

Welcome to our July 2015 Ballynagran Basin Residents newsletter. The Basin area is defined as householders who are most impacted by the Ballynagran Landfill Facility - those who can see, hear and smell the Landfill. This area was demarcated by WCC and Liaison Committee. **Breaking News:** **See below for information on the latest 2015 Small Grant Scheme for Householders**

2014-2015 Retrofit Project Complete

The Retrofit Project has now been completed. The retrofit project was developed by us to assist those residents living closest to the landfill. The project aimed to carry out extensive energy improvement works to bring the houses up to current SEAI approved standards. Those houses included benefited greatly from a mixture of the following works:

With a large amount of assistance from the householders we organised works and payments.

- Fabric insulation upgrades (Wall, Roof, Air tightness)
- System upgrades (Boiler, Heating Controls, Wood burning stoves)
- Renewable Technology (Solar thermal)

We started with 5 houses but we hope to extend this further in the next few years

Photos of some of the work before, and after work completed



Want to help us make a difference?

We welcome any suggestions you may have or policies you would like to see adopted. We are also seeking volunteers and new members for the energy and retrofit teams. Please send email to ballynagran.energyplus@gmail.com or contact any of the below members.

If you are interested in more detail about the single small community turbine project, including surveys and assessments, please contact ballynagran.energyplus@gmail.com. This is going through planning stages at present. At a later date we will arrange a community wind turbine meeting for Ballynagran Basin homeowners. Go to our website www.ballynagran.com for some more info.

The 2015 Small Grant Scheme is Announced

The Liaison Committee and Wicklow Co Co have announced the 2015 Small Grant Scheme. Visit the link below to get the details: <http://www.wicklow.ie/ballynagran-small-grant-scheme-201516>

You may also visit or call Wicklow County Council on 0404 20100

Note: We stress that we made suggestions on what should be included but it is the Liaison committee and WCC who organise and distribute funds. We do have people on Ballynagran Energy Plus+ who will be happy to share our experience of such projects.

Main Points:

- All works are subject to an overall maximum grant of €3,000
- Closing date for receipt of fully completed applications is 12 noon on Friday 21st August 2015.
- This grant may only be availed of by owner occupied households living within the boundary area marked on the map.

The list of eligible works are:

1. Wood burning stoves (with 75% efficiency or above which conform to EN 303-5 standard) and wood heating systems and boilers (Timber or wood chip or wood pellet)
2. Double/triple glazing window replacement
3. Heat Recovery Ventilation System with or without odour control/demand controlled ventilation/building draft proofing
4. Solar Photovoltaic (PV) panels
5. Planting of Trees and Shrubs for environmental screening and odour minimisation
6. BER Certificates (see scheme details)
7. Attic Insulation
8. Wall Insulation – Cavity/External/Dry Lining
9. Heating controls with Boiler (oil or gas) upgrade
10. Heating controls upgrade
11. Solar panels for water heating

Note: Previously the Council will only pay up to 80% of costs.

Re; SEAI and Ballynagran grants combined. The way this has previously worked is that you can avail of SEAI grant and the remainder can be paid using the Ballynagran funds (90% or 80%)