RURAL COMMUNITY

Alderman Billy Ashe, Chair of the Steering Group which had responsibility for taking the plan forward, said: "We are extremely grateful to GROW and to Carrickfergus Borough Council for providing the funding to develop this Masterplan. We are confident that the plan will ensure that Whitehead is a village which is forward thinking, while keeping the best of the heritage of the area. Thanks to the involvement of everyone who took the time to give their views, this is truly a plan for the whole community."

Joint Council Committee member, Cllr Isobel Day, said:

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This is an opportunity to carry out major improvements in Whitehead, to develop the area for both the local community and businesses. With significant funding available to implement actions coming out of the Masterplan, I look forward to seeing Whitehead benefit to become revitalised, building on the vibrant rural community which is already there.

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GROW plans to reopen for applications under Basic Services and Rural Heritage from 6 September 2010, closing on 4 October 2010. Farm Diversification, Business Creation & Development and Rural Tourism will reopen in early 2011.

For further information on the Whitehead Masterplan, contact Gail Kelly, Carrickfergus Borough Council on T: 028 9335 8051 or email kellyg@carrickfergus.org

If you are interested in finding out more on Village Renewal or any of the other programme themes, please contact the GROW office on T: 028 9448 1311 or visit www.growsouthantrim.com



Carrickfergus Borough

CARRICKFERGUS BOROUGH COUNCIL GRANTS

Carrickfergus Borough Council administers a number of grant programmes on an annual basis. The Community Support Grants Programme is currently open for applications.

There are two grant schemes under this programme:

LARGE GRANTS 2010/2011

- Maximum Grant – £5,000
- Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Tuesday 30 November 2010
- Grant must be spent between 1 April 2010 and 31 March 2011

LARGE GRANTS
2010/2011

SMALL GRANTS
2010/2011

SMALL GRANTS 2010/2011

- Maximum Grant of £1,000 can be applied for at anytime during the next financial year (between April 2010 and March 2011)
- Grant must be spent by 31 March 2011

Both grant programmes seek to support community and voluntary organisations in the Borough which can demonstrate the following:

- Increase participation in community life.
- Promote initiatives which will build capacity within communities.
- Strengthen community organisations in disadvantaged areas.
- Increase the level of volunteering opportunities.
- Target resources in areas of greatest deprivation.
- Promote greater partnership working with Government Agencies.

Carrickfergus Borough Council particularly invites applications which will target areas of social need, as per Noble Indicators, and promote social inclusion.

If you wish to apply for a Community Support grant, please contact Gail Kelly, Grants Officer, for an application form at Carrickfergus Borough Council, Museum & Civic Centre, Antrim Street, Carrickfergus, BT38 7DG or T: 028 9335 8051.

Applications under the large grant programme must be submitted to Carrickfergus Borough Council at the above address no later than 12pm on Tuesday 30 November 2010.

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER THIS DEADLINE.

Other funding funding may be available under the Council's Rolling Grants Programme:

ROLLING GRANTS PROGRAMMES

Carrickfergus Borough Council has a number of rolling grants programmes.

Sports Grants – Grants for individuals, existing and new sports clubs

Parks & Countryside – Grants for community groups

Good Relations – Small grants and youth diversionary grants (positive programme/projects)

Start Up Grant – £150 grant for new community/voluntary groups

Arts & Events

Civic Grants

ROLLING
GRANTS

Please contact Gail Kelly on T: 028 9335 8051 if you have any queries or need any assistance with completing an application form.

The Ulster Kit Car Club apply annually to the Arts and Events Sub Committee for a small grant to help cover the costs of staging the Club's exhibition on Castle Green every August.



Get in the ZONE Class Timetable

Where is my class?

- Amplio Studio**
- Kinesis Suite**
- Concordia**
- Arena**

Check out our class timetable at www.carrickfergus.org

All classes are free to members.

Non-members are welcome to book & pay in advance for all classes & courses. £4 per class, £28 per course £30 for Boot-camp

Telephone Bookings
028 9335 8888

Morning Club

A combination of step, weights, circuits and spin. In the Arena or Amplio.

Hip Hop

A class for the younger ones or young at heart. Two separate classes with Laura.

Pump It Up

A non-impact class which strengthens, conditions and tones the body using dumbbells and barbells.

Circuits

Bobby's traditional class for any level of fitness. A combination of strength and aerobic stations.

FitKids & FitTeens

Offload the kids for 2 hours to use up some Saturday morning energy. The FitTeens group exercises on its own with one instructor.

Circuit Blast

Exactly what it says on the tin. A quick lunch time blast for those "out to lunch".

Cardio Box

Punch and kick your way through the latest fitness trend. This innovative workout utilises new moves from boxing and kickboxing.

Performance Spin

Take your fitness to the next level with heart rate training. Strap your monitor on and give it a go.

Spinning®

Spinning® programme consists of instructor-led classes on specialised stationary bikes. All classes will follow an all-terrain format using flats, hills, sprints, jumps and variations. We have a class for all levels.

Pilates

A mat-based exercise to develop alignment, posture and flexibility. Highly effective way to achieve a flatter stomach and tighten your pelvic floor. For men & women.

Body Conditioning

Derived from the LBT class, this class not only targets the legs, bums and tums but works on the complete body.

Kinesis

Kinesis is all about movement, balance, strength, core and the mind. Change the way you look at training forever.

STOTT Pilates

A contemporary approach to the original mind-body exercise method pioneered by Joseph Pilates. A progression in pilates that incorporates modern exercise science and rehabilitation principles, it is a highly effective way to stretch, strengthen and condition your body.

Spin Circuit

A combination of Spin and body conditioning. The perfect total body workout.

Total Body Workout

A high, low or mixed workout for the whole body. A mix of weights and exercise bands. Helps condition the body.

20/20/20

An all round fitness class. 20 minutes step, 20 minutes body conditioning, 20 minutes aerobics.

Yoga

Gentle and relaxing class, concentrating on the conditioning of the body and mind. Builds core strength, flexibility and endurance.

Variation Spin

A variety of spin classes. Each class will have a different "spin" on it. From the Tour de France to technique classes.

MRT Circuits

The major benefit of MRT is that you get all of the amazing fitness gains and fat burning effects without sacrificing your lean body mass.

Kettle Bells

Let Jonathan take you on the latest craze in fitness. Swing your bell into shape.

Spin & Core

A Spinning® class with a twist. Blast your core, abs and back after a funky time on the bikes to give you that toned and strong waist!

Ludo Crèche

For all those yummy mummies, doting dads and glamorous grandparents, working out has never been easier. Amphitheatre's Ludo crèche will soon be open every Monday to Friday with session times from 9am until 12pm. Each session is one hour and can be booked up to seven days in advance. Children may be booked in for a maximum of two hours at a price of £3 per child per hour or £5 for two hours.

For further information on what Ludo crèche has to offer and for the terms & conditions please call a member of your Amphitheatre team on T: 028 9335 8888.

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	TIME
6.30							6.30
6.45							6.45
7.00	6.45 - 7.30 Spin & Core Stephen		6.30 - 9.30 Early Bird Swimming Monday to Friday		6.45 - 7.30 Spin & Core Stephen		7.00
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9.15						9.00 - 9.45: Colin Spin	9.15
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9.45	9.30 - 10.15 Spin for Beginners Tracey	9.30 - 10.30 Morning Club Alison	9.15 - 10.15 Spin & Core Debbie	9.30 - 10.30 Morning Club Alison	9.15 - 9.45: Debbie Beginners Spin	9.30 - 10.30 Morning Club Alison	9.45
10.00			9.30 - 10.30 Pilates Grainne				10.00
10.15						10.00 - 10.45: Debbie Spin	10.15
10.30				10.00 - 11.00 Spin & Tone Circuit Debbie	10.00 - 11.30 Yoga Jane		10.30
10.45	10.30 - 11.15 Beginners Pilates 8 week course Tracey						10.45
11.00			10.30 - 11.15 STOTT PILATES Jenny				11.00
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12.00			11.30 - 13.00 Yoga Grainne				12.00
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12.30						12.15 - 12.45: Gym staff Circuit Blast	12.30
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16.00	15.45 - 17.30 Ulster Scots Dancing Kerry Jordan	15.45 - 17.15 Junior FitKids 4-6 yrs old Jenny & The Gang					16.00
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18.30	17.45 - 18.30: Debbie Spin	17.45 - 18.30: Jenny Spin			18.00 - 18.45: Claire Performance Spin		18.30
18.45							18.45
19.00	18.30 - 19.30 Total Body Workout Andrea	18.45 - 19.30 Spin Jenny	18.45 - 19.30 Spin & Tone Alison	18.45 - 19.30 Pilates Andrea	19.00 - 20.00 STOTT Pilates Jenny	18.30 - 19.30 Kettle Bells Jonathan	19.00
19.15					19.00 - 20.00 Bobby Classic Circuits	18.30 - 19.30 Move Jenny	19.15
19.30						19.00 - 20.00 Pilates Andrea	19.30
19.45							19.45
20.00	19.45 - 20.45 Cardio Box Jonathan	19.30 - 20.00 Move Alison					20.00
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20.45							20.45
21.00							21.00
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21.30	20.45 - 21.30 Pilates Andrea	20.45 - 21.30 Pump It Up Andrea					21.30

CHRISTMAS in Carrickfergus Borough

For a truly magical time this festive season, why not come along to one of Carrickfergus Borough Council's special Christmas events – with fireworks, glittering lights, carols, Santa, pantomime, silver bands and more! There's something for everyone this festive time in Carrickfergus Borough!

Carols

The traditional Civic Carol Services return for 2010 with the help of local school choirs.

Carrickfergus

Friday 19 November, 7pm
St Nicholas' Church

Greenisland

Thursday 25 November, 7pm
Greenisland Community Centre

Whitehead

Saturday 27 November, 6.30pm
Whitehead Presbyterian Church



Christmas Lights Switch-Ons

Make sure to come along to the official Christmas lights switching on ceremonies across the Borough. With special guests to assist the Mayor in Carrickfergus!

Carrickfergus

Friday 19 November, from 7.30pm
(crowd warm-up from 7pm)

Greenisland

Thursday 25 November,
from 7.45pm approx.

Whitehead

Saturday 27 November,
from 7pm approx.

Eden

Wednesday 15 December
From 7.30pm approx.



Christmas Fireworks

Don't miss the fabulous festive fireworks displays following the switching on of the Christmas lights across the Borough.

(Please note that these are weather dependent.)

Carrickfergus

Friday 19 November, 8.30pm approx.

Greenisland

Thursday 25 November, 8pm approx.

Whitehead

Saturday 27 November, 9pm approx.



Carrickfergus FM

The ever popular Carrickfergus FM, sponsored by Carrickfergus Borough Council, returns for the festive period in 2010! Don't forget to tune in to keep up to date with events taking place throughout the Borough as well as for competitions and special offers. Log onto www.carrickfergusfm.co.uk for all of the latest news and requests.

Venue – Broadcasting live from the De Courcy Centre, Carrickfergus.



Live Street Entertainment

The streets of Carrickfergus will be ringing to some seasonal silver band sounds every Saturday afternoon in the month before Christmas! Come along and join in the festive spirit!

Venue – Town Centre, Saturday 4, 11 and 18 December, 2pm – 3pm, Carrickfergus.

(Wet weather contingency venue: Carrickfergus Museum & Civic Centre.)



Pantomime

“Little Miss Muffet's Christmas Adventure” Don't miss the annual pantomime presented by Centre Stage, featuring a new adaptation by Roma Tomelty of “Little Miss Muffet”. With all the usual audience interaction, this is a Christmas treat not to be missed! Early booking is advisable to avoid disappointment!

Friday 3 December 7pm

Saturday 4 December 5pm (tbc)

Monday 6 December 9.30am

Tuesday 7 December 9.30am

Wednesday 8 December 9.30am

Thursday 9 December 9.30am & 7pm

Friday 10 December 9.30am & 7pm

Saturday 11 December 11.30am, 2.30pm & 5pm

Admission free but places must be booked in advance by contacting the Arts and Events Officer on T: 028 9336 6666.

Venue – Jubilee Hall, Carrickfergus Town Hall.



Tea Dance

The ever popular Christmas Tea Dance will take place in Jubilee Hall, Carrickfergus Town Hall, on Monday 13 December, 2pm – 4pm, featuring Mervyn Dickson as MC. Don't miss this festive special! Admission free and everyone welcome!

For further information, contact the Events Section by T 028 9336 6666 or alternatively, keep up to date with all of the latest events information by logging onto www.carrickfergus.org

All details correct at time of going to press. Carrickfergus Borough Council reserves the right to alter without notice.



Calling all **FitKids** and parents...

What's happening

We hope you all had a fun-filled, active summer! Well, the good news is that the fun is set to continue, with new and exciting changes to FitKids this Autumn and Winter! First of all, we have now introduced three different FitKids age groups:

- **FitKid Juniors** (4 – 6 year olds)
- **FitKids** (7 – 12 year olds)
- **FitTeens** (13 – 16 year olds)

What it means for you

Having three different FitKid age groups means that each group will now have its own specific activities to suit the various age ranges:

- **FitKid Juniors** – will be focusing on body awareness through games and the use of Ludo.
- **FitKids** – will be similar to last year using the gym and various sports (don't worry though, you can still play in Ludo!).
- **FitTeens** – will be focusing on teaching young people to safely use the gym through direct coaching from strength and conditioning coaches.

You may have already received a leaflet from us about this, so remember to invite friends, schools and family.

When it starts

FitKids started 4 September
10am – 12pm £3.50 (FitTeens are also welcome on a Saturday).

FitKids Juniors started Tuesday 7 September
3.45pm – 5.15pm £3.50.

FitTeens started Wednesday 29 September
4pm – 5pm £1
(This is a six-week pilot scheme, so its success depends on your support).

What's next

If you require any more information please call Amphitheatre and ask for me, Jenny Ridley, or email jenny.ridley@carrickfergus.org. Also, if you would like to leave feedback at any time, please complete a comment card which can be obtained from reception.

What's on at your local Community Centre

Programme guide September 2010 – June 2011

Oakfield Community Centre, Castleview Pavilion, Greenisland Centre, Sunnylands Centre & Woodburn Centre

MONDAY

Mother & Toddler Drop In, Oakfield	9am – 1pm daily
Dizzy Kids with Jo, Oakfield, 3 – 6 yrs	3.30pm – 4.15pm
Little Pop Stars, Oakfield, 4 – 6 yrs	4.30pm – 5.30pm
Little Pop Stars, Oakfield, 7 – 11 yrs	5.30pm – 6.30pm
Patchwork, Oakfield	7pm – 9pm
Tai & Tone with Joyce, Oakfield	7pm – 8pm
Ju Jitsu, Greenisland	5.45pm – 8.45pm
Bentra School of Irish Dance, Castleview	7pm – 9pm

TUESDAY

Monkeynastix, Oakfield	4.15pm – 5.15pm
CNDG Sewing Class, Oakfield	10am – 12pm
Textile Crafts, Oakfield	10am – 12pm
Tai & Tone with Joyce, Oakfield	7pm – 8pm
Yoga with Jane Waugh, Oakfield	7.30pm – 9pm
Slimming World, Woodburn	5pm – 9pm
Aerobics, Greenisland	7.15pm – 8.15pm

WEDNESDAY

Slimming World, Woodburn	9.30am – 1.30pm
Knockagh School of Irish Dance, Greenisland	6pm – 9pm
Learn to Paint in Oils, Oakfield	7pm – 10pm

THURSDAY

Keep Fit for Seniors, Oakfield	10.30am – 11.30am
Mother & Toddler Drop In, Woodburn	9.30am – 11.30am
Chum Sut Fighting Academy, Woodburn	7.30pm – 9.30pm
CNDG 50+ Class, Oakfield	2pm – 4pm
Learn to Paint in Oils, Oakfield	7pm – 10pm
Pro Kick Boxing, Oakfield	7pm – 8pm
Loving Hands Knitting Class, Oakfield	7pm – 9pm
Children's Bible Club, Sunnylands	6.30pm – 7.30pm

FRIDAY

Textile Crafts, Oakfield	10am – 12pm
La Leche League (2nd Friday in each month), Oakfield	10am – 1pm
Dance Academy, Woodburn	4pm – 6pm

SATURDAY

Tai & Tone with Joyce, Oakfield	10am – 11am
Knockagh School of Irish Dance, Greenisland	10am – 4pm
Royal Tara School of Irish Dance, Sunnylands	10am – 2pm
Helen O'Grady Drama, Oakfield	10am – 1pm

SUNDAY

St Nicholas' Sunday School, Oakfield	2pm – 4pm
Metro Sunday School, Woodburn	2.45pm – 4.15pm

Please enquire at Oakfield for contact numbers for classes T: 028 9336 4747 or email sonia.mccrory@carrickfergus.org or linda.telfair@carrickfergus.org

A-Z of Council Services Carrickfergus Borough



A	Access to Countryside	028 9335 8053	H	Health & Safety	028 9335 8071	W	Waste Collection (Bulky, Commercial, Wheeled Bins)	028 9335 1192
	Air Pollution	028 9335 8071		Human Resources	028 9335 8012			
	Alcohol Free Zones	028 9335 8071						
	Allotments	028 9335 8053	I	Illegal Dumping	028 9335 8071			
	Amusement Permits	028 9335 8071		Information Technology	028 9335 8019			
	Arts Development	028 9335 8053						
B	Business Improvement	028 9335 8003	L	Legal Services	028 9335 8002			
	Bins Collection (wheeled)	028 9335 1192		Leisure Development	028 9335 8053			
	Births, Deaths & Marriages	028 9335 8047		Litter Removal	028 9335 1192			
	Building Services	028 9335 8061		Lottery Registration/Renewal	028 9335 8071			
	Booking Bowling Green	028 9335 8888	M	Maritime Area Development	028 9336 6666			
	Booking Sports Pitches	028 9335 8888		Marketing & Public Relations	028 9336 6666			
	Bye-Laws	028 9335 8053		Marriages	028 9335 8047			
C	Cemeteries Maintenance	028 9335 1192		Mayor's Office	028 9335 8002			
	Civic Events	028 9335 8012		Museums & Heritage	028 9335 8053			
	Collection of Bulky Household Waste	028 9335 1192	N	Noise Nuisance	028 9335 8071			
	Community Centre Bookings	028 9336 4747	P	Parks Management	028 9335 8053			
	Community Relations	028 9335 8053		Pest Control	028 9335 8071			
	Community Safety	028 9335 8053		Petroleum Licences	028 9335 8069			
	Community Services	028 9335 8053		Planning Schedules	028 9335 8014			
	Consumer Safety	028 9335 8071		Playground Maintenance	028 9335 1192			
	Council Members	028 9335 8014		Playing Fields Bookings	028 9335 8888			
	Council & Committee Services	028 9335 8014		Policy	028 9335 8003			
	Customer Services, General	028 9335 8000		Property Certificates	028 9335 8066			
D	Dangerous Structures	028 9335 8061		Public Toilets	028 9335 1192			
	District Policing Partnership	028 9335 8053	R	Recycling	028 9335 1192			
	Dog Fouling	028 9335 8071		Refuse Collection	028 9335 1192			
	Dog Licensing	028 9335 8000		Registrar's Office	028 9335 8047			
	Dogs/Lost/Found/Dangerous	028 9335 8071	S	Sports Development	028 9335 8053			
	Dog Warden	028 9335 8071		Street Cleansing	028 9335 1192			
E	Economic Development	028 9335 8053		Street Naming	028 9335 8062			
	Election Services	028 9335 8002	T	Tennis Court Bookings	028 9335 8888			
	Entertainment Licences	028 9335 8069		Tourism Development	028 9335 8053			
	Environmental Health	028 9335 8071		Town Centre Management	028 9335 8053			
	Equality Scheme	028 9335 8003		Tourist Information	028 9335 8049			
	Events	028 9336 6666		Town Twinning	028 9335 8012			
F	Finance	028 9335 8011		Unauthorised Building Works	028 9335 8062			
	Food Safety (food complaints, premises)	028 9335 8071	U					
G	Golf Course (Bentra)	028 9337 8996						
	Grave Purchase	028 9335 8024						

COUNCIL FACILITIES/VENUES

Amphitheatre	028 9335 8888
Andrew Jackson Centre	028 9335 8053
Bentra Golf Club	028 9337 8996
Bowling Green	028 9335 1513
Castleview Pavilion	028 9335 3325
Childrens' Play Areas	028 9335 1192
Dog Pound	028 9335 1639
Harbour	028 9336 6666
Greenisland Social Centre	028 9086 0851
Marina & Waterfront	028 9336 6666
Museum & Civic Centre	028 9335 8000
Oakfield Community Development Centre	028 9336 4747
Sunnylands Community Centre	028 9335 0900
Town Hall	028 9335 8000
Whitehead Boat Park	028 9336 6666
Woodburn Community Centre	028 9336 9280

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SERVICES WHICH ARE **NOT** THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITY

Carrickfergus Castle (Environment and Heritage Service)	028 9335 1273
Crimestoppers (PSNI)	0800 555 111
Education and Libraries	028 2565 3333
Electoral Office	028 9034 2263
Electricity (NIE)	028 9066 1100
Emergency Pollution (DOE)	0800 807 060
Flame Gasworks Museum	028 9336 9575
Flooding (24 hour) (Roads Service)	0845 7440 088
Flooding – Rivers Agency (DARD)	028 9260 6100
Land Registry	028 9025 1555
NI Housing Executive	0844 8920 900
NI Water Limited	0845 7440 088
Ordnance Survey	028 9025 5755
Planning (DOE)	028 2565 3333
PSNI (Exchange)	028 9065 0222
Rates	028 9025 2525
Roads (DRD)	028 9025 3000
Septic Tanks	028 9025 4863
Street Lighting (Fault Reporting) (DRD)	028 9025 3051
Water Pollution (DOE)	0800 807 060

Introducing your Council...



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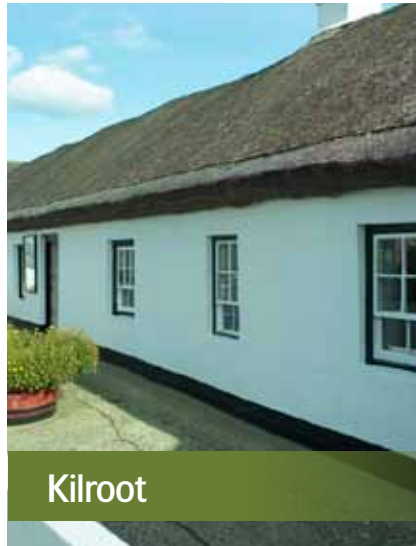
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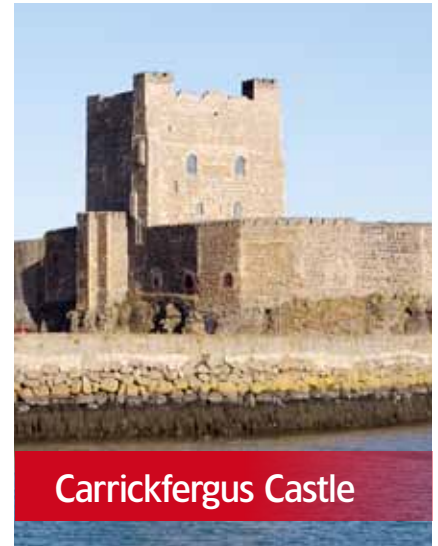
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