



BALLYMONEY
BOROUGH COUNCIL



**Incredible Edible
Cloughmills**

Reconnecting People and Food



Community of Cloughmills

- 650 houses including rural area
- Approx 2,500 people
- Largest village in Ballymoney Borough
- 1/3 of residents are under 16
- Village has grown in last 10 years
- Facilities and services haven't grown as fast



Community Action in Cloughmills

- The Community Action Team was formed 13 years ago
- Volunteers in action
- Focus on social, economic and environmental projects
- Involve everyone from toddlers to mature citizens
- Building relationships based on mutual respect



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- Began life as an idea in June 2009
- Addressing anti social behaviour in Cloughmills
- Looking at different ways of doing this
- Building on the successes of the Community Action Team
- Working with Community Safety & Environmental Services, Ballymoney Borough Council



August 2009

- Growing a community
- Identify a main growing site
- Partnership with the community
- Working with Cornerhouse Bar



June 2010

- What a difference a few months makes!
- When people work together, anything is possible ...



It's a Journey

- How did we get there?
- Not all about money and not just a garden



The Journey



The Journey

- Many hands make light work
- 15 young people contributing over 400 hours toward making their community a better place for everyone



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Gardening is Fun

- Nature and food in harmony
- Encourage beneficial insects and get natural pest control



Caterpillar Control



Gardening in Action

Recycling in the garden



Food for Free



Bringing Benefits to the Community

- Doorstep allotments, available to almost 50 elderly & vulnerable people in the community.



- Delivered by young people aged 12-18



Ready for Delivery



Making a difference in Cloughmills

Never too young to learn:
'Muddy Boots Club'



What Could You do with a Square Foot?

Making the most of a small space, the mobile garden



School Food Just Got Fresher!

Cloughmills & St Brigid's Primary Schools get their hands dirty

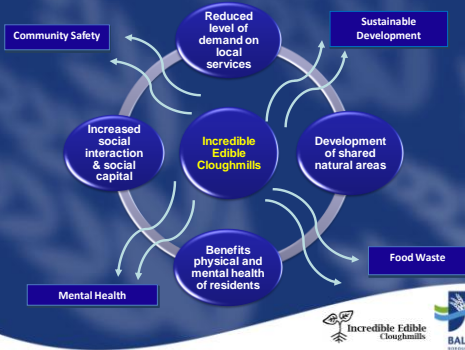


Food: What a waste?

- Not an election campaign!
- Funding to reduce food waste



Virtuous Circle



Expansion

Cloughmills summers!



Eggs, peas and fruit



It Keeps Growing

It's not all work...



Too big for our garden...



Access all Areas

Growing just gets easier



Cloughmills Community Orchard

26th March
2011, work
begins on
the village
orchard



Why an Orchard?

- Reconnecting people with fruit trees
- Get young people 'used' to fruit, not stealing it!
- Working with and sharing surplus fruit to make jams, tarts etc



440 New Trees in Cloughmills

The fruit hedge



Reluctant digger



Toberdoney Well and Wetland



Time for Tea?

Incredible Edible Cloughmills is a social project using the language of food to connect people and make a difference.



Awards & Publicity

- 'The Sustainable Ireland Awards 2010' – Most Inspiring Project by Young People'
- 'Impact Ireland Awards' under the People's Choice Community (senior) section.
- 'Environment' category winner in the 2010 Calor Village of the Year Awards.
- 4 minute slot on **Good Morning Ulster**, BBC Radio
- 4 ½ minute slot on **The 7.30 Show**, UTV.



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DVD





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