The project is being led by DC&SDC and the Leafair Community Association with funding from the Social Investment Fund (SIF).

The new pavilion will be a significant addition to the 3G & grass playing pitches at the site plus the floodlit jogging trail and outdoor gym which opened last year.

Peter McDonald, Co-ordinator of Leafair Community Association, said the construction of the Pavilion will help further their vision of creating a “one stop shop” for local people to improve their fitness at the site.

“The new Sports Pavilion will perfectly complement existing facilities at the site. As an association we are keen to promote the health & wellbeing of the people who live within the area and we hope this facility will be an added incentive for people to exercise regularly.

(Continued on Page 3)
Take 5 Comes Alive in Ballyarnett Park

Launching the ‘Take 5 Steps to Well-being’ Campaign at the Ballyarnett Playpark (l-r) Cllr Brian Tierney, Ciara Ferguson and Lorraine McWilliams (GSAP), Darren Kirby (ONNP), Joanna Boyd (DCSDC), Hayleigh Fleming (NHIP Health Development Worker), Cllr Conchúr McCauley and Marie McLaughlin (NHIP Co-ordinator).

The Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project (NHIP) is delighted to bring its ‘Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing’ campaign ‘alive’ through the planting of 5 apple trees across six park sites in the North West.

Each tree symbolises one of the five steps or actions recommended for the promotion of positive mental health & wellbeing. The 5 steps are; Connect, Keep Learning, Be Active, Take Notice and Give.

The apple trees have been planted at the new play parks in Ballyarnett, Ballymagroarty, Brandywell, Nelson Drive, Roe Valley Leisure Centre and at the Strabane Green Gym site.
Leafair Sport & Recreation Pavilion

(Continued from Page 1)

With an outdoor gym, playing pitches & a floodlit jogging trail already in place, the site is well on its way to becoming a one stop shop for people to work towards their fitness goals."

The project is part of an ambitious programme of sports pitch & supporting infrastructure currently being developed at Strabane’s Melvin Sports Arena, the recently refurbished Brandywell Stadium, as well as facilities at Ballymagroarty and Clondermott.

The Mayor commented “I am pleased that we are continuing our commitment in the Strategic Growth Plan to build the capacity of our local sporting and recreational organisations to become more sustainable and encourage higher levels of participation and proficiency in sport & recreational activities”.

Demolition works are now complete and the substructure works for the new 3 storey RC frame building are due to be complete in the coming weeks. A temporary mobile changing facility has been provided for those using the football pitches.

For further information contact Peter McDonald at Leafair Community Association on E. peter@leafaircommunity.org or Tel: 7135 3735

Take 5 Steps to Well-Being

(Continued from Page 2)

Generally we understand what it means to be well both mentally and physically, however by introducing ‘Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing’ into our everyday lives, we can improve our mental health - it may include things such as being in contact more with your family / friends, learning something new or starting to get active.

The following are some ways in which Take 5 can become part of our daily lives:

Connect: With the people around you: family, friends, colleagues and neighbours at home, work, school or in your local community.

Keep learning: Step out of your comfort zone and try something new, rediscover an old hobby or sign up for a new course.

Be active: Go for a walk, run or cycle. Play a game, gardening or dancing. Most importantly discover a physical activity that you enjoy.

Take notice: Savour the moment, whether you are in a bus or taxi, eating lunch or talking to friends. Be aware of the world around you and what you are feeling.

Give: Do something nice for a friend or stranger; thank somebody, smile, volunteer your time or consider joining a community group.

The Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project provides a range of activities & programmes which supports and enables people in building the Take 5 into their daily lives. A good place to start your own Take 5 journey could be to visit the new Ballyarnett play park and check out the newly planted apple trees.

For further information about local NHIP activities contact Hayleigh Fleming, Outer North NHIP Health Development Worker on Tel. 7186 5127 or check the NHIP Facebook page.
On 8th May 2018 the Dept for Infrastructure presented a set of revised proposals to upgrade the A2 Buncrana Rd between the Pennyburn Roundabout and the border with County Donegal.

DfI Roads initially progressed this scheme in 2009 attaining approval for the preferred route through the publication of a stage 2 scheme assessment report, but was not progressed further due to lack of funding. In December 2016 the then DfI Minister, Chris Hazzard, announced a stimulus package and funding was made available to recommence scheme development with a view to taking it forward to publication of draft statutory orders and Environmental Statement.

The A2 Buncrana Road is a key link in the North West of the city which serves as a main arterial route from the city centre to significant industrial and residential areas (Outer North and Outer West suburbs) of Derry and cross border to County Donegal.

The proposed road improvement will deliver improved traffic progression, improved road safety for strategic and local road users, economic and physical regeneration, will support the use of more sustainable transport modes, and, of crucial importance, will facilitate further expansion of local housing and industry. (continued on Pg5)

Consultation on the new Housing Executive draft Corporate Plan 17/18 - 20/21 is open until Monday 27th August 2018. It articulates the vision, priorities, outcomes and ways in which the Housing Executive will measure success.

You can find out more information at: https://www.nihe.gov.uk/corporate/consultation or download a copy of the Plan at: https://www.nihe.gov.uk/draft_corporate_plan_2017_18_2020_21.pdf

If you’d like to comment on the Plan, email janet.thomas@nihe.gov.uk
The Buncrana Road is a busy 4.4km long two lane arterial road - the 3km urban section from Pennyburn roundabout to the Skeoge roundabout carries up to 24,000 vehicles per weekday (2017 survey) with congestion at peak periods and even at other times throughout the day – with the recent housing developments in the Skeoge this is likely to be even higher in 2018. The 1.4km rural section from Skeoge roundabout to the Border with Co. Donegal carries up to 19,600 vehicles per weekday (2017 survey).

The proposal includes an upgrade of the existing 4.4km single carriageway to dual carriageway standard with six major all-movement junctions at the following locations:

- Pennyburn Roundabout;
- Racecourse Road;
- Springtown Road;
- Branch Roundabout;
- Skeoge Roundabout; and
- Elagh Business Park.

This updated proposal includes the provision of a physical central median between Pennyburn Roundabout and Skeoge Roundabout thus preventing right turning movements into and out of intermediate junctions and accesses. Left-in left-out access is provided at the majority of the intermediate junctions and minor accesses with a diversion via the adjacent major all-movement junctions.

The rural section between Skeoge Roundabout and Elagh Business Park will also be upgraded to a 4 lane dual carriageway and have a central reserve installed to prevent right turning movements.

More details are included in the scheme documents and consultation materials from the Public Exhibition held on 8 May 2018 in Da Vinci’s Hotel at https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/a2-buncrana-road-londonderry-overview

Review of Anti-Social Behaviour Legislation in N.I.

The Department of Justice has launched a public consultation inviting opinion on a number of proposals aimed at addressing anti-social behaviour.

Within the (draft) Programme for Government there is a commitment to review Northern Ireland’s legislative framework for helping to tackle anti-social behaviour. As a result, there has been ongoing examination of the developments in anti-social behaviour legislation and powers within other jurisdictions, to determine whether replicating such powers in a N.I. context would be appropriate.

The consultation period will close on 24th July 2018 at 5.00pm. The consultation documents can be viewed at the DoJ website :- https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/review-anti-social-behaviour-legislation-northern-ireland

A young person’s version is also available. Ways to respond :-

E. DOJMSupportingSaferCommunities@justice-ni.x.gsi.gov.uk

Write to: Community Safety Division Department of Justice, Room A4.03, Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate, BELFAST, BT4 3SG
Leafair Community Association will launch their new programme ‘Don’t Burn Them, Turn Them’ on Friday 6th July 2018.

This is a new alternative to bonfires programme, wherein young people will turn pallets into furniture & other items instead of burning them.

For further information contact Michaela McGilloway, Youth Engagement Worker, Leafair Comm. Association T. 7135 3735

ONNP have recently produced a ‘position paper’ which sets out the need / demand for pitch development and the range of ambitions for pitch development within the Greater Shantallow / Outer North area.

The report recognises that there is excessive competition for the playing pitches which are available within the area and that there is an acknowledged (& evidenced) under provision of playing pitches - a deficit estimated to be in the region of 20 hectares / 50 acres.

The report outlines the case for investment in pitch infrastructure to cater for the increasing numbers participating in sports locally. For further information contact Darren Kirby, ONNP on Tel: 7135 8787 or Email. darren@shantallow.net

---

Pitch Development Sites

1. Templemore Sports Complex
2. St. Columb’s College
3. Belmont Campus
4. St. Brigid’s PS / Racecourse Rd
5. St. Brigid’s College
6. Leafair Pitches
7. Galliagh Linear Park
8. Steeetown Brian Òg
9. Na Magha CLG
10. Thornhill College
11. Cullmore Country Park
12. Shantallow Community Centre
Impact

Bringing 400,000 visitors a year (£19m economic benefit)
1,000,000 oak trees grown and used to reforest Ireland
1 historic ice house restored
200 jobs created on site (a further 200 in the local economy)
25 apprenticeships and 100 volunteering opportunities
2.5 miles of riverside landscape trail created
1 archaeological 17th Century battle site enhanced
250 acres of land opened up for the benefit of the community
3 historic walled gardens brought back into use
2 historic great houses accessible to the public
15,000 sq ft enhancement of historic buildings

Foyle River Gardens

A new partnership has been created to regenerate the historically important riverfront at Boom Hall and Brook Hall, potentially stretching to Culmore and into Co.Donegal. Building on previous work by the Boom Hall Partnership, the recently formed Foyle River Gardens has a clear vision to develop a sustainable world class asset / visitor site which will unite landscape with built heritage and create game-changing economic opportunities for both Derry and Donegal.

Using the glorious landscape of Boom Hall & Brook Hall, Foyle River Gardens will create a series of walled gardens and landscapes for play, creativity & learning, featuring covered courtyards, adventure trails, treetop walkways & natural slides. It will be a place to showcase future models for best practice in horticulture & agriculture, giving NI the opportunity to lead a global debate on the future of food & farming.

Foyle River Gardens is a collaboration between local land owners, local Council, community groups and international partners with a track record of transforming spaces and communities. Led by the Eden Project, a globally recognised regeneration project that is also home to UK wide community engagement programmes such as the Big Lunch, the Foyle River Gardens project aims to reshape not just the landscape along the Foyle but social, economic & environmental opportunities to the people of Derry, Donegal and NW.

Foyle River Gardens will operate as a social enterprise that generates income from multiple sources. Total capital costs are roughly £45m covering a masterplan that will take 5 – 10 years to complete. To find out more please email: clare.mcgee@innovate-ni.com
For further information about Neighbourhood Renewal activities in the Outer North area:
Contact Darren Kirby (Manager), Outer North Neighbourhood Partnership, Northside Village Centre, Glengallagh Rd, Derry, BT48 8NN  T. (028) 7135 8787  E. darren@shantallow.net