



Refugee Week

Refugee Week is the world's largest arts & culture festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. Established in 1998 in the UK, this annual festival aligns with World Refugee Day, celebrated globally on 20th June 2024. It provides an opportunity to look past borders, nationalities, religions, skin colour and languages, celebrating our differences and recognising what unites us.

This year, Council's Good Relations team marked Refugee Week (17th to 23 June 2024) by sharing a number of thought-provoking posts on social media; these were designed to help us understand the experiences of those who are forced to leave their country.

Each day during the week, we shared useful resources accompanied by a myth-busting message aimed at improving our knowledge and helping us to distinguish between what is true and what is often misinformed. Items included 2 poems on the theme of those forced to seek sanctuary in another country, and a screening of "The Swimmers". Based on a true story, **The Swimmers follows the journey from war-torn Syria to the 2016 Rio Olympics.** It depicts the story of two young sisters who embark on a harrowing journey as refugees, putting both their hearts and champion swimming skills to heroic use.

If you have missed out on these posts and wish to know more, you can email:

good.relations@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk This project received funding from The Executive Office as part of the District Councils Good Relations Programme.



Causeway Coast and Glens Museums Services

Clare Castle Community Archaeology Project

Causeway Coast and Glens Museum Services are nearing the end of their two-week community archaeology project outside Ballycastle as part of their Ballycastle Museum restoration and extension programme supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

In partnership with Queen's University Belfast's Centre for Community Archaeology, the museum have been searching for evidence of the remains of Clare Castle, the 17th century home of the McNeill family just outside Ballycastle.

Nothing of Clare Castle is visible above the ground, however, a probable site was identified through the use of archival records and historic aerial photographs. While the castle itself has proved elusive, a late medieval house has been uncovered along with plenty of objects including building materials dating to the 17th century, pottery and tobacco pipes, as well as a range of prehistoric flint tools.

By the end of the project, the excavation will have engaged with a large number of community volunteers as well as participants from all five Ballycastle schools. A public talk will be given in the winter to explore the results of the excavation.

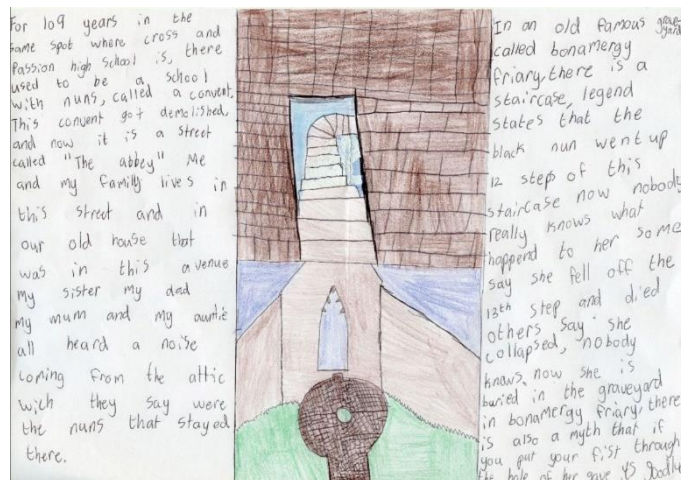


Young Historians Project in Ballycastle

The children were asked to collect a 'story' from a grandparent, older neighbour or family friend and then to share that story. The stories have been captured in so many ways, including video, photographs, artworks and handwritten texts. The range of topics explored many different elements of local history, including social, commercial, sporting, music and dance, and traditional folklore. The children were commended for their hard work and their creativity.

The Mayor commented, "I hope this project will encourage you to continue taking an active interest in history and heritage, collecting and preserving those stories for future generations. Finally, I would like to thank Museum Services for co-ordinating the project as well as everyone who has taken part; the people who shared their stories, the teachers for being so supportive and especially the Young Historians for their hard work."

The Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens, Cllr Ciarán McQuillan, congratulated the Young Historians of St Patrick's & St Brigid's Primary School at their showcase event on the 18th June. This project is part of the community engagement programme attached to the Ballycastle Museum Project, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.



Causeway Safari Park Call Out

So, if you have any photographs, souvenirs, stories or even footage from your time visiting or indeed working at the safari park we would love to hear from you!

We have enjoyed seeing the photographs received so far of family visits to the park, posters and even children cuddling lion cubs, but we need more.

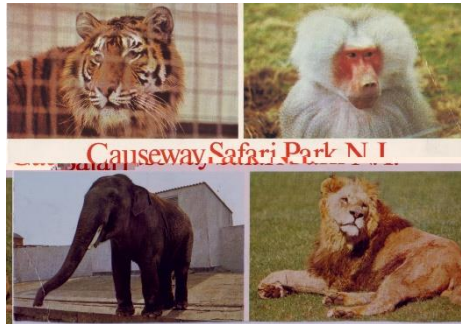
To tell the story of the safari park we are looking for photographs and other items to show what the safari park was like for visitors and those who worked there.

We are working on our Causeway safari park exhibition coming to Ballymoney Museum this August.

To get in touch, message our Facebook page or send an email to

museums@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

You can send us digital copies or we can scan the photographs and give them back.



ROE VALLEY ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTRE & FLOWERFIELD ARTS CENTRE

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Summer Arts Guide by Causeway Coast and Glens Arts Services, offering an exciting array of events, creative activities and exhibitions at Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre in Limavady and Flowerfield Arts Centre in Portstewart.

Throughout the summer, both arts centres will host a vibrant programme of live events and creative workshops for all ages, featuring ceramics, glass, textiles and mixed media.

Highlights at Roe Valley Arts Centre include:

The August Children's Month programme, which includes family films in partnership with Cinemagic's Young Audiences Supporting Foodbanks initiative, an Outreach event by Armagh Planetarium, and free family fun in Drumceatt Square every Saturday from 1.00pm -2:30pm with a mix of music, street theatre, and creative activities.

Exciting August Children's Month Exhibitions include:

'We are the Dreamweavers': Children of Limavady create a giant weaving loom under artist Lorna Shannon's guidance.

'Luminosity': Artist Alana Barton leads teenagers in exploring adolescence, relationships, and contemporary issues.

Flowerfield's Summer programme begins with:

My Cardboard Coast Town project, where kids will design, build, and curate a seaside town from cardboard, culminating in an exhibition on 20th July 2024.

We are delighted to be a Red Sails Festival Partner and have a day of free creative and cultural activities on Saturday 27th July 2024 including free drop-in kids crafts on Flowerfield Terrace, live music from Northern Ireland Opera in the Park, and two walk and sketch sessions on Portstewart Prom with local artist Sarah Carrington.

Other highlights include the return of Saturday Lunchtimes Live in the Park, with music from North Coast Trad, Martha Greer, and the Causeway Shanty Men starting with a sing-a-long with Coastal Vocals on Saturday 20th July 2024. In August we celebrate August Craft Month with the Causeway Craft Trail Makers Showcase Exhibition throughout August, accompanied by a series of expert-led workshops in Fused glass, raku and ceramics.

Roe Valley Arts Centre Programme - <https://roevalleyarts.com/news/rvacc-summer-24-arts-and-events-guide-out-now>

Browse and Download Flowerfield Arts Centre Programme - <https://www.flowerfield.org/news/flowerfield-summer-arts-guide-out-now>



Volunteers' Week 40th Anniversary Celebrations

Council teamed up with Causeway Volunteer Centre and Limavady Volunteer Centre to celebrate and say thank you for the fantastic contribution that volunteers make across the Borough.

Marking the 40th Anniversary of Volunteers' Week (3rd -9th June 2024), a series of events were held throughout the Borough. Mayor's receptions were held in Cushendun, Magilligan and Coleraine with over 250 volunteers in attendance. 20 volunteers were given special recognition for having volunteered for over 40 years! The week of celebration culminated at a special event held in Coleraine Town Hall, for volunteers who have taken part in the Epic Awards, where they received Awards for 50, 100 and 200 hours volunteering in the past year. In addition, Homestart Causeway were recognised as the first Volunteer Friendly organisation in Northern Ireland. As part of Council's Employee Supported Volunteering, a number of employees volunteered in various community groups as part of the Volunteer Big Help out day on 7th June 2024.



Members of Homestart Causeway with the Mayor Cllr Ciarán McQuillan and Ciara McNiclle, Causeway Volunteer Centre



Volunteers from Education Authority Youth Service at Causeway Volunteer Centres Epic Awards Event



Council staff members Desima Connolly and Mark Strong join Sam Cobban from Focus on Family on The BIG Help Out Day



The Mayor meets volunteers at the reception in Magilligan along with staff from Council's Community Development team and Causeway Volunteer Centre

New Contract for Community Advice Causeway

Council recently awarded a contract to Community Advice Causeway to continue to provide independent advice to residents across Causeway Coast and Glens. Advice will be available on a wide range of issues including Benefits and Appeals, Employment, Housing, Debt, Family Issues, Immigration, Education, Legal and Courts, and Consumer Issues.

Community Advice Causeway provides a flexible advice service and residents can choose to access advice via telephone, email or pre-arranged face-to-face appointments (available in Coleraine office, Ballycastle Town Hall, Shesburn House Ballycastle, and Limavady Community Development Initiative). Outreach venues can be made available in other areas if necessary.

During the ongoing migration from legacy benefits to Universal Credit, Community Advice Causeway are encouraging people to reach out for advice when they receive a notice about changes to their awards in order to get help to navigate the changes and to ensure that they continue to receive their full entitlement.

You can get in touch with Community Advice Causeway at: Telephone number: 028 703 44817
Email: advice@advicecauseway.com



Board members and staff at Community Advice Causeway with the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Stephen Callaghan, at the launch of the new contract.

43 Community Festivals Receive Funding

We're pleased to announce that 43 community festivals will benefit from funding totalling £63,963 over the course of the year. The Council funding is matched by the Department for Communities through the Community Festivals Fund. Two of the events receiving funding are Compass Advocacy Network Ltd for Lammas at Lislagan which will run from 19-20 August and Magilligan Community Association for their Lunasa Festival which will take place from 2-4 August.

35 festival organisers recently undertook training organised by Council to help develop their festivals with sessions taking place on Event Safety Planning and Using Social Media to Promote your Event.

If you missed the sessions you might find our Event Management Guide a useful resource to refer to when organising your Festival. The guide can be downloaded below or if you'd like to receive a hard copy then drop us an email at:

community.development@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk



Neighbourhood Renewal Projects Showcase their work in the Community

The Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships in both Coleraine and Limavady recently welcomed Elected Members to a showcase event highlighting their wide-ranging work and the impact these projects have in the local community.

Neighbourhood Renewal is funded through the Department of Communities 'People and Place' strategy with the aim of targeting neighbourhoods in the most deprived ten percent of Northern Ireland. Projects include initiatives such as physically upgrading housing estate areas, providing job training and employment opportunities, enhancing healthcare services, or improving educational facilities, and revitalising community spaces.

Councillor Callaghan welcomed the progress saying: "We have three Neighbourhood Renewal areas within the Borough, and it was fantastic to hear about the progress of projects in Coleraine and Limavady. There is no doubt that investment is crucial for deprived areas to help improve both quality of life and job opportunities for our residents and I hope to hear more updates on these projects in the future."

Karen Campbell, Manager of Roe Valley Residents Association (RVRA) and Chair of the Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership noted: "DfC investment for Roe Valley Residents Association currently sits at £38,684, and in return the project generates £564,479 which is a 1500% return on investment. Without this additional funding the project could not operate."

Elaine Donnelly Elaine Donnelly, Programme Manager of Coleraine Sure Start Partnership and Chair of the Coleraine Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership highlighted that "All of the groups we have heard from face funding challenges - salary scales, terms and conditions, lack of adequate long-term funding and resourcing which is impacting the longer-term vision and sustainability of these projects. Perhaps impact is not measured in what we do but what the impact would be if we didn't do it".



*Representatives from Coleraine and Limavady Community Neighbourhood Renewal Projects
with the Mayor Cllr Stephen Callaghan and Elected Representatives*



Tina McCloskey from The Glens Community Association
and Caroline Murray from the DRIVE Project, Limavady



Angela Mulholland and Linda Jeffers from West Bann Development along with Louise Devlin, DfC

999 Policing and Community Safety Grant 2024-2025



The current small PCSP grant is Live and Open to receive applications until 31st March 2025 or whenever grant funds are exhausted. The grant award offers the maximum grant of £999 and is available towards eligible costs.

The PCSP small grants programme has been developed to provide organisations with up to a £999 grant to organise a project or event that will help prevent, reduce, address crime and help people feel safer in their own communities.

Organisations must be from within or operating within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area. For the purposes of this programme, only formally constituted organisations which are not-for-profit that are open, accountable and representative of the geographical area which they service and which promote and enhance Community Safety can apply (Such as Community and Voluntary organisations within Causeway Coast and Glens Borough). Please note NI wide groups can partner with local groups to apply for this grant.

Grants are now operated from a new Grant Hub that the Funding unit use to administer ALL GRANTS on behalf of council. It is pretty simple to register. In the first instance, just register for an account at [Apply - Grant Hub - Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council \(ccgbcapps.com\)](https://grants.ccgbcapps.com/)

Once you register, you will be given a username and password, once this is setup you can apply for any open grant. It is now all done online. For more information please go to <https://grants.ccgbcapps.com/>

All the best with your application.

PCSP Road Safety

A quick look at some of the Causeway Coast and Glens Policing and Community Safety Partnerships, Road Safety programme.

2 Fast 2 Soon – PCSP joined forces with the PSNI and NIFRS to drive home the importance of road safety at events right across the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area.

A number of road traffic collision demonstrations were played out..



The events also featured the PCSP's car crash simulator and the primary objective was to encourage better driving and a safer approach to getting behind the wheel.

Accident demonstrations are a powerful way to share the road safety message where PSNI and the NIFRS are key partners.



Presentations and demonstrations were delivered to 2200 participants across the Causeway Coast and Glens council area.

PCSP New Driver Safety Ambassadors



14 Secondary schools visited, and workshops completed with all driving age students.

1750 students took part across the council area.



Dates for Your Diary



Tues 10th September 2024 from 10.00am - 1.00pm
Funding Clinic Sheskburn House, Ballycastle

Wed 11th September 2024 at 2.00pm
Roe Valley Community Network – Dromboughil Community Association

Tues 17th September 2024 at 10.30am
Meet the Funder Event Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre, Limavady

Tues 24th September 2024 at 10.30am
Communities Connecting Ballymoney/ Ballycastle & The Glens - Glenariffe Community and Recreation Centre

Thurs 26th September 2024 at 10.30am
Housing Poverty event, Vineyard Centre, Coleraine

Tues 15th October 2024 from 10.00am - 1.00pm
Funding Clinic Ballymoney Town Hall

Tues 12th November 2024 from 10.00am - 1.00pm
Funding Clinic Cloonavin, Coleraine

Tues 3rd December 2024 from 10.00am - 1.00pm
Funding Clinic Limavady Council Office

ULSTER-SCOTS LANGUAGE WEEK

25TH - 30TH NOVEMBER 2024



Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council is set to host a week-long programme of events to celebrate Ulster-Scots Language Week 2024 (Leid Week) which runs from **25th – 30 November 2024**. Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council's Good Relations Team are keen to hear from groups or individuals in the Borough who would like to participate in our week-long Leid Week 2024 programme.

Our Good Relations Team would welcome ideas or proposals for events and activities which raise awareness of the Ulster-Scots language in creative and engaging ways and hopes to build on the success of previous years' programmes which included music, poetry, drama and spoken word.

We are also keen to hear from poets, musicians and those who create some of their own Ulster-Scots material to get involved!

For further information please contact our Good Relations Team at goodrelations@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk.

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Community and Voluntary Organisations Register

You will have received this newsletter because you are on a Community and Voluntary Organisations Register that Council maintains. You can check if your organisations details are correct at the following link:

<https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/live/community-services/community-voluntary-organisations-register>

If there are other organisations that you are aware of that aren't on the Register then please send them the link above where they can register to keep up to date with information about Council grants, training and connecting opportunities.

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