

GORTNAGHEY

The group has achieved excellent facilities which have the potential to be of great benefit to the local area.

KILLYFOLE

Group capitalised on a local abandoned reservoir to create a well balanced scheme which embodies a social, economic, environmental and educational resource. Very enjoyable visit.

LOUP

A small close community that gets involved enthusiastically with all community events. Strong dedicated and proud committee and an exceptional pre school facility with superb outdoor play area.

MOURNES

Well managed innovative project - providing opportunities for young families to return to the area.

NEWTOWNHAMILTON

Nurturing young leaders is a key focus of this village. We experienced a great sense of pride and achievement tinted with a touch of sadness. A modest yet worthy community with a clear eye on the future.

RANDALSTOWN

Very friendly village with great vision for the future and a strong sense of its difficult past. Strong community feeling and cross community involvement in all events. Everyone dedicated to its development while keen to preserve heritage and environment.

TEMPO

Friendly, enthusiastic, dedicated and a great desire to ensure the survival of Tempo.

TULLYMORE

A very strong community - great spirit - an extended family community which looks out for one another.



LASTING IMPRESSIONS

During the judging phase of Calor Village of the Year® Northern Ireland, the judging panels visited 24 villages. At each village the judges were met with enthusiasm, motivation, humour, and above all a caring aspect towards their community and a total determination to make it succeed.

The judges were overwhelmed with the welcome they received and want to put on record that each village is a winner, regardless of who walks away with the titles today. The judges were asked to record a lasting impression of each village and this is detailed as follows.



AHOGHILL

Forward looking. The community is transforming with lots of hard work put in within last few years. There is a new spirit and attitude about Ahoghill.

ARMOY

A lot of work has been put in over the last decade to this village. Excellent use of the 'Armoym Armada' to bring the community together.

BALLYGALLY

A beautiful village location, very enthusiastic committee, good community spirit. There is great potential to do a lot in the area.

BELLEEK

Inspirational, innovative and energetic. There is something for everyone in this village. We left this community wanting to be part of it. Great use of buildings, great sense of community pride. Simply outstanding.

BERAGH

Tolerance and respect for each others traditions.

BROUGHSHANE

There is so much more to this village than plants. Great demonstration of the vibrancy of this community. A lot of community pride around how this village has been transformed.

BRYANSFORD

Very impressed with range and number of people participating - each with their own stories to tell. These are great salespeople for Bryansford!

CALEDON

Positive, enthusiastic and committed team of people who are determined to further Caledon village.

CLAUDY

This area has a lot of activity for their youth. A great self sufficient centre which is an asset to its people. A lot of plans for the area.

CLOUGH

A hidden thrive of community activity. Quiet on the outside, buzzing on the inside. We left this village feeling encouraged by a community that so obviously cares for its residents and the environment.

CRUMLIN

This is a village that has achieved a strong sense of village pride and cross community involvement. It is full of potential.

CUSHENDALL

Cushendall is alive and well, lots of voluntary effort and looking to the future.

CUSHENDALL (FRIENDS)

Young people and young people with disabilities heavily involved in both planning and implementing activities. A lot of activities available to the youth.

DERVOCK

This group has great ambitions for the area - good work ethic, good use of local history.

DRUMADONALD / BALLYWARD

This young group of only 4 years has much to celebrate and be proud of. Community life has clearly benefited from their hard work and determination.

DUNGIVEN

This is a community that has built success on teamwork and mutual respect for each other. A very enjoyable visit full of action.