

# Services provided by Leisure and Culture

What you can expect from Leisure and Culture

Detailed below are the services you can expect from Newtownabbey Borough Council's Leisure and Culture Section. The Council also has 'A Charter for Customers', detailing all its services, corporate standards and the complaints procedure. This is available on request.

Leisure and Culture is made up of four service areas:

- Arts Development
- Museums and Heritage
- Play Development
- Sports Development.

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## Arts Development

Arts Development creates opportunities for local communities to participate in various arts activities that encourage people to explore their culture, identity, personal attitudes and skills. This releases inhibitions, encourages self-expression and helps people develop.

You should expect the following services from Arts Development:

- The Arts Grant Aid Programme, available to individuals and groups.
- A wide-ranging programme of arts and heritage temporary exhibitions and related events.
- Co-ordination and development of community arts outreach projects.
- A programme of high-quality events and performances at the Courtyard Theatre at Ballyearl.
- Support and maintenance of a Borough Arts Advisory Committee.
- Support to local arts groups, societies and professional artists.
- Provision of arts literature and programme details.
- An arts summer scheme run at Glengormley Pavilion.
- An enquiry and information service.

Arts Development Officer  
Courtyard Theatre at Ballyearl

☎ 028 9034 0063  
☎ 028 9084 8287

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## Museums and Heritage

Newtownabbey Borough has a rich heritage dating from prehistoric times. The Museums and Heritage section makes local history and heritage more accessible and better known to the public through a wide range of services and facilities.

You should expect the following services from Museums and Heritage:

- A heritage grant-aid programme available to both individuals and groups.
- A wide-ranging programme of arts and heritage temporary exhibitions and related events.
- A selection of heritage loan boxes and packs available to local schools, hospitals, day centres and community groups.
- Co-ordination and development of community heritage outreach projects.
- An enquiry and information service.
- Support for local historical groups and societies.
- Provision of publications about the local heritage.
- 'Sentry Hill', a 19th-century historic house and visitor centre.

Museums and Heritage Officer ☎ 028 9034 0064

### Sentry Hill opening hours

April, May, June and September:      Tuesday to Sunday 2pm – 5pm  
Bank holidays                              11am – 5pm

\* Last tour 3.45pm

July and August:                              Tuesday to Saturday 10.30am – 5.30pm  
Sunday                                              2pm – 5.30pm  
Bank holidays                                  10.30am – 5.30pm

\* Last tour 4.15pm

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40 Ballycraigy Road  
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☎ (bookings):                              028 9083 2363  
Textphone:                                  028 9084 2517  
Send a text to:                              078 16 225 290 (starting message with NBC)  
Email:                                              sentry.hill@btconnect.com  
Web:                                                  www.newtownabbey.gov.uk

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## Play Development

Play Development aims to develop play opportunities for indoor and outdoor play in the Borough of Newtownabbey. It arranges play training and supports local community and play focus groups through the Play Grant Scheme. There are currently 23 playgrounds of various sizes, meeting a range of play needs for toddlers, juniors and teenagers.

You should expect the following services from Play Development:

- A Play Grant Aid Programme for community groups.
- Community consultation and research into play needs.
- Developing and servicing play focus groups.
- Developing and setting up play-related training for local play focus groups, community groups and after-school club staff.
- Implementing the Council play policy.
- Advice and support on age-related play facilities and child protection issues.
- Working in partnership with various agencies to offer advice on play-related topics and develop play days and events.
- Managing the Rural Summer Schemes at Ballynure, Ballyrobert, Kilbride and Mallusk.

Play Development Officer

☎ 028 9034 0065

# Services provided by Leisure and Culture

## Sports Development

Sports development means enabling and encouraging everyone to take part in sport and to improve their performance to whatever level they wish.

You should expect the following services from Sports Development:

- To develop, administer and review the Council Sports Grant Scheme.
- To provide a programme of sports development that offers everyone in the community more opportunities to take part in sport and improve their performance.
- To help achieve fairer provision of sport in the community by encouraging equality of access to all Sports Development initiatives.
- An accessible and comprehensive sports information service.
- A programme of training and support for all involved in providing sport.
- A structure of support to enable people to progress from beginners' level through to excellence.
- To establish and extend partnerships for the development of sporting opportunities.
- To continue to pursue, and advise others about, external funding sources.
- To work with, support and develop local sports clubs through training opportunities, advice and guidance on a range of initiatives, including the Sports Council Junior Clubmark Quality Accreditation Scheme.

Sports Development Officer

 028 9034 0067

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Other services you can expect from Leisure and Culture

## Events

Leisure and Culture organise a range of events throughout the year, including local festivals and a Christmas programme.

For up-to-date information check out our '3-in-1 Guide' phone 028 9034 0060 for your copy. You can also register on our mailing list to get information about forthcoming events.

## Grant aid

Newtownabbey Borough Council has allocated hundreds of grants to local organisations and individuals. Grants are awarded to organisations that have events, activities, courses and projects supporting:

- Arts Development
- Museums and Heritage
- Play Development
- Sports Development.

Grants are available for qualifying organisations and individuals throughout the Newtownabbey Borough area.

For further information telephone 028 9034 0037 or check out our website [www.newtownabbey.gov.uk](http://www.newtownabbey.gov.uk)

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