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## 2024 COMMUNITY AWARDS UPDATE

We are still accepting nominations for the Radius Community Awards 2024, however the Best Kept Garden Categories have now closed!

Judging for the Best Kept Garden Awards will take place later in June/July with the Tenant Engagement Team contacting schemes and individual's closer to the time with judging information.

An idea came from the Radius Community Awards working group to contact local colleges for volunteer judges.

As a result, we are delighted to announce this year's gardening competition will be judged by a group of Horticultural students from **Ballymena Greenmount College** and **Volunteer NI**, who bring their expertise and fresh perspectives to the competition. We look forward to seeing the many beautiful and creative gardens our community has created!

**Radius Community Awards** 

The other Radius Community Awards remain open until **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**.

These open categories are: Good Neighbour, Positive Impact and Inspirational Young Person.

# We are especially keen to receive more submissions for the Positive Impact award category.

This category is for a group of tenants who have worked together making a difference to the community they are living in.



For example, they may have set up a Tenant Group/Association and started organising events/activities for tenants to attend.

Equally, they could be a group successfully applying for funding to benefit the tenants within their community or a group of tenants that have worked hard in the gardens for everyone to benefit.

Submit your nominations online using the QR code by Friday 14th June and celebrate our local heroes.



## PLANNED MAINTENANCE UPDATE 2024

## The planned maintenance programme has been approved for 2024/25.

Radius are committed to focusing primarily on fire and building safety workstreams post Grenfell, and this has been and will continue to be Radius main focus over the next number of years.

The works include upgrading fire doors, smoke alarm replacements/upgrades, fire compartmentation, fire stopping, electrical works etc. and therefore a requirement to prioritise fire and building safety works in advance of any component and redecoration works at this time.

We appreciate that our tenants and stakeholders are keen to have their schemes/properties included within future planned programmes as we continue to work through our planned maintenance programme.

## 2024/25 PLANNED MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

Project	Project Scope	Cost Estimate
Brookvale Fold	Multi Element Improvement	£2,200,000
Glenalina Lodge & Owenvale Mews	Multi Element Improvement	£4,400,000
Toberdoney Fold & Winchester Court	Fire & Building Safety	£1,400,000
St. Johns Close	Damp and refurbishment	£4,330,000
Mount Royal	Multi Element Improvement	£980,000
Liscorran Court	Damp and refurbishment	£3,500,000
Damp Remediation Works (General Needs) Phase 1	Damp and refurbishment	£1,100,000
Damp Remediation Works (General Needs) Phase 2	Damp and refurbishment	£1,800,000
Damp Remediation Works (General Needs) Phase 3	Damp and refurbishment	£500,000
Brownhill Fold, Bloomfield Grange & Donovan Fold	Multi Element Improvement	£2,800,000
Grahamsbridge Manor & Mount Vernon Court	Multi Element Improvement	£1,700,000
McClay Fold	Multi Element Improvement	£487,500
Kerrington Court	Multi Element Improvement	£400,000
Laurel Lodge	Multi Element Improvement	£780,000
Clifton House	Multi Element Improvement	£5,400,000
McAuley Street, Easton, Brookvale Terrace & Castlereagh Street	Fire & Building Safety	£520,000

### Would you like to feature in the next Radius Mail newsletter?

Please speak to your Scheme Coordinator, Housing Officer or email us at: tenant.engagement@radiushousing.org

## SCHEMES ARE GETTING Acti IN ON THE ACTION

We want to say a big thank you to the schemes who are getting in on the action to help raise funds for our charity partner, Action Cancer.

Rathain Fold, Coleraine, raised £400 through an Easter hamper competition and craft sale.

Barnhalt Cottages, Carrickfergus also held an Easter competition, selling little chicks specially knitted by the Barnhalt Cottages Knitting Club, raising £700.

Forthriver Fold, Belfast, have raised £820 so far this year with more exciting fundraising activities underway. Keep an eye for details coming soon on how we can sponsor Les Brady, a tenant from Forthriver, who will be doing a skydive!

Toberdoney Fold, Kilrea, hosted an Ulster Fry morning, treating tenants and local contractors, QMAC Construction, to a delicious fry - raising £430.

Tonic Fold, Bangor, treated tenants to an Afternoon Tea, raising £338.23.

A coffee morning was held at Meadowell Fold, Magherafelt, who raised £549.71

A massive congratulations to all the scheme coordinators, scheme staff members and tenants involved in this fantastic fundraising! We're excited to see more scheme events coming through over the coming weeks.

You can make a donation anytime via our JustGiving page using the QR Code:



#### **ENCED AGEISM?** AVE YOU EXPER



**The Commissioner** for Older People for Northern Ireland recently launched a report on Are you ageist? Older people's perceptions of ageism in NI.

The report focuses on how older people in Northern Ireland experience ageism, specifically assessing their experiences across three themes: ageism in society,

ageism in healthcare settings, and ageism in the workplace.

The report also placed emphasis on raising awareness about what is ageism and how this form of discrimination is experienced by older people.

The report can be downloaded using the QR Code or if you require a hard copy please email: communications@copni.org or call 028 9089 0899



#### UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Age Friendly Strategy Working Group Meeting Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm Tenant Executive Committee Meeting Thursday 13th June at 2pm Tenant Participation Focus Groups Thursday 20th June (Time TBC)

#### **ESTATE WALKABOUTS** . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Monday 3rd June 10:30am **Blackstaff Mews** 

Tuesday 4th June 10am Ardenwood

Tuesday 4th June 11:15am **Essex Grove** 

Wednesday 5th June 10am Cairndale

Wednesday 5th June 10:30am **Clonard Garens** 

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Thursday 6th June 10am **Brookmount** 

Thursday 6th June 11am **Lagmore Heights** 

Tuesday 11th June 12pm **Drumcor Court** 

Thursday 13th June 11am **Mill River Close** 

Wednesday 19th June 11am **Orchard Mews** 

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**Welfare Advice** 

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hand to support and assist you with: Benefits

- **Universal Credit**
- Budgeting •

Get in touch with your Scheme Coordinator or Housing Officer if you would like a referral.

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To report a repair, visit our website and fill in our online **Report a Repair form** or scan the QR Code.



You can also contact the Radius Office directly on 0330 123 0888 or speak to your Scheme Coordinator.

For Emergency Repairs, contact us

immediately on 0330 123 0888

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**As June is National Pollinators Month** claim your FREE packet of Wildflower Seeds today.

Pollinators play a crucial role in Northern Ireland's ecosystem. Bees, butterflies, and other insects are essential for the reproduction of many plants, including crops that support our local food supply.

Call into Holywood reception to collect your seeds, or, if you'd like us to post them to you, contact Sam via email: samantha.collins@radiushousing.org

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