



The Big Lunch

The Big Lunch is an annual event bringing neighbours and communities closer together.

Spending more time at home and being more present in our communities has brought a **heartwarming wave of community action**. The Big Lunch is a great way to help your community blossom by celebrating community connections and getting to know one another.



The Big Lunch takes place **5-6 June 2021** and they are inviting neighbours to register to:

- do something neighbourly for your community
- use your lunch break for good, or
- have a neighbourly cuppa at the front door

Find out more how you and your community can get involved, enter their competitions and discover training opportunities by visiting @TheBigLunchNorthernIreland on Facebook or www.thebiglunch.com.

Keeping you at the heart...

We value hearing your feedback and your engagement really helps us keep you, our tenants, at the heart of all that we do! Together in 2020/21:



62 tenants have volunteered over 318 hours to shape the services you receive!



30 tenants participated in a 5 week Digital Training course with Advice NI.



loaned devices to 39 tenants to support them to engage in training, meetings, community events etc.



trained **10 Digital Champions** to support our tenants to access digital services.



began our monthly Book Club with **12 tenants** taking part.



funded **66 groups** a total of **£35,501.79** via our Community Chest Grant.



supported **13 young people** in our community to attend Mood Matters Training with AWARE NI.

Contact our Tenant Engagement Team to register your interest or to find out more get in touch by contacting Lesa (07803 897 719), Christine (07542 672 833) or email tenant.engagement@radiushousing.org



AWARE 25 Challenge

This year our Corporate Charity AWARE NI are celebrating their 25th birthday with a new fundraising challenge!

What is the challenge?

The AWARE 25 Challenge is a fundraising challenge in support of AWARE that incorporates the number 25. We aim to raise £2,500!

All funds raised from the AWARE 25 Challenge will go directly towards helping people in NI living with depression, anxiety and bipolar disorder and will enable AWARE to continue and expand vital services which as a lifeline to many.

Join in...

For ideas and to find out how to take part visit www.aware-ni.org/aware-25-challenge.



Welfare Advice

Providing advice, support and advocacy on all aspects of benefit entitlement.

Radius Welfare Advice Officers are on hand to support our tenants & residents. Support can be given by telephone or video call. Call our office on 0330 123 0888 and speak to your Housing Officer or email info@radiushousing.org for your referral.





CATCH IT.



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KILL IT.

Life after Lockdown

After a year of lockdown restrictions there is hope that we can soon get back to a more normal way of life. To help ease us back into the new normal there are things we can do:



Get outside to help improve your mood which can reduce feelings of depression & anxiety. Enjoying each others company outdoors.



Eat well & break those lockdown eating habits. Visit your local greengrocers and take time to browse the fruit and veg aisle.



Treat yourself - book an appointment at your local hairdressers/barbers or beauty salon for a pamper to make you feel good.



Don't break good habits you learnt during lockdown. It's important to maintain mask wearing, social distancing & hygiene habits.

A Shared Space

This Shared Space is all about YOU!



Big shout out to all the florists, window cleaners, local bakeries and Rathcoole Community Group for all their kind gestures at **Drumcor!**



Tenants at **Pine Tree Manor** really enjoyed **Intergenerational Week** receiving beautiful cards from the children at **Cloverhill** as well as baked goods and a lovely hamper. Thanks so much for being such great and thoughtful neighbours!

Well done to the **Rathain Craft Class** ladies who have **raised £1,000** for AWARE NI! Keep on knitting!

Big thank you to all at **Ardrigh Fold** who **helped raise £867** to support their Scheme Coordinator who took part in the April Hospice Walk.

If you have something you would like to share in our next newsletter get in touch by contacting your Scheme Coordinator or email us at tenant.engagement@radiushousing.org

Radius Heroes OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS



Radius is delighted to open nominations for the **Radius Heroes Awards** to celebrate the people in our communities with the below categories:

- Best Kept Garden
- Community Pride
- Healthy Living & Learning
- Good Neighbour
- Creativity Award
- Lockdown Legend
- Inspirational Young Person

Nominate...

Nominate ONLINE today at <https://tinyurl.com/RADH21>

or speak to your Scheme Coordinator/Housing Officer for more information/support. We can't wait to hear and celebrate all the great things taking place in Radius Communities! **Nominations close Friday, 4 June 21.**

Office Closed

Our Offices will be closed on 3rd May & 31st May. If you have an emergency repair our Connect24 team is there to help. **Call us on 0330 123 0888.**

Reporting a Repair

To report a repair in your home please get in touch:

0330 123 0888

responserepairs@radiushousing.org

radiusrepairs.org

Speak to a member of staff

Stay Connected...

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Contact your Scheme Coordinator for your copy of the May Boredom Busters!