



CREGGAN NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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## Féile sets sail at Creggan Country Park

It's almost Féile time again and this year's event is already gearing up to be bigger and better with new events, activities and the usual mix of music, arts and debate.

Creggan Country Park today announced details of their activities with the 2nd annual Féile Raft Race being held at the park on Thursday 31st July 2008 from 6pm and the Féile Ghost Tour of the park on offer for children on Friday 1st August from 11am-12noon.

For more info tel: 7136 3133

## FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

### Snooker Competition

Commences Tuesday 3 June with Final on Thursday 26 June

### Derry Select V Rest of the World Charity Football Match – 7.00 pm on 24 July

A host of Derry footballing legends (and Eddie Mahon) from yesteryear versus a herd of well-worn celebs (and Eddie Kerr!) of today battle it out for three worthy local charities.

### Bus Outing to Ballyliffin for Older People

Sunday 10 August

### One Kilometre Creggan Walk – 7.00pm on 12 August

### Three Kilometre Creggan Fun Run – 7.30pm on 12 August

### Alternative Bonfire Night – 15 August

In order to provide an entertaining and family-friendly alternative to bonfires – which pollute the air, are potentially dangerous and can harm the neighbourhood – we are planning a series of fun outdoor events such as Bouncy Castles, Bar-B-Qs, Face Painting and Games. Last year, over 1000 children and adults from 17 streets and districts took part in these activities and had a great day's safe craic.

### Grand Telstar Talent Competition – Date TBC

### Ladies Inter-Street Football Competition – Date TBC

**Sean Dolan's GAC** is running a full programme of summer events. For more information contact Anne on t: 7127 1797

**A Gaelic Summer Camp** is organised for Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August.



## Family Fun Day

Synthetic Pitch, Central Drive  
**Saturday 26th July 2008**

1pm – 4pm

**ALL WELCOME!**



### INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN CHILDCARE?

NVQ Level II Children's Care, Learning & Development –  
Starting September 2008

**The Old Library Trust**, Healthy Living Centre,  
Central Drive, Creggan.

### OLD LIBRARY TRUST DAYTRIP!

50+ Summer Day Trip to Lifford Court House  
Bus departs Central Drive  
Tickets £3 – Some Places Left

For info tel: 7137 3870 or email: [leann@olt.ie](mailto:leann@olt.ie)

**St Mary's Youth Club** is offering a full summer programme of events and activities. For more information contact **Stephen Mallett on T: 7126 5211**

### SURESTART'S SUPER SUMMER!

A range of fun activities for families with children under 4 beginning on 30th June and running until 5th August.

To register call: 7137 1670

### TROJANS FOOTBALL CLUB

'Soccer in the streets' Easter Camp - Boys & Girls (5-14)  
21st July 2008 – 24th July 2008 • 10am – 2pm  
At Bishop's Field • Registration 10am



DSD have supported this initiative under the Community Investment Fund



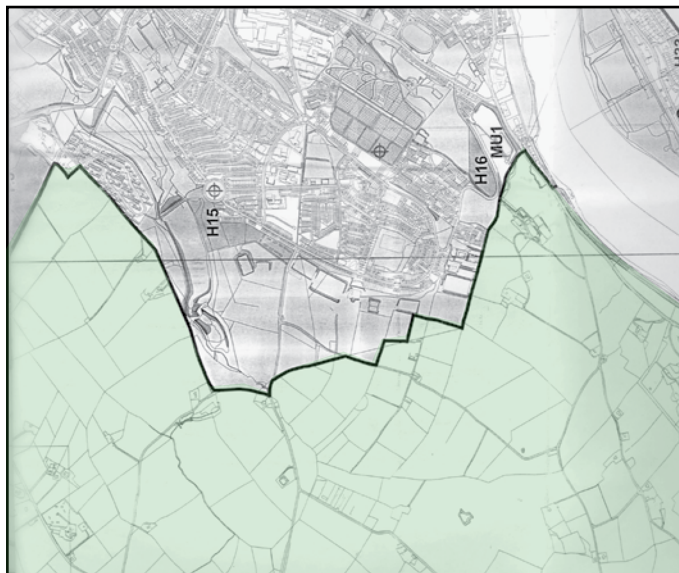
## SOCIAL HOUSING CRISIS

There is a growing body of evidence that Derry is facing a housing crisis which has been developing over a long period of time. The Housing Executive has admitted what local Councillors have been saying for years i.e. that there is crisis in social housing with a waiting list of almost 2,500 people.

The Housing Executive, Housing Associations and Derry City Council now need to meet to determine what land is available and what land can be re-zoned for social housing. These decisions need to be informed by the lack of available land in Creggan and the pressing need for social housing in Creggan, one of the most sought-after areas, with people willing to wait up to three years for a house in the area.

This land shortage is a man-made problem and can be solved quite simply by moving the Green Belt boundary which borders Creggan on two sides and re-zoning the land there to facilitate the building of social housing. There is a necessity to avoid building on areas of High Scenic Value which can easily be accommodated as part of the re-zoning process.

If this option is ignored, Derry's housing crisis might be addressed while Creggan's will not. Creggan is possibly the only area in Derry with no possibility of expanding beyond the man-made Green Belt.



Above: There is an abundance of land on the border of Creggan Heights (shaded green) that could be rezoned for accessible social housing for all.

People need social housing. People want houses in Creggan and are prepared to wait years to get them. It is essential that Creggan is allocated its fair share of the current proposed building programme of social housing.

## Derry Select versus the Rest of the World Charity Football Match

Kicking off at 7.30pm on Thursday 24 July on the Astroturf pitch at Creggan's Central Drive (in association with the Gasyard Féile) is a charity football match featuring a Derry Select (DS) versus a Rest of the World Select (RoTWS). The legendary Tony "Doc" Doherty is captaining the Derry Select which will feature a sprinkling of the top footballing names of yesteryear (and Eddie Mahon!). The RoTWS, loosely assembled by Eddie Kerr, features a host of locally based international stars.

All funds raised from this game will be equally divided between three charities – Action With Effect, Children in Cross-fire and the Changaro Trust – led up by three men all with significant Creggan

connections, namely Eamon Melaugh, Richard Moore and Eddie Kerr.

The Mayor, Gerard Diver, while craving an on-field role in this star-studded company, has agreed to make do with a cameo part – kicking off the match!

Sharon Meenan of the Gasyard Féile welcomes this upcoming event: "The Gasyard Féile is delighted that this exciting charity match is reflecting this year's Féile theme i.e. "Outside" where we are encouraging everyone to undertake activities in the Great Outdoors such as walking, running, canoeing, enjoying nature etc. The organisers of this match can be congratulated for creating an event which is both fun and has

a serious purpose in raising awareness and much-needed funds for the three charities."

Eamon Melaugh has secured a No 20 Celtic shirt and football for auction, both personally autographed by superstar Paddy McCourt. Eddie Kerr will be pulling the strings in the midfield... for a few seconds. Marty Dunn will doubtlessly be brandishing the red cards and Jackie McCauley will be 'running' the line.

The match will be followed by a social in the Healthy Living Centre on Central Drive where a photographic exhibition featuring the work of the three charities will be on display.