



The Village Voice

Cullybackey Community Partnership



Smiles all round at London Awards

The RHS Lindley Hall in London was the venue for the announcement of the winners in the 2019 Britain In Bloom competition.

Representatives from Cullybackey joined competitors from towns and villages from right across the UK, including our neighbours from Randalstown, to hear the competition results.

Both Cullybackey and Randalstown were proud to find themselves recipients of the top gold awards.

This award is for the whole village and acknowledges the support which has been given by

individuals, groups, scouts, guides, boy's brigade, army cadets, WI, orange lodge and the Mid and East Antrim Council

Feedback from the judges made particular mention of the great community spirit in the village.

Congratulations to everyone who contributed in any way to making the village look beautiful over the summer period.

People from outside the village have really appreciated the many lovely buildings, the flowers, the bridge and the hospitality that Cullybackey has to offer.

Before leaving for London, Bertie McNeilly was presented with a special award by Mid and East Antrim Council.

The award is in recognition of the outstanding contribution that Bertie had made to the Britain in Bloom work.



Cullybackey Community Partnership wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

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Live Here Love Here

As part of upgrading the Shellinghill Park, Cullybackey Community Partnership decided to make an additional seating area where the steps used to be.

An application was made to Live Here Love Here for a grant to cover the costs of the upgrade.

The plan included covering the cement work with coloured slate, putting in two benches and adding a couple of planters and small boxwood trees.

Our thanks goes to Live Here Love Here for financing the project.



Buick Memorial PS Junior Road Safety Officers

Buick Memorial Primary School is excited to introduce Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) to promote road safety within the school and local community.

Pupils from P6 and P7 applied for the roles and following interviews, four pupils were selected to lead

the way in road safety awareness!

The JRSOs will be involved in a variety of activities throughout the school year such as patrols outside school gates, class presentations, poster competitions, quizzes, and Road Safety Awareness Days.



Everyone is welcome at the Mustardseed

The Mustardseed100 opened its doors in November 2018. We are funded and supported by Cullybackey Elim Church with the aim of helping people in any way possible; either spiritually, emotionally or practically.

Call in for a game of pool, or just for company and a chat where a group of volunteers are always on hand with a listening ear. All ages are welcome, from children calling in before school to senior citizens in the fortnightly get together. We are also planning a morning bible study in the new year.

Check out Facebook for more information and opening times or contact us on 077 3894 3404

Matthew 11v28

Come unto Me all ye that are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

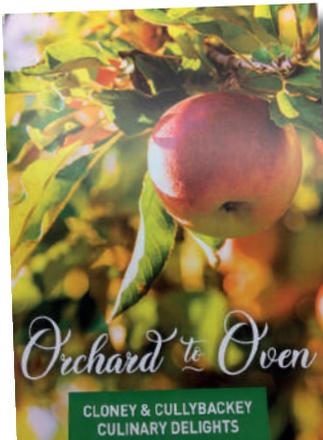


Cullybackey and Cloney Orchard

Following a very enjoyable fact finding visit to Armagh Cider Festival with a group from Cloney, Cullybackey Community Partnership have sourced a number of apple trees, purchased a cider press and produced an orchard cookery book which is available at various outlets in village for a small £3 donation.

This Peace Project has involved working with people with whom we would not normally work and has created a very positive new partnership with Cloney.

Having established a couple of small orchards in each community we can benefit from building on the relationships made, produce locally grown fruit and help to improve the environment.



Success for Cullybackey in the Rural Community Awards

Cullybackey has been successful in the Northern Ireland Housing Executive annual Rural Community Awards.

The Community Spirit Award rewards communities who make their village a better, safer place to live, and help to create a better quality of life and where people in the local community work together to make the village a better place to live.

Cullybackey Community Partnership applied and mentioned how the guides, scouts, army cadets, nine thirty

club, schools and local businesses worked together on litter picks, caring for the summer flowering, organising events and developing projects throughout the village.

The application received a commendation and the village received an award of a wheelbarrow, brushes, litter pickers and rubbish sacks.



1st Cullybackey Scouts & Explorers present a cheque for £341.85 to Dementia NI that was raised bag packing in Tesco.



Health & Fitness on the Agenda for Cullybackey

Under the Mid and East Antrim village renewal scheme Cullybackey will soon have an outdoor gym down the Riverside Path including a chest press, shoulder press, cross trainer, leg press and hand bike.

For those who simply want to walk the path there will be an information board and a number of interpretative panels to exercise the mind and some tree

plaques to provide some useful information. Work is due to be completed by the end of February 2020.

Mid and East Antrim council are progressing plans for a multi use games area and a play area in the village. This project has an anticipated end date of September 2020. This will ensure that all ages are catered for from the young to the not so young.

2020 looks like being a good year for the village when we can all improve our health through spending time outdoors and making full use of the facilities on offer.



Around the village

Guides say Sew What



Cullybackey Guides recently made draught excluders as part of the Mid & East Antrim Sew Energy Efficient scheme.

They loved using the sewing machines and creating something practical for their bedroom.

WI Annual Dinner

Ladies from the Women's Institute who attended their Annual Dinner which was held in Toast.

After a lovely meal, pleasantly served and enjoyed by all, the ladies were entertained to a summary of the past years events delivered in a humorous fashion. It was a lovely night of fun and

friendship. Being a member of WI is a wonderful way of socialising and should any lady be interested in joining please contact Ruth on 028 2588 2199.

A very warm welcome awaits them at Cullybackey Lecture Hall at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of each month.



Congratulations to the Buick Memorial football team on winning the Fourtowns PS 7 a-side football tournament. The team managed to go unbeaten with 3 wins and a draw, scoring 8 goals and conceding only one.

They now qualify for the Ballymena District 7-a-side Final which will be played in January or February.

For more information on any of the articles in the newsletter or to submit your own, contact Cullybackey Community Partnership by Email cullybackey@nacn.org or Telephone: 028 2588 2281

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