

# RADIUS MAIL

Providing our tenants up-to-date news & advice



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## Tenant Conference!



Radius held their first Tenant Conference in 3 years with 180 attendees joining us at the Glenavon Hotel Cookstown on Monday 24th October to discuss topics on Sustainability, Cost of Living and Tenant Engagement. Thank you to everyone who attended and to attendees who joined us via zoom.

Radius HOUSING  TENANT 2022 CONFERENCE

## Radius Heroes

During the conference we announced the winners of the 2022 Radius Heroes Awards. Our Good Neighbour Category had 22 nominations with our judges choosing 6 winners from across Northern Ireland.

**Margaret McKelvey**, Donard Fold Newcastle

**Nigel Fowler**, Woodglenn Lisburn

**Madeleine Weir**, Millbrae Fold Broughshane

**Gary Kirkwood**, Scrabo Fold Newtownards

**Mary McLaughlin**, Malton Fold Belfast

**Dean Kelly**, Laurel Gardens Coleraine



The **Community Pride Award** celebrated tenants working together with groups within the local community, highlighting Community Pride.

The Winner of the **Community Pride Award 2022** Maine Fold Randalstown.

Our **Creativity Award** recognised tenants who have used their creative talents to make a difference in their community. This year's winner was **Maureen Reid** Cromlyn Fold Hillsborough.

Our **Healthy Living and Learning Award** celebrates Radius Communities who have been involved in local projects and made a positive impact to those living within their community. This year's winner was **Global Crescent Belfast**

Our **Inspirational Young Person** celebrated the young people living within Radius Communities, who go above and beyond to help others and make a positive contribution to their community. This year's winner was **Mya Darragh** Global Crescent.

The **Best Kept Garden** category received 34 nominations from within our Sheltered, General Needs and Individual Gardens. Best Individual Garden Winner - **Robert and Fiona Kane** The Fort Bangor Best Shared Garden General Needs - **Global Crescent Belfast**

The Winners within each Housing Management Area of Sheltered Gardens:  
**Tullyvallen Fold - Newtownhamilton**  
**Blaris Fold - Lisburn**  
**Sloan Court - Belfast**  
**Malton Fold - Belfast**  
**Neillsbrook Fold - Randalstown**  
**Fold Mews - Bangor**  
**Joint-winners: Foyle Fold - Derry/ Londonderry & Rathain Fold - Coleraine**

Thank you to the winners and everyone who sent in nominations for the 2022 Radius Heroes Awards. Check out the Radius Facebook page to see photographs of all the winners.

Want to be in our next newsletter?

Please speak to your Scheme Coordinator, Housing Officer or email us at: [tenant.engagement@radiushousing.org](mailto:tenant.engagement@radiushousing.org)



## Awards!



Well done to Donard Fold in Newcastle who have won the prestigious Best Kept Sheltered Housing Area Award 2022. There were 20 other facilities in for this award so a great achievement to win.

## Green Flag Awards!

Well done to Tullyvallen Fold Newtownhamilton, Rathain Fold Coleraine, Maine Fold Randalstown and Tullaghmurry Fold Portstewart who have been awarded a Green Flag status which recognised the high standards of their communal garden spaces.

The **Green Flag Award** is the international benchmark for publically accessible parks and green spaces in the UK and around the world and this is the first for Housing Associations in Northern Ireland.



## Give It Some Air!

We have raised over £13K so far this year for Air Ambulance. We want to help Air Ambulance NI who require £5500 to sustain their great service.

Every day they're dealing with on average 2 calls per day giving pre hospital care to sick people who require Anaesthetic, Blood and Surgical Procedures from various incidents including Road Traffic Collisions, Workplace Accidents and Falls. Air Ambulance can be supported through Birthday Donations, Retirement Donations, Donations in memory, Donations in lieu of funeral flowers. Speak to your Scheme Coordinator/Housing Officer on ways to raise funds for air Ambulance.

### Charity Shop Raises £2,000!

Well done to Glen Fold Newcastle since opening their charity shop they have raised £2000 for local charities including Mountain Rescue, RNLI, Sarda Rescue Dog and Mourne 1st responders.



## Radius Community Chest

### Reopening November 7th!

Funding projects in Radius Communities with grants available from £250-£1000. To apply contact our Tenant Engagement Team on 03301230888 or email [tenant.engagement@radiushousing.org](mailto:tenant.engagement@radiushousing.org)



## ADVICE SHOP



### Welfare Advice

Providing advice, support and advocacy on all aspects of benefit entitlement. Radius Welfare Advice Officers are on hand to support and assist you with:

- Benefits
- Universal Credit
- Budgeting

Get in touch with your Scheme Coordinator or Housing Officer if you would like a referral.



### Old Postage Stamps

Use up your old postage stamps or swap them by 31 January 2023. Regular stamps will now have barcodes and old-style stamps will no longer be valid!

## What's Happening?

### 16th November Sustainability Group

Following on from the work carried out on Biodiversity, Litter and Waste Management projects we have set up a Sustainability group to look at ideas on furniture recycling, clothes recycling, food sustainability, composting and green purchasing. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 16th November 2022 @10am (Zoom). If you would like to find out more information on our sustainability speak to your scheme coordinator or email Melanie on [sustainability@radiushousing.org](mailto:sustainability@radiushousing.org). <https://tinyurl.com/4ztr3swv>.



### Reporting a Repair Online

[www.tinyurl.com/RadRepairs](http://www.tinyurl.com/RadRepairs)

or email:

[responserepairs@radiushousing.org](mailto:responserepairs@radiushousing.org)

## IT HAS NO PLACE!



Anti-Social Behaviour



### Don't forget...

Help Air Ambulance NI, who require £5500 per day to sustain their great service!

If you have an emergency repair while our offices are closed, call us on 02890 42 10 10

