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Ulster villages in race for top title

ULSTER: Ten Ulster villages are vying for the title 'Village of the Year', it was announced yesterday.

Organised by Calor and run in conjunction with the Northern Ireland Rural Development Council (RDC), the competition aims to celebrate the success of "vibrant, enterprising and caring rural local communities".

The villages going head to head in the final are Donemana, Cushendun, Toomebridge, Claudy, Dromore, Ahoghill, Portaferry, Loughgiel, Charlestown and Dromara.

A team of judges will visit each village over the next few weeks to meet with local representatives, who will have the opportunity to present their village and demonstrate why they feel they should win the £5,000 prize.