

<b>Road Racing People Exhibition</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>
<b>To: The Leisure and Development Committee For Information</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Resilient, Healthy & Engaged Communities
<b>Outcome</b>	Council will work to develop and promote stable and cohesive communities across the Borough
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Head of Community & Culture Cultural Services Manager
<b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>	N/A

**The purpose of this report is provide members with information on the Road Racing People Exhibition which will be on display in Ballymoney Town Hall from 8-31 May 2017.**

### **Road Racing People Exhibition**

Road Racing People is a new touring exhibition featuring the work of internationally renowned motorcycle racing photographer, Stephen Davison. It accompanies "Road Riders", a new three-part BBC One Northern Ireland series which looks at the world of road racing over the course of the 2016 season. The programme was made by DoubleBand Films, the independent production company behind the feature length film "Road".

Road Racing People consists of 26 portraits of riders, fans, mechanics and families taken during the 2016 season over a period of 121 days at the Mid Antrim 150, Tandragee 100, Cookstown 100, Skerries 100, North West 200 and Armoy road races. Using a portable studio and a 50mm lens, Stephen Davison invited people to be photographed and over 300 people agreed. His photographs capture the enthusiasm, the character and essence of road racing as well as reflecting the tragic side of the sport.

The exhibition is supported by Libraries NI and curated by Sarah Edge, Professor of Photography and Cultural Studies in the School of Communication and Media at Ulster University, Coleraine.

Road Racing People was launched in the BBC studio in Belfast at the end of March and in April, the Council was invited to host the exhibition during the NW200. The Cultural Services team have undertaken the organisation of this and the exhibition will complement its NW200 Faces and Places Programme of events. The Ballymoney launch will take place on Monday 8 May at 5.30pm in Ballymoney Town Hall and it will be open to the public from 8 May until 31 May.

### **NW200 Faces & Places Programme**

The Museum Services' NW 200 Faces & Places Programme will take place from 27 April until 26 August 2017 in Ballymoney Museum and Ballymoney Town Hall and includes the following:

- i. Faces & Places 1977-1987 exhibition featuring images from the Chronicle and Constitution archive.

- ii. History of the NW200 exhibition featuring motorcycles, leathers and other items on loan. These will both be on display from 27 April until 26 August 2017.
- iii. Faces and Places Photographic Competition with four categories – Under 8s; Under 18's; Open; People's Choice with sponsored prizes for each category.
- iv. "Tell Us Your Story" – an oral history project gathering memories from fans, stewards, commentators, Committee, Council, residents and bikers.
- v. Family Fun Day on 6 May with NW200 themed arts and crafts activities for children.