

# Ballymena Neighbourhood Renewal Area Annual Report 2015/2016



## **BALLYMENA NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16**

### **About Neighbourhood Renewal -**

The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme aims to reduce the social and economic inequalities which characterise the most deprived areas. It does so by making a long term commitment to communities to work in partnership with them to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty. Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships are made up of representatives of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, public sector agencies, private sector interest and local elected representatives.

### **About Ballymena Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership -**

To take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme, Ballymena Partnership was set up in 2005 to oversee the development and delivery of the local Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan. The Partnership currently comprises 20 members which include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives and local statutory organisations. It currently meets on a bi monthly basis and its administration services are provided through a Coordinator and administrator with Mid & East Antrim Borough Council.

The Partnership has established 4 sub-groups to assist them in the identification, development and where appropriate the delivery of projects which aim to address the Programmes 4 strategic objectives of community renewal, social renewal, economic renewal and physical renewal. The sub groups are categorised as Health; Economic and Employability; Education; and Community. Representation from appropriate local community, voluntary and statutory agencies has been sought to ensure added value to the process of developing projects that will impact the areas.

In the 2012/13 financial year, Ballymena Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership undertook a general community audit with around 30 volunteers delivering and collecting surveys door to door across Ballee, Ballykeel and Harryville NR area. This survey has been used to inform projects going forward into the last period of Neighbourhood Renewal.

**It should be noted that Ballymena Partnership and Subgroups have all signed up to and abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.**

## Ballymena Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund supported 11 projects in the Ballymena Neighbourhood Renewal Area in the 2015/16 financial year as follows:-

### Community Renewal

#### **Mid & East Antrim Borough Council – Ballymena Neighbourhood Renewal Development Officer and Administrative Support**

This project involves the recruitment of a Development Officer who is responsible for the implementation of the Ballymena Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan through liaising with project promoters, programme delivery agents and stakeholders to ensure projects are developed and delivered in accordance with the objectives of the plan.

#### **Mid & East Antrim Borough Council - Ballymena South Community Development Officer**

The legacy Ballymena Borough Council, has encouraged community groups within the area to form four geographical clusters. The aim is to enhance self-support and collaborative working by the groups and was devised in response to a climate of change, brought about by the proposed Reform of Local Government. The employment of a Cluster Development Officer has embedded the cluster concept. The groups within Ballymena South area receive support and guidance from the Development worker and projects are developed to the benefit of the South Cluster area with groups working in partnership.



## Economic Renewal

### NRC - Community Access to Lifelong Learning

This project brings education into the community, removing barriers such as transport and cost to participants. Delivered by Northern Regional College tutors, participants have the opportunity to engage in courses of interest to them. The overall aim of the project is to build self-esteem and encourage people from the NRA to actively participate in educational opportunities.





## Social Renewal - Education

### Ballee Community Childcare – Ballee Community Afterschools Club

This project facilitates the recruitment of part time staff which has enabled an increase in the number of children supported through the Centre. The project is successfully addressing a major need in the Neighbourhood Renewal area - provision of an Afterschools Club to support parents who wish to return to work or education.



## Barnardo's - Jigsaw Project

This project aims to address the barriers to educational achievement and improve the experience of school for children and their parents. The project recruits three support workers across the three partnered schools to engage with parents on a range of school based family support interventions to parents and children. The Jigsaw programme improves links between schools, parents and pupils. This is achieved by parental support services and improved education and training.



## Social Renewal – Health

### **NH&SCT - Northern Area Health Co-ordinator Project - Ballymena**

This project tackles inequalities in health by coordinating health improvement programmes across 3 Neighbourhood Renewal areas. The dedicated Health Coordinator develops, delivers and evaluates health projects/programmes in partnership with local community, voluntary and statutory groups.



### **Ballykeel Together Development Association - Mature Adults Luncheon Social Programme**

This project aims to bring together and engage older people from the Ballykeel area. It is a social programme that looks at providing companionship, education, advice, exercise and health promotion. The activities planned are delivered by trained volunteers from the local community. The monthly luncheon club in Ballykeel encourages social interaction and improved health and well-being for participants.





## Harryville Men's Shed Group – Harryville Men's Shed

The Men's Shed Project has been designed to tackle issues of social isolation for unemployed/retired men. It addresses health concerns and encourages men to seek help and encourages those feeling isolated to re-engage within their community. The project also provides opportunities for up-skilling that could assist with finding employment. . This project is delivered in Ballee and is open to residents from Ballee, Ballykeel and Harryville.



### **Mid & East Antrim Borough Council – Ballymena Community Sport Basketball Twinning Programme**

This Council led community sport intervention project aims to establish interaction, dialogue, education and health and well-being amongst young people from interface and disadvantaged areas in Ballymena. This project is funded in partnership with Mid and East Antrim PCSP. The project provides an opportunity for 6 local schools to learn together in a safe, neutral venue through the promotion of neutral sports.



## Physical Renewal

### Mid & East Antrim Borough Council - Play Area development at Drumtara

This project will provide a new safe, enjoyable and long term Play park in the Drumtara area of Ballee. The project will not only allow all the children in the area to participate in physical activity but will encourage better social interaction, enhance the area and improve residents' overall sense of pride in it.





### **NI Housing Executive - Drumtara Shared Space Community Growing Project**

The project will provide an opportunity for the community to come together to develop the community allotments as a shared space where a diverse range of residents, young and old, can work together, gain new skills, build relationships, benefit from healthy lifestyles and improve environmental awareness.





### Ballymena Partnership 2015/2016 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 2015/16 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 2015/16 total expenditure in the Ballymena Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	15/16 Spend (as at 31/03/16)
<b>COMMUNITY RENEWAL</b>			
Ballymena Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator 11-15 *	01/04/2012 – 31/03/2015	£127,746.24	£11,046.98
Ballymena Neighbourhood Renewal Development Officer and Administrative Support	01/04/2015 - 31/03/2016	£35,717.76	£26,407.45
Ballymena South Community Development Worker *	15/04/2013 – 31/03/2015	£36,821.58	£4,744.00
Ballymena South Community Development Officer	01/04/2015 - 31/03/2016	£16,251.13	£12,188.34
<b>Total Community Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£216,536.71</b>	<b>£54,386.77</b>

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	15/16 Spend (as at 31/03/16)
<b>SOCIAL RENEWAL - EDUCATION</b>			
Jigsaw Project *	01/04/2012 – 31/03/2015	£231,195.00	£19,394.40
Jigsaw Project	01/04/2015 - 31/03/2016	£81,137.00	£56,321.81
Ballee Childcare Services *	01/04/2012 – 31/03/2015	£79,514.10	£4,609.29
Ballee Community Afterschools Club	01/04/2015 - 31/03/2016	£10,890.32	£10,755.01
<b>Total Social Renewal Ed Expenditure</b>		<b>£402,736.42</b>	<b>£91,080.51</b>
<b>SOCIAL RENEWAL – HEALTH</b>			
Mature Adults Luncheon Social Programme 11-15 *	01/04/2012 – 31/03/2015	£31,619.00	£3,300.00
Mature Adults Luncheon Social Programme	01/04/2015 - 31/03/2016	£11,278.30	£ 8,805.00
Northern Area Health Coordinator Project *	01/07/2012 – 31/03/2015	£132,744.30	£11,867.78
Northern Area Health Coordinator Project – Ballymena	01/04/2015 - 31/03/2016	£38,387.06	£22,825.55
Harryville Men’s Shed Project *	01/10/2013 – 31/03/2015	£26,331.10	£3,993.22
Harryville Men’s Shed	01/04/2015 - 31/03/2016	£11,388.64	£ 7,571.29
Ballymena Community Sport Basketball Twinning Programme *	21/10/2013 – 31/03/2015	£32,798.35	£8,811.41
Ballymena Community Sport Basketball Twinning Project	01/04/2015 - 31/03/2016	£10,035.00	£0.00
<b>Total Social Renewal Health Expenditure</b>		<b>£294,581.75</b>	<b>£67,174.25</b>

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	15/16 Spend (as at 31/03/16)
<b>PHYSICAL RENEWAL</b>			
Drumtara Shared Space Community Growing Project	12/11/2015 - 31/03/2016	£82,000.00	£0.00
Play Area development at Drumtara	21/12/2015 - 31/03/2016	£150,000.00	£0.00
<b>Total Physical Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£232,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

<b>ECONOMIC RENEWAL</b>			
Creating Pathways to Success *	03/12/2012 – 31/03/2015	£113,714.41	£5,005.57
Community Access to Life-Long Learning *	05/11/2013 – 31/03/2015	£73,262.49	£15,723.82
Community Access to Life-Long Learning	01/04/2015 - 31/03/2016	£45,354.00	£22,798.49
Business Gold *	26/01/15 – 31/03/15	£7,099.90	£7,099.00
<b>Total Economic Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£239,430.80</b>	<b>£50,626.88</b>

<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>		<b>Total Allocation £1,385,285.68</b>	<b>Total Spend £263,268.41</b>
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\* Contracts for funding which ceased on 31 March 2015 which had monies paid out in 15/16 year.

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 2015/16 YEAR

### Community Renewal Output Measures to be used for 2015/16 Annual Report

PROJECT	CR1 - Number of people participating in community relations projects	CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding projects	CR3 – Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR4- Number of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work	CR5 – Number of people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building	CR6 - Number of people using new or improved community facilities	CR7- Number of community/voluntary groups supported	CR8- Number of community relations projects supported	CR9 - Number of people involved in projects that promote shared space	CR10 - Number of people using existing community facilities	CR11 - Percentage of residents who say they are aware of community facilities/services in their area
Mature Adults Luncheon Social Programme		80		18			1				
Ballee Community Afterschools Club							1			86	
Northern Area Health Co-ordinator Project – Ballymena							8				
Ballymena South Community Development Worker	432	632	47	47	23		11	5			
Harryville Men’s Shed			23				1				
Ballymena Community Sport Basketball Twinning Project	276	276						1		276	



## Economic Renewal Output Measures to be used for 2015/16 Annual Report

PROJECT	ER1 - Number of FTE permanent jobs created	ER2 – Number of residents going into employment	ER3 – Number of people accessing careers advice	ER4- Number of people receiving job specific training	ER5 – Number of weeks (per participant) of job specific training provided	ER6 - Number of people receiving non job specific training e.g. first aid	ER7- Number of weeks (per participant) of non-job specific training provided	ER8- Number of new business start ups	ER9 - Number of new/existing businesses requiring/receiving advice/support	ER10 - Number of people becoming self-employed	ER11 - Number of Social economy enterprises created/supported	ER12 - Number of new business start-up surviving 52 weeks	ER13 - Number of new/existing childcare places supported to facilitate training and or employment	ER14 - Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in Adult education	ER15 - Number of FTE jobs safeguarded
Harryville Men's Shed				11							1			3	
Community Access to Life-Long Learning			21			187								29	
Ballee Community Afterschools Club													24		
Northern Area Health Co-ordinator Project – Ballymena															1
Ballymena South Community Development Worker			10			100									1.5

## Social Renewal (Education) Output Measures to be used for 2015/16 Annual Report

PROJECT	SR(Ed) 1 - Number of childcare/nursery school places created/safeguarded	SR(Ed)2 - Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 3 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 4 - Number of pupils whose behaviour is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 5 - Number of people engaged in parenting skills development programmes	SR(Ed) 6 - Number of pupils directly benefitting from the project	SR(Ed) 7 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 8 - Number of pupils directly benefitting from project	SE(Ed) 9 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved (in STEM subjects)	SR(Ed) 10 - Number of pupils directly benefitting from the project	SR(Ed) 11 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved against baseline position to ensure pupils reach full potential	SR(Ed) 12 - Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 13 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved against baseline position	SR(Ed) 14 - Number of young people directly benefitting from the project	SR(Ed) 15 - Number of young people experiencing improvements against baseline position of assessed needs	SR(Ed) 16 - Number of young people having access to specialist support to address assessed needs	SR(Ed) 17 - Type and number of accredited qualifications completed	SR(Ed) 18 - Number of pupils directly benefitting from /being supported by the project	SR(Ed) 19 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved against baseline position	SR(Ed) 20 - Number of children and young people having access to specialist support to enhance their physical and emotional well-being	SR(Ed) 21 - Impact on enhanced learning environment	SR(Ed) 22 - Increased number of young people and adults taking part on regular physical activity	SR(Ed)23 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved (in ICT related subject)	SR(Ed)24 - Number of residents in an area who obtain a (ICT-related) qualification on completion of formal training	SR(Ed)25 - Number of pupils directly benefitting from project
Jigsaw Project					213				748		10														
Ballee Community Afterschools Club	24*																								
Community Access to Life-Long Learning														67			4*							7	

SR(Ed) 1 – Early Years, SR(Ed) 2 – 5 - Tackling Barriers to Learning, SR(Ed) 6-7 Improving Attainment in Literacy and Numeracy, SR(Ed) 8-9 - Closing the Performance Gap, SR(Ed) 10-11 - Tackling barriers to Learning Special Educational Needs, SR(Ed) 12-13 - Tackling barriers to learning Emotional Health and Wellbeing, SR(Ed) 14-17 - Youth Services, SR(Ed) 18-22 - Extended Schools, SR(Ed) 23-25 - ICT

\* SR(Ed)1 - Ballee Community Childcare with the assistance of NR funding is able to sustain 24 Afterschool places.

- \* SR(Ed)17 – Type of accredited qualifications completed
- L1 OCR Award in IT User Skills
  - L1 CCEA Award in Creative Craft
  - CIEH L2 in Food Safety in Catering
  - C&G Essential Skills Numeracy

## Social Renewal (Health) Output Measures to be used for 2015/16 Annual Report

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>SR(H)1</b> - Number of people benefiting from Healthy Lifestyle Projects	<b>SR(H)2</b> - Number of people attending Health Education/Awareness initiatives	<b>SR(H)3</b> - Number of people accessing intervention/treatment services	<b>SR(H)4</b> - Number of health education awareness initiatives provided/delivered	<b>SR(H)5</b> - Number of people benefiting from new or improved health facilities	<b>SR(H)6</b> - Number of people participating in suicide prevention projects	<b>SR(H)7</b> - Number of new/improved sports facilities provided	<b>SR(H)8</b> - Number of people using new sports facilities	<b>SR(H)9</b> - Increase (n%) in the number of people using improved sports facilities
<b>Jigsaw Project</b>		<b>749</b>	<b>12</b>						
<b>Mature Adults Luncheon Social Programme</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>							
<b>Northern Area Health Co-ordinator Project – Ballymena</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>852</b>		<b>19</b>					
<b>Harryville Men’s Shed</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>111</b>		<b>8</b>					
<b>Ballymena South Community Development Worker</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>107</b>		<b>5</b>					

### Social Renewal (Crime) Output Measures to be used for 15/16 Annual Report

PROJECT	SR(C)1 - Number of people receiving advice on crime prevention	SR(C)2 - Number of community safety initiatives implemented	SR(C)3 - Number of people participating/attending community safety initiatives	SR(C)4 - Number of crime prevention initiatives implemented	SR(C)5 - Number of people participating/attending crime prevention initiatives	SR(C)6 - Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	SR(C)7 - Number of victims of crime supported	SR(C)8 - Number of homes with increased security	SR(C)9 - Number of Neighbourhood Wardens supported	SR(C)10 - Number of people involved in dealing with the impact of Interface issues
<b>Mature Adults Luncheon Social Programme</b>	80		80							
<b>Ballymena South Community Development Worker</b>	320		160							
<b>Ballymena Community Sport Basketball Twinning Project</b>	170		170							
<b>Community Access to Life-Long Learning</b>						67				



## **Ballymena Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Summary**

In the 2015/2016 financial year, Ballymena Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership's total spend was **£263,268.41**

This can be further broken down into Strategic Objective spend as follows:-

Community Renewal	<b>£54,386.77</b>
Social Renewal	<b>£158,254.76</b>
Economic Renewal	<b>£50,626.88</b>
Physical Renewal	<b>£0.00</b>

### **Breakdown of actual achievements for total expenditure**

Ballymena Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership in 2015/16 has continued to be successful with the delivery of 11 valuable projects. In this year, two physical renewal projects have been delivered in the Drumtara area of Ballee which will enhance the area for years to come. A major success of this Neighbourhood Renewal project is that it has allowed different groups to engage collaboratively in joint initiatives which have allowed them to maximise their resources. The Ballymena Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership continues to build the capacity of groups from the Ballymena South area, which will serve the community well with the introduction of Community Planning. Mid & East Antrim Borough Council are working with statutory and community partners to develop and implement a shared vision for their area. It is about making sure that people and communities are genuinely engaged in the decisions made on public services. Ballymena Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership is an excellent example of how local people have a voice when it comes to delivering better public services in their area. Community Planning will allow statutory agencies to work together with the community to plan and deliver better services. This process is led by Council in conjunction with communities.

The development of new Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund projects has been hindered due to DSD funding constraints however the programme continues to fund projects that are making a positive change in their communities.

The impact of implementing the 11 projects in the NR area can clearly be seen in the outputs achieved including:

- 7.6 Full time jobs safeguarded.
- 86 childcare/nursery school places safeguarded.
- 1899 participants in health and education awareness initiatives.
- 32 people attaining a formal qualification from participation in adult education.
- 10 children whose school attendance is measurably enhanced/improved.

The partnership will continue to work for the benefit of the residents in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area for the remainder of the programme and will strive to secure further funding to address the needs identified locally.



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