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Sports Development Updates

Sports Awards 2023 - launching December 1st

Promotional Space available in Ards Blair Mayne Wellbeing and Leisure Centre, Suitable for activities including Open Days, new Schemes, one off Club Events and 'Try' days.

Sports Education spaces available on Designated Officer and Safeguarding courses

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Spaces still available on upcoming Sports Education courses, please get in touch regarding bookings as soon as possible.

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Football Development Update



1/ We are currently running afterschool activities in 4 schools, St Marys Kircubbin, Alexander Dickson Ballygowan, Greyabbey Primary, St Marys Comber. With at least 6 schools coming on board this month for the Peninsula girls coaching and Tournament.

2/ Halloween – Photo attached, some of the children and coaches at the Halloween Camp this week at Ards Blair Maine L.C. with coaches, Iain Hannah, Stevie Henderson and Craig Brotherston.

3/ Kids Disability – Since covid we had struggled to improve the numbers for this programme with only 3 or 4 kids turning up, we have since promoted it again through the schools and are running a pilot programme from Monday 6th November 5pm to 6pm for

7 weeks at Ards Blair Maine L.C. this is now full and we will be looking to continue this progression after Christmas.

4/ Primary Schools League – The league kicked -off on the 21st of September with 17 teams taking part, there has been 6 sets of results so far with the league running well into next year. (current league table attached), this league runs every Thursday at Londonderry park with a K.O. time of 2.30pm

Results Large / Medium Schools' Section Thursday 26th October 2023

2:30pm

Donaghadee	2 v 0	Model
Londonderry	1 v 0	Carrickmannon
Abbey	0 v 2	Millisle

3:00pm

Donaghadee	1 v 0	Carrickmannon
Model	0 v 0	Abbey
Killinchy	0 v 1	Victoria

3:30pm

Donaghadee	3 v 0	Killinchy
Model	1 v O	Victoria
Londonderry	0 v 0	Millisle

Table

1=. Brooklands	19 pts
Londonderry	19 pts
3. Millisle	16 pts
4. Ballywalter	12 pts
5. Abbey	11 pts
6=. Dundonald	10 pts
Victoria	10 pts
Model	10 pts
Donaghadee	10 pts
10. Andrews	9 pts
11. Comber	7 pts
12=. Killinchy	4 pts
St. Finians	4 pts
Alexander Dickson	4 pts
15=. West Winds	3 pts
Castle Gardens	3 pts
17. Carrickmannon	2 pts

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Schools Sports Series

130 young people from 10 Primary Schools across the Borough took part in the first event in the Sports Series, enjoying a morning of Tag Rugby at Londonderry Park.

The event is the first of many, providing local pupils with friendly games and taster sessions in:

- Hockey (November)
- Indoor Athletics (December)
- Netball (January)
- Cross Country (February)
- Football (March)

School sports series starts again with tag rugby event



own Council Sports evelopment department operate a well supported and highly successful sports series for local primary schools.





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Borough Good News

Dunne honours Special Olympics athletes

SPECIAL Olympics Ulster Athletes were recently honoured at a recognition reception held by North Down MLA, Stephen Dunne.

Congratulating the athletes on their success at the Berlin Summer Games, Mr Dunne, who is also the DUP's Assembly spokesman for sport, hosted a special recognition reception at Parliament Buildings.

He said he was delighted to welcome local athletes from Special Olympics Ulster who secured a tremendous haul' of 31 medals - 12 gold, eight silver, and 11 bronze - as part of Team Ireland.

"The outstanding success of our athletes demonstrates once again our country's ability to punch above its weight when it comes to

Ireland," he said.
"She also was the first female to represent
Team Ireland for level four women's artistic
gymnastics. She experienced great success at
the games winning gold on vault, silver on
uneven bars as well as silver on floor and
halance beam."





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Softball Club celebrates 10th anniversary

SOFTBALL has very much entered the local sporting world, and it is amazing to consider that, when the new season restarts, it will be time to celebrate the 10th anniversary of North Down Softball Club.

I am also told that the new season is highly likely to see the launch of a fourth team at the local club.

Last season was one which saw continued growth for the club and the launch of the Scrabo

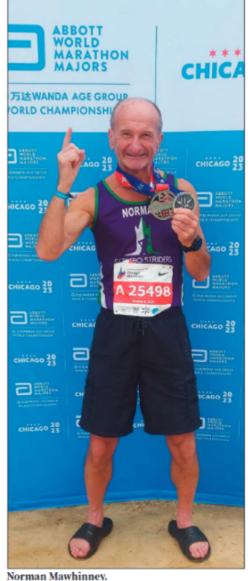
Sluggers. They, along with the Bangor Buccaneers and Bangor Barracudas, held their annual awards dinner very recently, with the prize winners as follows: attended the recent awards function

Bangor Barracudas Male MVP – Adam Norman Female MVP – Charlotte Turpitt Golden Glove – Adam Grant Rookie MVP – Matthew Turpitt Most Improved – Matty Connor Spirit Award – Danny McCartney

Scrabo Sluggers Male MVP – Harry Beard and Bryan Gilpin Female MVP – Suzi McBride Golden Glove – Harry Beard Rookie MVP – Colin Wallace Spirit Award – Pete Maxwell

Bangor Buccaneers Male MVP – Dave Kelly Female MVP – Lisa Wallace, Caz Walker an Steph Dunlop Golden Glove – Dave Kelly Most Improved – Darwin Sanchez Spirit Award - Will Gilpin and Dave Kelly

He is now a six-time Northern Ireland champion, a five-time Irish and a British champion in his age bracket. As recently as two weeks ago, Norman became the Abbott M65 World Marathon champion with a truly remarkable time of 02:52:16 at the Chicago Marathon.



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Sports Forum Grants

All application forms and guidance notes available online

https://www.leisureardsandnorthdown.com/sports-development/funding

For further information contact the team sportsdevelopment@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

- Anniversary (Open)
- Club Travel and Accommodation (Open)
- Coaching (Open)
- Equipment (Closed until April 24)
- Events (Open)
- Goldcard (Open)
- Individual Travel and Accommodation (Open)
- Schools Clubs Pathway (Closed until April 24)
- Seeding (Closed until April 24)

Quarterly Meeting

19.00 Tuesday 6th February, Londonderry Park Newtownards

Date for your diary, invitations to follow in New Year

December Newsletter

Enquiries about submitting content (upcoming Events, Good News stories etc) for future newsletters please contact Victoria Cowan victoria.cowan@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk