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### The Northern Ireland Rural Development Council (RDC)

The Northern Ireland Rural Development Council (RDC) is an independent organisation operating at a regional level across rural Northern Ireland. Established in 1991 RDC is presently managed by a 13 member Council comprised of representatives drawn for a wide range of rural interests including youth, farming, environment, business, women, education, community development, culture and heritage.

RDC is involved in the delivery of support services, both financial and practical, to organisations involving people locally in planning regeneration projects that meet the real needs of rural communities.

This has included, among other activities, support and help to people in rural areas to develop community halls, create workspace, sustain transport networks, build play parks, deliver training, protect their environment, access essential services and maintain their local shop.

RDC activities are based on the principle that local people are best placed to identify their needs and propose solutions.

More information on the work of RDC can be accessed online at [www.rdc.org.uk](http://www.rdc.org.uk)



## Calor Village of the Year® 2009

# Rewarding Communities



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### A Catalyst

Did you know that more than one third of all people who live in Northern Ireland live in a rural area? That is nearly 600,000 people in total (Source: 2005 URDG Class).

With statistics like this, you can see why rural communities continue to play a significant and vital role in maintaining a sustainable and flourishing rural Northern Ireland. However, the pace of life today means that time spent bringing rural communities closer together has never been more important.

Have you ever considered what your village has to offer the people who live there? Would you describe it as vibrant and enterprising, or is it in need of a boost? This is the third year of the Calor Village of the Year® competition in Northern Ireland. The competition, which has attracted an impressive array of entries over the last couple of years acts as a catalyst: simply taking part will bring people together, including those who have not been motivated before. Participating in the competition can help your community realise what has already been achieved and build goals to aim for in the future.

### A Celebration

Northern Ireland is home to many vibrant villages with some amazing people making a real difference to local life and Calor wants to hear from them. Rarely will you find an activity has the potential to bring such lasting benefits to a community. An entry for Calor Village of the Year® in Northern Ireland is a celebration of all that is good in your community! Calor Village of the Year® in Northern Ireland is looking for communities which have made the best of local opportunities to enhance the quality of life for the people who live there. It will assess what a community does rather than what it has. There are five categories which are based on five major aspects of village life.



### Building Community Life –

This Category recognizes that communications are strongly inter-linked into the development of community life in any village or rural settlement. It looks at the process of creating and developing Community Life. This can range from the activities and facilities that are available for people in the village to the way newcomers are treated and how those who are in need are supported. Also taken into account are how information about issues that affect the community is communicated and the various media used by communities to communicate information locally and further afield.

### Business –

The Business category looks at the part local businesses play in the life of a village, for example, in what way do businesses support community life; are villagers offered employment opportunities by local businesses? It also looks at community businesses and the benefits provided to residents through their existence.

### Young People –

The Young People category looks at the facilities, services and activities available for young people in a village – from the very youngest residents to teenagers and young adults. Another important aspect of this category is how young people are encouraged to get involved in decision making forums which affect their role in village life and how the needs of young people are addressed.

### Older People –

Again, the Older People category looks at the facilities, services and activities available for senior citizens in a village; how senior citizens are encouraged to get involved in village life and what part they play in decision making.

### Environment –

This category takes into account environmental and conservation activities from litter pick-ups and recycling through to wildlife and sustainability, and focuses on how villagers are encouraged to become involved in these initiatives.

### New This Year!

Over the past 2 years of the competition the judges have visited many villages and met with great people who are real ambassadors of rural life, and who are determined to make their village a better place to live. So, as an added extra to the 2009 competition, the judges will seek to recognise the person whose efforts and contribution to their community is outstanding. No additional category needs to be entered but as the judges make their way through each of the villages, they will be on the look out for that person who has inspired, motivated, moved or encouraged them.

The competition is open to all rural communities throughout Northern Ireland with a population of 5,000 or under. Villages may enter as many or as few of the categories as they wish and they will also be asked to explain in 500 words or less ‘What makes your village a special place?’ There will be five individual category winners with a prize of £1000 for each. Only those entering all five categories will be considered for the prestigious title of 2009 Calor Village of the Year® for Northern Ireland and top prize of £5,000.

Entry is open to community based organisations/groups if they meet any of the following criteria:

- A ‘not for profit’ local organisation or trust which has been set up to improve the social, economic, cultural or environmental well-being of your local community.
- A strong emphasis on the involvement of local individuals or groups active within the community.
- Partnerships, networks or forums acting within a localised community.

If you are unsure of your group’s eligibility, please contact RDC on 028 8676 6980 or email [info@rdc.org.uk](mailto:info@rdc.org.uk).

Entry forms can be requested by email at [competition@calorgasni.co.uk](mailto:competition@calorgasni.co.uk) or downloaded from the Northern Ireland section of [www.calorvillageoftheyear.org](http://www.calorvillageoftheyear.org). Alternatively fill in and return the form provided.

### Calor Village of the Year® for Northern Ireland in association with RDC

Complete this form and send it in to register your interest and receive a copy of the competition entry form.

Name of Village/Community: \_\_\_\_\_ Population: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Group(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

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The closing date for entries is Friday 3rd July 2009 at 4pm. Completed forms should be sent to:  
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