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Cushendun Bridge located on the Causeway Coastal Route. © (IPTC) Tourism Ireland photographed by Stefan Schnebelt.

A message from the Mayor

Welcome to the 2026 edition of your Citizens' Newsletter.

In this year's edition we are highlighting just some of the work that goes on, in many cases behind the scenes, to support residents in all corners of our Council area. Including a look back at 2025 and some snippets of Council plans for the remainder of 2026.



The fantastic Moore NI CCG Sports Awards highlighted people of all ages competing in so many different sports, it was amazing and has shown me just how successfully especially our children will participate when given the opportunity to do.

It's great to see that the 153rd Open Championship has also helped develop sport in

As a Glens man, I'm pleased to hear how the Cushendall Innovation Centre has helped the local community nearly three years on from its official opening. I'll also continue to watch with keen interest as work progresses on the new Ballycastle Leisure Centre.

As Mayor I've had the privilege of meeting many of you over the last 10 months and I've been both humbled and in awe of the work ordinary people do in our Council area.

From the Ballywatt Stitchers based in Coleraine who knit trauma bears for people involved in road accidents to one of my first engagements as Mayor, the Magilligan Community Association - who celebrated the 10-year anniversary of their allotments opening at the Oughtymoyle Avenue. I have really enjoyed learning more about how our communities help and support each other.

Another highlight of 2025 was meeting our local school children from all areas, who are so dedicated to their studies, and show outstanding talent in sport and music, we should all be very proud of them. At the end of last year, I particularly enjoyed hearing the choir from St. Johns Primary School in Coleraine. I also had the opportunity to re-live my own childhood memories when chatting to the children of Glenann Primary School about their 'Best Small School' award at Families First NI Awards.

There is no doubt that as a Council we support our young people, and the success of the Causeway Healthy Kids programme has shown that our young people want to make healthy choices when given the chance.

Causeway Coast and Glens through the legacy fund with seven Portrush-based community groups benefiting from funding. Equally as important this event showed Causeway Coast and Glens and our Council in its best light while also contributing to the local economy, which was fantastic.

As a Council we want help provide our students with quality employment and encourage our residents to support local businesses - bear in mind we have both vibrant urban and rural communities that can choose to support by shopping local.

As 2026 progresses, residents will see that Council will continue to invest in projects that will make a real difference to people's lives, such as the Growth Deal and the Coleraine Future Town Fund while also providing the day to day services we all need.

I also look forward to continuing to shine a light on my Mayor's charity The Children's Hospice - the work they do is so beneficial - supporting children and families at an unbelievably challenging time in their lives.

As I commence my final few months as Mayor I would like to thank the Deputy Mayor Alderman Richard Brown Stewart for his support and I'm sure he will join me in adding we look forward to meeting as many of you as we are able to during the remainder of our terms.

Councillor Oliver McMullan

The Mayor, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

Save the Date: Causeway Coast and Glens Sports Awards 2026

Friday 13th November 2026, 7pm
in The Lodge Hotel, Coleraine

This year's Sports Awards promises to be another fantastic showcase of sporting heroes across Causeway

Do you operate a food business from your home?



If you operate a food business from your home, you should check if you need to be registered with Council's Environmental Health Department.

Whilst you may not define yourself as a business, if you are providing food on a regular and organised basis, you are considered a food business under food law.

Some examples of food businesses operating from home can include home bakers or catering services and speciality food production such as jams.

Registration should be carried out at least 28 days before you are due to start trading and is free to complete. Registration can be completed online at the following webpage:

<https://register.food.gov.uk/new>

For more information on starting up a new food business contact the Food Safety Team by email:

food@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Telephone: 028 2766 0257 or 028 7776 0302.

You should also check to ensure you meet other legal obligations as well.



Winners of the 2025 Moore NI CCG Sports Awards pictured with the Mayor.

Friendly Faces at the Heart of Our Town Centres

Council's Operational Team has a small team of Town Wardens working behind the scenes to help keep town centres across the Borough clean and welcoming for all.

Covering 10 locations – Ballycastle, Ballymoney, Bushmills, Coleraine, Dungiven, Garvagh, Kilrea, Limavady, Portrush and Portstewart – the wardens are familiar, trusted faces within the local community.

Each day our wardens' empty bins, remove litter and report issues, helping to maintain cleanliness and ensure streets and public spaces in town centres remain inviting for residents, businesses and visitors to the Borough.

Beyond this, their strong relationships with shop owners and locals helps create town centres that feel cared for, connected and supported.

One such familiar face is Mark Smyth, the Town Warden based in Kilrea. Known and respected throughout the town, Mark takes great pride in his role and the positive difference it makes daily.



We caught up with Mark to find out more about his work and why Kilrea means so much to him.

What does your job mean to you?

"I look after the town and the wider community. I start at 7:00am every morning, do a good sweep of the town, make sure all the bins are empty and everything is in order. It's nice to keep the town looking well, and I see it as a reflection of myself when the town looks good."

You're nearly a local celebrity in Kilrea; business owners have been praising the work you do. Do you feel like part of the community?

"I do, yes. I started here two years ago and didn't know anybody in the town at all. Coming here every day has been great – the community has been very welcoming. The people are so friendly, and it's been a great life experience."

What has it been like being part of Council's Operations team?

"After working on my own for many years, coming into a team environment has been great. Everyone's been really friendly and supportive!"

It's obvious that Mark is really valued within both Council and the town of Kilrea, as local business owner **Ruth of Memory Lane Team Room** said:

"Mark is a great asset to the town. He really cares about how the town looks – as you can see, everything is spotless. You see him out there at seven in the morning, even when it's still dark, and whatever the weather, he's out. It's really great to have someone like that."

For Mark and all the operational team, it's more than a job, across all 10 locations, Council's Town Wardens share that same commitment and sense of pride.

Whether it's Ballycastle or Bushmills, Dungiven or Garvagh, their presence helps create town centres that are clean for our residents to be proud of and that visitors are happy to return to.

The Operations Team and Town Wardens are a reminder that small, consistent actions can have a big impact, and that important work within our Council is completed behind the scenes by hard working teams.

Next time you see a Town Warden out and about, stop and say hello - chances are, they may already know your name.



Use your Brown Bin the Right Way to Help Everyone!



Every home in Causeway Coast and Glens has a brown bin for food and garden waste but over 5,000 tonnes of food waste is still going into the wrong bin each year.

Food waste in black bins harms the environment and in blue bins, it contaminates recycling and increases costs. Even small scraps matter. Plate scrapings, peelings and leftovers all belong in your brown bin.

Your food waste is turned into compost in Northern Ireland, helping soil, cutting carbon and supporting jobs.

Let's get recycling right - please use your brown bin. Find out more at causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk



Net Carbon Zero



We recently chatted to Aidan McPeake, Council's Environmental Services Director, about how Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council is building an eco-friendly future for its residents.

He said: "Sustainability is built into everything we do, from how we design our buildings to how we engage with residents and businesses."

Net Zero Buildings

All new Council buildings aim for net zero emissions. The first fully carbon-neutral building in Drumsurn recently replaced the old Beech Road community centre with a modern, modular design. Ballycastle Leisure Centre is also being built to operational net zero standards, with high-performance materials, smart glazing, shading, and on-site renewable energy.

Clean Energy & Efficiency

Over 400kW of solar PV now powers Council facilities, while the Craigahulliar landfill gas project converts methane into renewable energy. The H2O on the Go reusable water bottle refill initiative, alongside the Live Smart program, promotes sustainable living and supports residents to recycle over 50% of household waste.

Community & Business Impact

The recent Green Support Scheme offered up to £5,000 to local businesses for carbon reduction projects, while youth engagement through the Youth Voice platform and an inclusive bike hire scheme also encourages low-carbon and active lifestyles.

As Aidan McPeake looks ahead, he added: "Council's draft Climate Change Action Strategy outlines 91 measurable actions, ensuring accountability and impact across all departments. From energy-efficient buildings to grassroots programs, Causeway Coast and Glens is showing that a sustainable, low-carbon future is possible for us as a Council."

Projects that are leading the way in sustainability

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council is setting a new standard in sustainable development, putting Net Carbon Zero principles at the heart of its newest community projects.

DRUMSURN COMMUNITY CENTRE

In September 2025, Council celebrated a milestone with the completion of Drumsurn Community Centre – its first fully carbon net-zero building. The centre combines innovative modular construction with solar power, cutting operational emissions while keeping energy costs low. Beyond sustainability, the project delivers on community needs, featuring dedicated parking and a link to the nearby playpark, creating a versatile hub where local services can flourish.



BALLYCASTLE LEISURE CENTRE



Meanwhile, the ambitious £16.4 million new leisure centre is taking shape. Designed for operational Net Zero, the centre features high-performance building fabrics, energy-efficient systems, and on-site renewable technologies.

Since construction began in February 2025, significant progress has been made with the installation of a new crossing and filter lane at Quay Road, site clearance was completed, the swimming pool tank excavated, and steelwork was finalised in December. Internal and external blockwork and roofing are now underway, alongside perimeter walking paths and drainage.

Over the next year, attention will turn to completing the building shell and internal finishes, while externally, a pump track, car park, and inclusive play park will take shape.

Together, these projects highlight the Council's commitment to creating modern, eco-conscious spaces that enrich community life while advancing its net zero ambitions. By combining sustainability with functionality, Causeway Coast and Glens is not just building facilities – it's building a greener future for residents.

How CCGBC recycles your waste

Tonnage of blue bin waste recycled
– 10,616 tonnes



Tonnage of brown bin waste recycled
– 12,953 tonnes



50% all waste is recycled



Tonnage of materials recycled at Household Recycling Centres
– 15,290 tonnes

151 Tonnes of Carbon Dioxide saved by using 59,500 Litres of HVO



Landfill Closure
– zero Council waste going directly to landfill



Download your bin collection schedule here:



Brown bins should be left out on the same day as your black bin.

£4.5m Boost: Exciting Three-Year Plan to Boost Causeway Coast & Glens



The Causeway Coast and Glens Local Economic Partnership (LEP) recently unveiled a dynamic three-year plan designed to boost the local economy, create jobs, and foster long-term prosperity across the Borough.

This forward-thinking plan targets key areas such as boosting productivity, driving business innovation, strengthening economic resilience, and supporting both regional balance and decarbonisation.

Developed in close collaboration with local communities, businesses, and sector leaders, the programme is tailored to meet the real needs of the area and its people.

Starting from mid-Spring, the LEP will roll out a suite of exciting new initiatives for local businesses, social enterprises, and entrepreneurs. These include innovation and productivity programmes, skills and training

opportunities, and access to grant funding to help ideas take off.

The LEP Action Plan for 2025–2028 received approval from the Department for the Economy in December 2025, making Causeway Coast and Glens the second of 11 Councils to have its plan officially greenlit.

Over £4.5 million in funding will flow through the Regional Balance Fund, with support and investment continuing until March 2028 – paving the way for a thriving, future-ready local economy.

For more information, visit: <https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk>

Shaping the Future: Causeway Coast and Glens Reaches Growth Deal Investment Milestone

Council has taken a major step towards a £125 million Growth Deal, submitting all four Phase 1 Outline Business Cases to Government for approval.

This marks the start of an £81.5 million early investment within a 10-year long programme designed to transform the Borough's economy, infrastructure, and opportunities.

The Growth Deal is supported by £72 million from the UK Government and Northern Ireland Executive, with additional funding to follow.

Phase 1 projects

Include a new Coleraine Leisure & Wellbeing Centre, Ulster University's Centre for Food & Drug Discovery, North West Regional College's Foodovation™ & Skills Centre, and the Dungiven Regeneration Programme. Subject to approval, the Council anticipates signing the Financial Deal in Spring 2026, unlocking funding and enabling on-the-ground work.

Phase 2 projects

Business cases for these projects are already underway, focusing on regeneration in Bushmills, new innovation hubs, greenway development, and smarter transport solutions.

Looking ahead, residents can expect public consultations on Phase 2 projects and continued progress on Phase 1 schemes. Ulster University has begun minor enabling and construction works for its Centre for Food & Drug Discovery, with critical equipment installation planned through early 2027.

This milestone signals visible progress across the programme and a future of enhanced infrastructure, innovation, and economic growth for Causeway Coast and Glens.

For more information, visit: www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/work/strategic-projects/growth-deal

Coleraine Future Town Fund: A Community-Led Vision for the Future

Coleraine is looking ahead with ambition. With £20 million allocated over the next decade as part of the UK Government's Pride in Place programme, the Coleraine Future Town Fund (CFTF) sets out a bold vision to revitalise the town, strengthen communities, and put local voices firmly at the heart of decision-making.

Led by an independent board, the fund has placed community engagement front and centre from day one. Over the past year, residents, businesses, and community groups have helped shape priorities through surveys, workshops, public meetings, walk-and-wheel sessions, and even bingo nights and family fun days. This inclusive approach has ensured that the plan reflects what matters most to Coleraine's people – from revitalising the town centre and unlocking the potential of the River Bann, to supporting neighbourhoods,

education, innovation, and celebrating the town's rich arts, heritage, and sporting legacy.

The result is a comprehensive 10-Year Vision and Investment Plan, now submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. Aligned with the Pride in Place themes of Thriving Places, Stronger Communities, and Taking Back Control, the plan outlines projects designed to improve infrastructure, support local enterprise, and create opportunities for health, wellbeing, culture, and community development.

"Our vision is rooted in the voices of local people," says Professor Gerry McKenna, Chair of the CFTF Board. "This is about creating a Coleraine that future generations will be proud of."

Pending approval, the Investment Plan will be published and detailed project planning will begin, with UK



Government funding available from April 2026 – marking an important step toward turning community ideas into lasting change.

Community and voluntary sector organisations will have the opportunity to access capacity funding to support ongoing engagement in local neighbourhoods and to ensure specific target groups such as Section 75 groups continue to be involved. A co-design approach is being adopted where projects will be developed collaboratively, ensuring that inclusive community participation continues to shape the CFTF projects.

For more information and updates, visit: <https://causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/live/coleraine-future-town-fund>



You're Invited

Causeway Speciality Market marks a milestone - Celebrates 20 Years with a Year-Long Programme of Events

The Council-run Causeway Speciality Market, Coleraine will celebrate its 20th anniversary on Saturday 11th April 2026. Council's Town and Village team, who proudly runs the market, invites everyone to join them for a very special outdoor celebration - recognising two decades of talented makers, local produce, artisan craft, creativity and of course community.

The Market has become one of the largest outdoor artisan markets in NI over the years and has supported many local startups to develop their businesses.

Council is planning a year-long programme of celebratory activity, from April 2026 to March 2027.

The free anniversary celebration showcase event, on Saturday 11th April 2026 will feature live entertainment, family activities, and promises to be a fun-filled day for all that reflects the market's unique appeal.

Marking a milestone: Council's PR team chats to one of Causeway Speciality Market's longest serving traders

Lynne Rainey from Angel Wood Candles, has been trading since the market's very first year, and has seen it grow as local makers and producers joined its stalls.



How long have you been trading at the Market?

"We have been trading here since the very first market in 2006. It has been a great base for our business over the years."

What makes the Causeway Speciality Market so special?

"The market is a great community, and we love being part of it! It has given us the opportunity to meet people from all walks of life. Over the years, we have sold candles to locals and many holiday makers looking to take a special gift back home."

Can you tell us a bit more about your business and what products you sell?

"Angel Wood Candles is a family run business based outside Coleraine. Established in 2005, we firmly believe in providing quality handmade candles and wax melts, at an affordable price.

"Our characterful, creamy candles are individually hand-poured and are saturated with the finest fragrance oils - to ensure a strong scent-throw from start to finish. We also have the 'Aurora' range which is a luxurious range of candles, reed diffusers and wax melts in five opulent, natural and subtle scents."

Read more about Lynne's business: www.instagram.com/angelwoodcandles/

In the lead up to CSM 20-year anniversary celebrations, the 'Behind the Stalls' interview series of videos will showcase some of the traders who help make the market what it is. All episodes will be available via Councils social media channels follow us here.



Facebook



Instagram



Go Succeed: Backing business growth across Causeway Coast and Glens



From the vibrant towns of Coleraine, Ballycastle, and Limavady to the stunning coastal villages that make this region unique, Causeway Coast and Glens is rich in entrepreneurial opportunity and Northern Ireland's enterprise support service Go Succeed is here to support individuals and local businesses bring those ambitions to life.

Delivered by the 11 local councils across Northern Ireland, including Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, Go Succeed has supported thousands of entrepreneurs to turn their business dreams into reality. Whether you're just starting out, growing your customer base, or preparing to scale, the service provides free, practical support at every step.

Through Go Succeed, local business owners can access one-to-one mentoring, expert-led workshops and masterclasses, peer support networks, bespoke business planning guidance, and opportunities for grant funding. Go Succeed is on hand to support businesses of every size and sector.

One standout success story is Coleraine entrepreneur Ciara McKenna, who turned to Go Succeed's Start service for the guidance she needed to bring her business idea to life. With tailored mentoring and funding advice, Ciara developed a comprehensive business plan, secured a grant and even received help building her website. Thanks to that hands-on support, she launched Causeway Bowls last October, which has quickly become the town's go-to spot for açai bowls and coffee. Now established and thriving, Ciara is continuing her journey with Go Succeed as she plans to expand into larger premises.

If you're ready to take the next step in your business journey, now is the time to see how Go Succeed can help you achieve your goals.

Visit www.go-succeed.com to find out more.



@causeway_bowls



Pitch Perfect: 10 Minutes with Waterproof Socks designer Sander Van Eck

From outdoor adventurer to standout start-up winner in Northern Ireland, Coleraine designer Sander van Eck is on a mission to take his waterproof socks brand Noord (<https://noord.store/>) to the next level after being announced the overall winner of Go Succeed: The Ultimate Pitch.

The goal, to make Noord waterproof socks an essential piece of outdoor gear for anyone who loves or works outdoors, worldwide.

Sander van Eck's business Noord, which produces socks that are designed with outstanding comfort and performance for outdoor use, was recently crowned the overall winner of Go Succeed: The Ultimate Pitch, taking home a prize package that includes £5,000 investment, plus expert media support to help accelerate his business. This support is provided through Go Succeed, a government backed free business advice and support service.

The Causeway Coast and Glens PR and Comms team caught up with Sander after this major milestone in his business to find out more about his business and what the future has in store for him and Noord waterproof socks:

"First of all, thank you so much for talking with me! If I had to quickly sum up how Noord started; I love the outdoors and often find myself out in quite extreme weather conditions here. Whether it is chasing waves or views on hikes, the weather is unpredictable to say the least.

"After many years of chasing my passions outdoors I came across waterproof socks, surprisingly, I had never heard of them and I wasn't alone. What was currently on offer lacked quality, comfort, durability and the looks to go with it! So, I set out to develop a pair of waterproof socks that checked all the boxes. It doesn't matter whether your dog drags you through puddles or you are out running in -30 degrees in the snow for miles on end, the socks perform and look good while doing so.

"I love working with experts in the field and customers, the product is for them, so it must be created with them. Noord began talking with hundreds of people in my target audience and I continue to do so to build the brand!



"This is the short story of where Noord waterproof socks have originated from, I am so excited to take it to where I truly believe it could go!"

Why did you decide to apply for Go Succeed: The Ultimate Pitch?

"I found out about the Ultimate Pitch through Go Succeed, who have been a great support and have been very flexible to my needs. It has been extremely valuable to have experts that can answer my questions and help me through key moments in my business journey. Honestly, I welcome any opportunity to tell people about my business and every chance to take my business further, the Ultimate Pitch gave me the perfect opportunity for this.

"I think it is a great opportunity for any entrepreneur and a great way to network, reflect on your business and build momentum going forward."

How did it feel to be announced as the overall winner?

"I can't even begin to put into words what it felt like. I was truly taken back by it, and it felt like such a monumental moment in my entrepreneurial journey where years of hard work had built up to. Disbelief is the right word as I was up against 10 other fantastic entrepreneurs who each pitched their business ideas to the panel of expert judges. Each one was deserving of the prize, and I am humbled to have been chosen out of that incredible group of people.

"It just feels amazing to have your business recognised by business leaders like Paul Jacobs, Valerie Robinson, Caril Fitzsimmons and Kevin O'Reilly."

What are your plans for the £5,000 investment from Go Succeed and prize package?

"Winning The Ultimate Pitch has genuinely changed my business trajectory overnight. The investment will help with cash flow, which at these early stages is crucial. It will allow me to scale noticeably quicker while managing risk and growth adequately. But aside from the investment, the award packages help me massively with growing my marketing and personally I think the people I met along the way and as a result of this win are the most valuable of all.

"My goal is to make Noord the go-to piece of outdoor equipment for anyone who spends time outdoors, from hikers to eventually I could see it being standard kit in military equipment as well."

Sander thank you very much for this great insight into your business and the fantastic award you have received. Congratulations once again, and we wish you well with your future business endeavours.

In addition to a £5,000 investment, Sander received a prize package including a photography session supplied by Brian Thompson Photography, a podcast recording session supplied by Attention X Studio NI, membership of Toastmasters, and a media training session supplied by LK Communications.

If you would like to find out more about Noord or get a pair of waterproof socks yourself, you can find them here: <https://noord.store/>

Go Succeed (www.go-succeed.com) is funded by the UK Government and delivered by Northern Ireland's 11 councils. The service supports entrepreneurs, new starts and existing businesses with easy-to-access advice and support - including mentoring, masterclasses, peer networks, access to grant funding and business planning - at every stage of their growth journey.



Beyond the Fairways:

A Lasting Legacy for Economy and Sport in Causeway Coast and Glens



The 153rd Open Championship which took place earlier this year. [photo credits R&A]

The 153rd Open Championship at Royal Portrush will be remembered not only for the scale of the tournament, but for the long-term legacy it has left for Causeway Coast and Glens, the local economy and also for the budding sportspeople who call the Borough home.

Hosting one of the world's greatest sporting events for the second time demonstrated our Council's ability to host world class events on a global stage, while also working with partners to promote all that Causeway Coast and Glens has to offer.

Recently conducted independent research commissioned by the R&A and Tourism Northern Ireland has confirmed the 153rd Open Championship generated over £280 million in economic and marketing benefit, including £43.7 million specifically for Causeway Coast and Glens.

The legacy the Championship has created for sport is equally significant. With a record 278,000 spectators, The Open inspired thousands of young people, showing that elite sport can be hosted and accessed locally. For many, it opened new possibilities – not only to play sport, but to pursue roles in coaching, volunteering, event delivery and consider the wider sports industry.

That inspiration is now being through The Open Legacy Fund, which is supporting seven Portrush-based community groups: Paul's Legacy, Portrush Bowling Club, Portrush FC Youths, Portrush Heritage Group, Sea2it C.I.C, St Patrick's Primary School, and St Patrick's Hall Committee.

By investing in grassroots clubs, schools and community facilities, the fund strengthens participation, develops talent and ensures the benefits of the 153rd Open Championship will continue to be felt for years to come.

For more on the economic benefit of 153rd Open Championship visit:



For more on The Open Legacy Fund visit:



PEACEPLUS Investment

PEACEPLUS is a European Union funding programme designed by SEUPB to support Peace & prosperity across Northern Ireland and the Border Counties of Ireland, building upon the previous PEACE and INTERREG programmes.

Where Investment is Made with Causeway Coast and Glens?

The PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan in Causeway Coast and Glens supports 23 locally focused projects under three main strands. Together these projects cover local community regeneration and transformation; thriving and peaceful communities and celebrating cultures and diversity.

The below areas will benefit from projects delivered on behalf of Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council and supported by the PEACEPLUS Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB):

COASTAL & RURAL LANDSCAPES

- Portballintrae (*coastal path improvements*)
- Ballycastle, Glenariffe (*regeneration and environmental*)
- Cushendall & Cushendun (*trail regeneration*)
- Loughguile (*nature and outdoor access enhancements*)
- Benbradagh region (*local regeneration*)

URBAN & TOWN AREAS

- Coleraine (*heritage project*)
- Aghadowey, Armoy, Castlerock, Ballymoney, Greysteel, Kilrea, Limavady, Portstewart (*regeneration and environmental*)

BOROUGH-WIDE COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES

- Women's development, community skills and inclusive activities span across villages, towns and rural communities in Causeway Coast and Glens.

For upcoming projects and tender please check our website and read more here:

The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect those of the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) or the Programme funders



Full throttle success at Irish Motorbike Awards for Causeway Coast and Glens

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council is delighted that the 'Joey 25' celebration has won 'Motorcycle Event of the Year' at the prestigious Irish Motorbike Awards 2025.

'Joey 25' was held in Ballymoney on Saturday 24th May, marking 25 years since road racing legend Joey Dunlop's accident in Estonia. The event was hosted by the Council in partnership with Joey's wife Linda and children.

Thousands of fans from all around the world turned out to celebrate the 'quiet man' of racing. The fantastic programme of events included a museum display featuring items from the Dunlop family collection, and some of Joey's iconic bikes kindly donated by local racing fans.

The day culminated in a special parade lap featuring 25 of Joey's bikes ridden by some of the world's top motorcycle racers.



Congratulating the team, Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens, Councillor Oliver McMullan said: "As a Council, we felt it was important to mark this poignant milestone anniversary, and the day truly was a celebration of Joey's life and achievements.

"This recognition through the Irish Motorbike Awards highlights the hard work that was put in behind the scenes by the dedicated team

of motorsport enthusiasts, Council officers and the Dunlop family to organise this large scale event.

"Congratulations also to Michael Dunlop who was crowned 'Irish Motorcyclist of the Year' for the third time and recognised for his record breaking 33rd TT win. I also offer my best wishes to the other local nominees from our Council area."

Watch the Joey 25 highlight reel here:



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When was the last time you truly explored home?



Stay local. Explore More!

From unforgettable experiences and local food and drink to exciting events and breathtaking scenery, Causeway Coast and Glens has so much waiting to be discovered.

Tourism here is worth over £204 million, supporting local jobs, strengthening communities, and enriching life across the Borough. And there's no better way to see its value than by getting out and enjoying what's right on your doorstep.

This spring, make your own adventure:

- 📷 Take your camera for a walk
- 🏠 Book a relaxing staycation
- 🍽️ Dine in a local restaurant
- 👤 Join a guided tour
- 📍 Discover a new viewpoint
- 🚶 Walk a route you usually drive

Visit one of our Visitor Information Centres or explore ideas at www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com

This spring stay local, explore more and discover what Causeway Coast and Glens has to offer those that live here.

Walking for All launches across the Causeway Coast and Glens

Residents across Causeway Coast and Glens are invited to step into better health and wellbeing with the launch of Walking for All, a new community walking programme designed to help people of all ages and abilities get active, enjoy local outdoor spaces and connect with others in their community.



Walking for All is supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB), and forms part of a wider cross-border initiative establishing hundreds of walking groups.

Walking is the most popular form of physical activity in Northern Ireland. Just 30 minutes of walking a day can help reduce the risk of conditions such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes and obesity, while also improving mood, energy levels and mental wellbeing.

Council's newly appointed Walking for All Officer, Colleen Martin is currently working with partners and community groups to develop walks throughout the Borough and train Walking Leaders. The training programme will support leaders to grow and develop their walk, helping to bring people together and improve the health and wellbeing of residents in the area.

There will also be opportunities for walking groups based in Causeway Coast and Glens to meet other Walking for All groups and share local spaces across Northern Ireland and border counties.

How can you get involved?

For more information or to express your interest in becoming a Walk Leader in your community, please contact: Colleen.martin@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk.

The first walks will take place across the Borough in early Spring. They will be free to join and offer an easy and enjoyable way for residents to build regular physical activity into their routine. Find your nearest walk on the new Walking for All website www.walkingforall.com.



Positive Ageing Month

Communities across Causeway Coast and Glens came together last October to celebrate Positive Ageing Month, recognising the vital role older people play in community life.

Coordinated by Council's Age Friendly Programme, events right across the Borough promoted staying active, connected and involved — from book swaps and leisure centre activities to health fairs, drop-in sessions and a popular tea dance.

A highlight was the launch event hosted by Castle Community Group in Ballymoney, reflecting the strong community spirit and dedication of local volunteers.

The Age Friendly Programme continues to work with partner organisations to help people age well and feel valued across Causeway Coast and Glens.

For more information or support visit: <https://causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/live/age-friendly> or contact Council's Age Friendly Co-ordinator, Stephanie Scott on Tel: **07542 614 665**.



Council Events 2026



Fri 13 – 15 March | Causeway Coast and Glens Walking Festival

Take part in an incredible range of walks across the Borough with expert guides from Far and Wild.

Fri 17 & Sat 18 April | Ballymoney Spring Fair

Ballymoney transforms into a cascade of colours, live music, and artisan markets!

Mon 4 – 9 May | North West 200 Race Week

Featuring exhibitions, meet the rider's, live music and races across a thrilling 8.9-mile circuit.

Sat 23– 31 May | Rathlin Sound Festival

Celebrate traditional music and maritime heritage in Ballycastle and Rathlin Island.

Sat 20 June | Armed Forces Day

A full day of free entertainment to honour members of the British Armed Forces and their families.

July & August | Seasonal Summer Programme

Summer Street Theatre returns with spectacular seaside performances.

Sat 25 July | Summer Fireworks Evening Portstewart (Finale of Red Sails)

The weeklong Red Sails Festival concludes with an unmissable finale of fireworks and music.

Sat 8 August | Summer Entertainment & Fireworks Evening Portrush

Free summer concert held at Ramore Head with live music, entertainment and a fireworks extravaganza!

Sat 22 – Tues 25 August | Ould Lammais Fair

Ireland's oldest fair returns to Ballycastle with music, markets and guaranteed family fun.

Fri 2 – Sun 4 October | Bushmills Salmon and Whiskey Festival

Celebrate local produce with cookery demos, markets and whiskey tasting across Bushmills.

Ballymoney 24, Coleraine 27, Limavady 29, Ballycastle 31 October | Halloween

Halloween events across the Borough featuring spooky entertainment, music and fireworks!

Thurs 12 – Sun 15 November | Atlantic Sessions

A full programme of live music held across venues in Portrush and Portstewart.

Ballymoney 19, Limavady 21, Ballycastle 26, Coleraine 27 November | Christmas

Santa will help switch on the festive Christmas lights across the four main towns within the Borough.

Find out more at:

Visit Causeway Coast & Glens

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Connell Street, Limavady 028 7772 2226
Planning (located in Cloonavin)..... 028 7034 7100

Useful Numbers

Housing Executive - Main number
(including grass cutting and graffiti) 03448 920 900
Repairs line 03448 920 901
Housing benefit 03448 920 902
Land Registry 0300 200 7803
Rates (Property Rating and Valuation) 0300 200 7801
DfI Roads Northern Division 0300 200 7891
Flooding incident line..... 0300 2000 100
Flooding emergency 999
Street lighting faults (emergency) 0300 200 7899
Telephone / Utility Boxes (BT fault)..... 0800 023 2023

Burst water mains and blocked sewers03457 440088 (24 hours)
Water pollution hotline0800 80 70 60
If an emergency affects your supply of electricity, gas or water, use the contact details below:
Northern Ireland Electricity 0345 7643 643
Northern Ireland Water0345 7440 088
Phoenix Natural Gas.....0800 002 001
Firmus Energy0800 002 001

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PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

ALL - Alliance Party
DUP - Democratic Unionist Party
SDLP - Social Democratic & Labour Party
SF - Sinn Féin
PUP - Progressive Unionist Party
UUP - Ulster Unionist Party

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