

BALLON



Ballon Improvement Group are delighted to announce that, thanks to the support of Carlow County Development Partnership, a Landscape Plan for the village of Ballon has been completed and can now be reviewed in The Old School, Ballon. In April 2011 Landscape Architects, Austen Associates were commissioned by Ballon Improvement Group to produce, in consultation with the community, a forward looking plan for Ballon village. A series of public meetings were held over a number of weeks to discuss the needs and ideas of the community and to ensure they were included in the plan. The plan thus incorporates design suggestions which represent the most pressing needs of the community and that can be

accomplished over the short to medium term. Varying infrastructural improvements to the village landscape have been set out so as to improve road safety and create a better living environment for residents. Equipped with this plan the village is well placed to make representations for further funding to support the implementation of the plan's vision. Ballon Improvement Group would like to thank all those who have contributed toward this plan and we look forward to working toward a safer, healthier and increasingly vibrant village environment.

Picture above receiving the final Ballon Landscape Plan Back L. – R: Stephanie – Austen Associates, Anita Dowling, Máire George, B.I.G. Tim Austen, Mary Jordan, Margaret Lalor, B.I.G. Front L-R: Geraldine Cummins, Eileen Murphy, B.I.G.



National Heritage Week 2011 Organiser: Ballon Improvement Group will be celebrated in Ballon with a Slí na Sceacha Workshop, Nature, Storytelling Session & Dance at

The Forge, Kilbride, Ballon

Sat 27th August from 12-4pm.

Bring a Picnic or eat in The Forge.

Donations accepted for Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare Team. Children are invited to come along in fancy dress as ladybirds, bumblebees, birds, butterflies or any other nature theme.

All roads will lead to Ballon Improvement Group's Second Summer Barbeque which will be held in Ballon National School grounds on Sunday 28th August 2011. Food served from 7-9.30pm. There is a limited number of Tickets €10 each, sold on a first come basis. Proceeds to Ballon Tidy Town.

Food from our Community Garden and from local artisan food producers will be served. While the sausages are sizzling you can take a stroll through the community garden and also take a tour of the crazy flower show where you will get new ideas for your garden for next year. At the Barbeque there will be many attractions including horse shoe throwing competition, brick-a-brac stall, do your own party piece, music, song and dance.



Pictured enjoying last years Barbeque L to R: Bernie Mullins, Rose Byrne, Jacqueline Nolan, Geraldine Cummins.