Money Matters

1. Rates Struck

At the Council meeting on 10 February 2004, the Council agreed the Rates for 2004/2005. Central Government has also announced the Rates for 2004/2005 and as a result, total rates bills will increase in the Moyle District Council Area by 6.9% for domestic and 5.58% for non-domestic property holders.

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2. Your Rates Explained

What are Rates?
Rates are a property based tax, which raises the finance needed to provide your public services.

Who sets the rates?
There are two parts to the rates:
1. District Rates – these are set by the Council
2. Regional Rates – these are set by the Government.

3. District Rates

What services are funded by the district rate?
The following services are funded by the district rate:

A. Leisure Services
   - Sheskinburn Recreation Centre
   - Sheskinburn, Bushmills and Mossside Community Centres
   - Community Services, Community Relations, Community Safety
   - Co-ordinator
   - Recreation Parks and Open Spaces – includes Tennis Courts, Playing Fields, Play Areas etc.
   - Sports Development
   - Tourism – Giant’s Causeway Visitor Centre, Ballycastle Tourist Information Centre, Tourism Promotions etc.
   - Caravan Parks – Cushendall and Cushendun, Rights of Way
   - Cultural Facilities – Museum, Arts and Culture

B. Environmental Services
   - Refuse Collection
   - Refuse Disposal
   - Recycling and Waste Management
   - Street Cleansing
   - Environmental Health
   - Burial Grounds
   - Public Conveniences

C. Regulatory Services
   - Building Regulations

D. Miscellaneous
   - Control of Dogs
   - Licensing
   - Fairs
   - Harbours and Marinas
   - Economic Development
   - Registration
   - District Policing Partnership

Further information on service expenditure detail is available at www.moyle-council.org

4. Regional Rate

What services are funded by the regional Rate?
- Education
- Health
- Personal Social Services
- Housing
- Roads
- Planning
- Water and Sewerage

The Government in NI funds the cost of these services through a block grant from the UK Government and through local revenues raised in the regional Rates.

5. Total Cost of Rates

How much will my Rates cost me?
Your total rates bill depends on several factors.
The first is the Net Annual Valuation (NAV) assigned to your property by the Valuation and Land Agency. Domestic properties have a different NAV from non-domestic properties (shops, factories etc.). The second factor is the Rate poundage assigned by the local Council (district rate) and by the NI Government (regional rate).

Total Rates = NAV x (district Rate + regional Rate)

Who gets the Rates that you pay?

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Useful Contacts regarding your Rates bill

District Rate Poundage
Director of Finance and Administration
Moyle District Council
Telephone: 028 2076 2225
E-mail: mquinn@moyle-council.org

Regional Rate Poundage
Department of Finance and Personnel
Rating Policy Division
Telephone: 028 9127 7606
E-mail: ratingpolicy.cfg@dfpi.gov.uk

Net Annual Valuation
Valuation and Land Agency
Telephone: 028 2566 0700
Email: email.vla@dfpi.gov.uk
www.vla.nics.gov.uk

Paying Your Rates
Rate Collection Agency
Telephone: 028 2566 4700
www.ratecollectionagencyni.gov.uk
What's it all about?...

Technical Services

The Technical Services Department is responsible for a wide range of services within the Council on a Best Value basis. It administers a significant portion of the Council’s annual budget. The majority of the services are carried out in-house by a team of experienced workmen under the guidance of the Technical Services Manager, Tony Stuart and the Operational Foreman, Sean McQuillan.

**Refuse Collection**

The Council provides a kerbside collection of waste from 7,500 domestic properties with a further 102 domestic properties receiving a backdoor collection on the grounds of medical need and 147 commercial properties within the district. The Department also manages:

- a civic amenity site at Carnetley, Moyarget Road, Ballycastle
- waste transfer to Craigahulliar Landfill Site in Portrush
- waste collection and disposal on Rathlin Island
- the collection and disposal of bulky household and abandoned vehicle collections

Waste disposal is provided to accommodate 9200 tonnes per annum of which approximately 1000 tonnes of material is recycled with the remainder disposed of on a landfill basis.

**Recycling**

Extensive recycling operations throughout the district encompassing the recovery of cans, glass, newspapers, magazines, textiles, engine oil, green waste, fluorescent tubes, scrap metal, oil filters, cooking oil and cardboard. The Council is presently striving to lead recycling activities within the district, with the next phase being the introduction of 2000 blue bins within Ballycastle to collect mixed, dry recyclables.

**Waste Disposal**

9200 tonnes of waste is collected from within the district, 8000 tonnes approximately of which is disposed of at Coleraine Borough Council’s new Landfill Site at Craigahulliar, Portrush which complies fully with stringent environmental legislation. The remaining 1200 tonnes of material is recycled and this figure is constantly increasing in line with the Council’s Waste Management Plan, which aims for a 25% reduction in the levels of waste going to landfill by 2005.

**Street Cleansing**

Street Cleansing, both mechanical and manual is provided to all district roads and housing sites on a frequency which exceeds the NI Litter Order 1999. The total kilometres cleansed by the Department per week equates to 827.26km.

**Grounds Maintenance**

A total of 28.11 hectares of Council owned lands throughout the district is maintained, ranging from recreation grounds to abandoned graveyards. These are maintained on a scheduled basis to meet user requirements.

**Vehicle Maintenance**

Vehicle maintenance is provided in-house on a regular and reactionary basis to all Council vehicles ranging from 1 tonne panel vans to 26 tonne Refuse Collection Vehicles.

**Caravan Sites**

The Technical Services Department is responsible for the operation, maintenance and development of the Council’s Caravan sites at Cushman and Cushendall which provide accommodation of 128 static and 48 touring vans.

**Building Maintenance**

Building Maintenance is provided on a regular basis to 34 Council owned buildings ranging from the Giant’s Causeway Visitor Centre to public conveniences. This service includes maintenance, refurbishment and extensions to existing Council property. Support is also provided for Council organised events throughout the district.

**Open Spaces and Beaches**

The Council manages and maintains the cleanliness and safety of designated areas throughout the district. These include all Council owned play areas.

**Graveyards**

The Technical Services Department is responsible for the maintenance of abandoned graveyards as well as the maintenance and operation of the Council owned graveyard at Templestragh.

**Harbours, Marina and Slipways**

The Technical Services Department is responsible for the operation, upkeep and management of Ballycastle Harbour and Marina. It is also responsible for the operation, upkeep and management of Ballintoy Harbour, Rathlin Harbour, Red Bay Harbour, Dunseverick Slipway, Dalriada Slipway and Waterford Slipway.

**Coastal Protection/Sea Defences**

As this is a Coastal Authority, the Technical Services Department acts to monitor and maintain the coastline under Council control in line with Best Value and Environmental Policy.

**Capital Projects**

The Technical Services Department has a shared responsibility for the management of capital projects.

The Technical Services Department will strive to provide a continued improvement in services to the community.

For further information, please contact the Technical Services Manager, Tony Stuart at the Council Offices on 028 2076 2225 or email tstuart@moyle-council.org
Getting Married?

Did you know that it is possible to get married almost anywhere! The new Marriage Legislation came into effect in January this year. Under the new law, it is now possible for civil marriages to be solemnised at any 'Approved Location', including premises, fixed buildings, temporary structures, enclosures and similar structures, land (including any land covered with water) as within the jurisdiction of the Registration District) and any vessels or vehicles, without comprising the fundamental principles of NI Marriage Law and the solemnity and dignity of a Civil Marriage.

Under Regulation 18 of the Marriage (NI) Order 2003 each Council must determine how an application for a 'place' should be approved.

The fee for the application of a Place Approval within the Moyle Council area has been set at £400. This fee will cover a 3-year period and includes the provision of:

- Building Control - Environmental Health - Registrar's Inspection
- Average Salary & Mileage for Registrar - Cost of a public notice

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All marriages within Moyle, irrespective of religion, will have to be handled by the Registrar. Both parties will give written notice to the Registrar and all documents ie divorces papers, birth certificates, passports etc will be examined by the Registrar and validated. Couples who are getting married can contact the Registrar who will give advice on the preliminary requirements.

Anyone requiring more information or wishing to apply for approval for their premises should contact the Registrar, Imelda McAuley, at the Council Offices, Tel 028 2076 2225 or email imcauley@moyle-council.org

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**EVENTS - 2004**

- **Friday 14th - Sunday 16th May**
  - Wilds N Wonders of Rathlin Island
  - Discover the nature and wildlife.
  - Telephone: 028 2673 1582

- **Friday 11th - Sunday 13th June**
  - Walk The Glens
  - Walking festival based in Cushendall.
  - Telephone: 028 2177 1278 or E-mail cushendall@nacn.org

- **Sat. 12th & Sun. 13th and 19th & 20th June**
  - Fels na Gleannt - Glenariff.
  - Contact: Marie McAllister Telephone: 028 2888 5507

- **Saturday 26th June**
  - Cushenden District Development Fun Day
  - Contact: Maureen McCormick
  - Telephone: 028 217 61218

- **5 – 9th July & 2-6th August**
  - Ardcillin - Summer Camps
  - Telephone: 028 2177 1340 or E-mail info@ardcillin.com

- **Saturday 31st July to 7th August**
  - Finn Mac Cool Festival Bushmills
  - Contact: David McAllister Telephone: 028 2073 1303

- **31st July to 3rd August**
  - West Light Open Weekend on Rathlin
  - Contact: RSPB Telephone: 028 9049 1547

- **14th – 22nd August**
  - Heart of the Glens Festival
  - Contact: Orla Black Telephone: 028 2177 1378
  - or E-mail: cushendall@nacn.org

- **Saturday 28th August**
  - Heavy Horse Show, Vintage Car Rally & Children's Fancy Dress.
  - Contact: Ballycastle Tourist Information 028 2076 2024
  - or E-Mail: tourism@moyle-council.org

- **28th – 30th August**
  - Giant's Causeway Boat Tours
  - Telephone: 028 2073 1582 or visit www.ntl.org.uk

| Recycling
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| **Glass** | **Cardboard** | **Scrap Metal** |
| **CIVIC AMENITY SITE:** | **Paper & Magazines** | **Plastic** |
| Carnelly Civic Amenity Site | Church Street, Annette | Church Street, Annette |
| Moygare Rd, Ballycastle | Church Street, Annette | Church Street, Annette |
| **RECYCLING POINTS:** | **Cardboard** | **Plastic** |
| Church Street, Annette | Church Street, Annette | Church Street, Annette |
| Ann St Car Park, Ballycastle | Church Street, Annette | Church Street, Annette |
| Castle St Car Park, Ballycastle | Church Street, Annette | Church Street, Annette |
| Co-op Car Park, Ballycastle | Church Street, Annette | Church Street, Annette |
| Cushendall Road, Ballycastle | Church Street, Annette | Church Street, Annette |
| Council Offices, Ballycastle | Church Street, Annette | Church Street, Annette |
| Smerwick, Ballycastle | Church Street, Annette | Church Street, Annette |
| Bushmills Community Centre | Church Street, Annette | Church Street, Annette |
| McKillop's Spar, Cushendall | Church Street, Annette | Church Street, Annette |
| Coast Road Car Park, Cushendall | Church Street, Annette | Church Street, Annette |
| Moste College Community Centre | Church Street, Annette | Church Street, Annette |
| Main St Car Park, Waterfoot | Church Street, Annette | Church Street, Annette |

Carnelly Civic Amenity Site Opening Hours

- **May – September**
  - Mon – Thurs: 1pm – 7pm
  - Friday: 1pm – 9pm
  - Saturday: 10am – 6pm

- **October – April**
  - Mon – Thurs: 11am – 4.30pm
  - Friday: 11am – 6pm
  - Saturday: 10am – 6pm

**Recycling Points:** Open at all times

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Please call into your local Tourist Information Centre to collect a more detailed 'Events - 2004' or alternatively visit our website www.moyle-council.org

If you are involved in organising an event and would like to be included in the Events Guide and future publications please contact the Tourism Events Officer on 028 2076 2225 or E-mail: events@moyle-council.org
Recently the Council welcomed the news that BT enabled the Ballycastle exchange to provide Broadband services. This is as a result of 500 local people registering their interest in receiving Broadband.

Broadband is an always on, high speed internet service. It enables the transfer of large documents like photographs, music or video to be up or downloaded at ten times the speed you would normally experience with your ordinary dial up narrow band service. This can be particularly important for businesses who work or trade on the internet. It is also vital if we are to attract these types of companies into the area.

Now that we know that Ballycastle has these services, the next task is to ensure that the other exchanges follow suit as soon as possible. This will only come about if enough people register their interest. It costs nothing to register and you will not be committed at this stage. Follow the Instructions here and do your bit to bring Broadband to your area.

How to register:
1. Log on to www.getonandgetit.co.uk
2. Click on the text "it's worked for many local Campaign groups before" on the left hand side of the screen
3. Click on "where I live" at the top of the page
4. Click on NI region in the map of the UK
5. Click on "to see if you can already receive Broadband services"
6. Click on "to see a list of suppliers of ADSL Broadband services in the UK"
7. Now in "where to get it - directory of suppliers". To see full list of service providers click on "full listing"
8. Click on your preferred service provider for more information on the provider and to register your interest.

The Council has been successful in obtaining funding through the Sports Council for Northern Ireland to implement a two year Community Sport Programme in the district. Moyle, Derry City, Ballymena, Newtownabbey and Belfast Councils have been identified to run pilot programmes and have all received funding from the Department of Culture, Arts & Leisure.

In conjunction with Moyle Sports Advisory Committee, the Council has appointed three part-time Community Sport Co-ordinators. The successful candidates are John Fall who is based in the Causeway area, Trevor Wilkinson who is based in the Glens area and Tara Vance who is based in the Ballycastle/Armo area. The Co-ordinators have been in post since April.

One of their first tasks will be to gather baseline information for the Sports Council for Northern Ireland (SCNI). This will involve researching the sporting needs within Moyle by consulting with local groups.

If you require any further information on the Community Sport Programme, please contact:
Damian McAfee, Sports Development Officer, Moyle District Council
Tel 028 2076 2225 or email dmcafee@moyle-council.org

A Community Relations Programme has been in operation in Moyle for many years, encouraging a number of cultural and community based events.

The Programme has three main aims:
- developing cross community contact and co-operation
- promoting greater mutual understanding
- increasing respect for cultural traditions.

There is a Community Relations small grants scheme which is open to applications from any local community group wishing to run an activity or an event that contains an element or theme of promoting community relations.

Recently, there has been a series of talks held in conjunction with the Irish School of Ecumenics looking at neighbouring religions and identifying resources to deal with the issues of peace and reconciliation. Each session was well attended and stimulated much debate.

A ‘Handling Conflict’ course was held over three sessions in Armo during the month of March. The participants left the course feeling inspired by the new skills and techniques that they had gained.

It is planned to run events throughout the year to include training programmes, arts and cultural activities, community awareness events and leisure challenges. Your input into the development of a community relations strategy for the area as well as an equality impact assessment would be much appreciated by the Community Relations Officer.

He is keen to hear people's views on any of these issues, including new ideas, areas of concern or identifying community needs. For further information or simply to discuss new ideas or concerns, you are welcome to contact Ryan Moore on 028 2076 2225 or email communityrelations@moyle-council.org
An Island On Your Doorstep!

What a little gem of history, culture, folklore, sea and landscapes. Those who live on Rathlin appreciate the growing provision of basic services which are making island life more comfortable and now the community is working for further changes. Among the issues targeted are waste management and litter control, visitor hospitality and housing, attracting new families who will enjoy growing up here with plenty for young people to do and activity facilities for older residents to keep them young at heart.

Focus on the island has been sharpened by the Countryside Exchange Initiative, a programme which attracted experienced consultants in tourism, remote rural community developments and other related issues from as far away as North America, Scotland and Wales. The Rathlin community arranged a series of meetings with a wide range of participants from various organisations and agencies. The resulting report, ‘Re-thinking Rathlin’ has formed the basis of a fresh approach to the issues facing the Island. Partnerships are being forged with organisations that recognise the unique and under-developed potential of the island as a remarkable attraction to the area and a wonderful place in which to live.

With everyone helping, this little gem will get the polish it deserves to make it shine.

Moyle District Policing Partnership Meetings

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The DPP is committed to holding public meetings throughout Moyle in an effort to reach out to the community. To ensure that you are aware of the location, time and venue of Public Meetings we have prepared this schedule. Further details, nearer the time of meetings, will be advertised in the local papers in the public notice section.

(please also refer to leaflet enclosed with Moyle Matters)

Home Safety Check Scheme

Could you or someone you know benefit from a home safety check scheme?

Most accidents which occur within the home are due to falls. For the under 5’s it can leave a parent feeling guilty and a child in pain. For the elderly it can lead to a loss of confidence and independence. Most of these injuries could be prevented, if changes were made in the home. A home safety check scheme is a simple and very effective method of helping people to improve the safety of their home.

What are the benefits of allowing someone into your home to conduct a safety check?

Children under the age of 5 have little idea of how to keep themselves safe. Parents need to ensure their kids are safe from accidents in the home.

For an elderly person it will raise awareness of how easy a fall can happen within the home and how a few small changes to their routine could lessen the chances of a fall occurring.

Receive up to date effective safety advice on how to make your home a safer place.

Receive safety equipment to help keep yourself or your family safe from injury.

If you would like some more information or would like a check carried out in your home contact:

Gerard Higgins 028 2076 2225 or email ghiggins@moyle-council.org

Remember most accidents are preventable
COMMUNITY SAFETY CONSULTATION
YOUR INVITATION TO ASSIST FORMULATE THE MOYLE COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN

In the last issue of Moyle Matters, we introduced Community Safety and explained in detail how it aims to identify ways of reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.

Community Safety is about co-operation, instilling a sense of respect for others and their property and about collectively taking responsibility for the area in which we all live. This can be achieved through working in partnership with the statutory agencies, the community and the Council. One of the functions of the Community Safety Co-ordinator is to assist the various organisations and groups to work together, ultimately giving everyone the opportunity to become involved in making the area a safer place. This is done through the Moyle Community Safety Forum.

There are many organisations represented on the Forum which ensures a range of expertise on those issues relating to crime, anti-social behaviour and good practice in how to deal with problems.

The Forum is currently collecting information that will inform an Action Plan for the area. To ensure that the Forum collects the most relevant information, it is intended to carry out a community consultation phase which commenced on 19 April. It is your experiences and concerns that should inform the Action Plan for the area. If you have not had an opportunity to participate, a copy of the general questionnaire is available along with this copy of Moyle Matters. It would be appreciated if an adult member of your household would complete the form and return it to Bridgette Butler at the Council Offices. Additional questionnaires are available from the Council Offices and main/sub post offices throughout the district. Information will also be sought directly from the business sector, young people and senior citizens.

Following analysis of this information, the Forum will then be able to establish people’s experiences of crime or anti-social behaviour and the areas of concern that causes them to be fearful of crime. The information will also identify the areas which are most affected by crime or anti-social behaviour and the types of unacceptable activity taking place, allowing the Moyle Community Safety Action Plan to be relevant and effective in dealing with problems identified. We would encourage you to be part of this consultation process.

Everyone has a valuable input to the compilation and delivery of the Action Plan. Please help us ensure that resources are targeted where they are needed most by participating in informing our Plan. We all share responsibility for making our area a place where we can live safely.

Moyle Outdoor Challenge

One of Moyle Community Safety Forum’s projects is the Moyle Outdoor Challenge. Funding has been secured to ensure this multi-task activity project can be offered to the post primary schools in the area. Stage 1 of the Challenge began in March with sixty young people from local schools being involved. At the end of Stage 3 their numbers will have been reduced to 12. The selection process involves assessing their skills, their ability to problem solve, work as part of a team and also their determination to succeed. The final 12 young people will then proceed to a 5 day activity programme in July, where they will have the chance to try out a range of outdoor pursuits. During this programme the young people will receive training and encouragement to become actively involved in volunteering within their community later in the year.

Moyle Outdoor Challenge is supported by the Council, Moyle District Command Unit and the North Eastern Education and Library Board as well as local post primary schools. Collaborative working has ensured that the youth of Moyle has the excellent opportunity to meet other young people, to test themselves in a physical but fun way and to look at how they can participate in a valuable way in community life in Moyle. The Forum is hoping that the Challenge will become an annual event so that many more young people can get involved.

To all those involved in Challenge 2004, we hope you had a great time. The Forum is really interested in getting feedback on all its activities so we would appreciate if you can let us know what you felt about the experience. You can direct any communications to Bridgette at Moyle District Council Offices, Tel 028 2076 2225 or email communitysafety@moyle-council.org

Successes For Moyle Community Safety Forum

Moyle Community Safety Forum is delighted to have been successful in two bids for funding through the recent announcement of Challenge Competition Awards made by Community Safety Unit.

Funding has been secured for the ‘Ballycastle Seafront Enhancement Project’. The project is also being supported by Moyle District Council, Moyle DCC and North Eastern Education and Library Board.

The scheme has four interlinked components; an extension of the lighting along the promenade reaching to the bridge, the building of a open sided shelter in the main green which will serve as a central focus for youth and community activities taking place at the seafront, some environmental enhancements and a youth programme aiming to offer entertainment opportunities for young people using the area over the summer period.

Unfortunately the Ballycastle seafront area has been subjected to disproportionate levels of vandalism and anti-social behaviour. This has resulted in large maintenance and repair bills having to be endured by the rate payers of Moyle. The Enhancement scheme aims to address these issues by installing deterrents for inappropriate or offensive behaviour alongside a support programme that seeks to encourage the participation of those who may potentially find themselves involved in the anti-social activities. In so doing it is envisaged that this prominent and beautiful area can be used, shared and enjoyed by the whole community as well as our ever increasing visiting population. A working group is being established to oversee the development of this project and their work will commence with a consultation to ensure that the community and other key stakeholders approve the design and layout of the work.

The ‘Causeway Community Justice Project’ has also received an offer of funding. Causeway Women’s Aid will be the lead partner managing this project. The Community Justice Project aims to support women and their families, who are victims of Domestic Violence to access information on the Justice system and provide support to seek and prepare for the judicial and legal processes. A key worker will be put in place to co-ordinate this activity. Domestic Violence often remains an unreported crime and the processes necessary to seek justice can often be too daunting for a victim to take on board. Lack of action can often lead to re-victimisation and the cycle of violence continues. The Community Justice Project will offer the links and support to enable the victim to gain knowledge of and support to take the appropriate legal action to break the cycle. It is hoped that the project will reduce the levels of domestic violence and repeat victimisation which seriously impacts on the quality of life of the victim.

The lead partner in this project is Causeway Women’s Aid. With the three year funding award Causeway Women’s Aid can employ the key worker to develop the project and aims also to encourage volunteers to assist in this area of work. The service will be available throughout the Causeway area and will be promoted widely by Moyle Community Safety Partnership and Causeway Women’s Aid.
COMMUNITY MATTERS

BALLYCASTLE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Having established itself in September 2003, Ballycastle Business Development Association continues to go from strength to strength. Thanks to the support of the many businesses in the town and with a generous contribution from Moyle District Council, the Association installed lighting in The Diamond area of the town for Christmas and is in the process of purchasing additional lighting for other areas of the town for the 2004 Christmas season. The more money raised, the more lights can be purchased so if any other business or individual wishes to contribute, please make cheques payable to Ballycastle Business Development Association and lodge at the offices of P J McIlroy & Son or directly with the Association’s bank account at Ulster Bank, Ann Street, Ballycastle.

Four key themes for development in Ballycastle have been identified as follows:
- Infrastructure of town centre
- Training and people
- Maximising the potential from local events
- PR and image

Anyone wishing to contact the Association can do so by writing to:
The Secretary, c/o Moyle Carpets, 51–53 Ann Street, Ballycastle, BT54 6AA

Arts on Rathlin

Launched last year, the Rathlin Co-operative Society’s ‘Arts on Rathlin’ Initiative supported by the Arts Council of Northern Ireland Lottery Fund, is growing from strength to strength.

In 2003, the Island secured an Arts Development Co-ordinator and hosted an International Sculpture Symposium and the fabulous ‘Jigs in the Riggs’ music festival which attracted over 1000 young people to the island.

For 2004, Arts on Rathlin has been busy establishing cultural partnerships enabling a visual arts exhibition provided by the Gaelic Arts Agency, a wonderful historical exhibition developed with PRONI (Public Record Office Northern Ireland), and a community film archive evening brought to the Island by NIFFC (Northern Ireland Film & Television Commission).

These are just some of the fantastic projects. As you can see, there is lots happening! If you’d like to find out more please contact Desima Connolly, Arts Development Co-ordinator, The Manor House, Rathlin Island BT54 6RT. Tel: 028 2076 3908, Email: arts@rathlinslandcoop.fsnet.co.uk

Walks In The Antrim Glens
11 – 13 June 2004

Guided Walks for both enthusiastic walkers and novice strollers
For more information contact Orla Black on 028 217713778 or email cushendall@mac.org

Cushenden Emmets GAC
Centenary Celebration Festival
Tues 13th – Sun 18th July 2004
Fun Events for Everyone
Heart of the Glens Festival
14 – 22 August 2004
A community run festival with fun for all the family!
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BALLYRIADA RURAL SURE START

Good news has arrived for families with children under four in Ballycastle with the expansion of the local Sure Start project.

The wide range of services offered by SureStart is aimed at promoting health, education, and social opportunities for under fours and their families.

The project’s services are already available to families in Bushmills, Armorey and Mosside, and their office base will remain at 64 Main Street, Bushmills. However, the team also have an outreach flat at Tilly Molloy’s, Armorey and are developing an additional office base in Ballycastle where parents can call in to find out what’s on offer. Most services are free of charge, although for some programmes a nominal charge is made of £1.

To find out more about the wide range of services available contact: Sharon Kirk, Co-ordinator on 028 207 30444

Ballycastle Golf Club

Ballycastle’s new look is a real winner. As a recent headline in a national newspaper said, ‘Ballycastle Golf Club’s new clubhouse will certainly have been impressed. A carefully and detailed briefing having taken account of members’ views, resulted in an imaginative design to utilise this unique site beside the River Mersey. Close co-operation between the Architect and Club’s management have created a spacious, well appointed clubhouse with views of Glensheen, Fairhead, the Mull of Kintyre and Rathlin Island. Members’ needs are catered for with new Men’s, Ladies’ and Juvenile locker rooms, television and snooker facilities, whilst visitors can enjoy separate changing changing facilities. The top lounge bar, with an external balcony has a spectacular sea and land views with the function room on the first floor offering excellent catering for members and their guests.

There is a warm welcome in the new Professional’s shop for those wishing to play the well maintained course or organise a golf outing. Details of membership are available from the Hon Secretary at the Clubhouse.