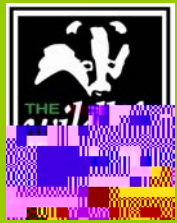




# Northern Ireland Communities Breathing Places Newsletter

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[www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces](http://www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces)



## BBC BREATHING PLACES

The 'BBC Breathing Places' Campaign is now in its second year and lots of action has taken place throughout Northern Ireland to transform local green spaces into places that are good for wildlife and people.

This year in Northern Ireland, over 30 projects received Big Lottery Breathing Places grants. **Ulster Wildlife Trust** is working in partnership with CVNI and BBC to provide advice, support, training and networking for Breathing Places community projects. RSPB are providing this service for schools.

If you are considering a Breathing Places project and would like assistance, please contact:  
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## DO ONE THING

The BBC is encouraging people to 'Do One Thing' in their garden for nature. Every garden, big or small, is a potential mini nature reserve and simple changes like putting up a nestbox or larger projects such as building a wildlife pond can benefit local wildlife.

For quick and easy ideas on how to give wildlife a helping hand visit:

**or check**

**out Ulster Wildlife Trust's Make Space for Nature campaign at:** [www.ulsterwildlifetrust.org/campaigns/](http://www.ulsterwildlifetrust.org/campaigns/)

## AUTUMNWATCH

The Autumnwatch series returned to our screens on Monday, 5 November. After watching this series of programmes many people will feel inspired to get outdoors and get involved with nature, so Derry City Council has teamed up with the BBC, **Ulster Wildlife Trust** and CVNI to host an Autumnwatch Festival in Creggan Country Park.

The event will be held **Saturday, 10 November** and will provide people with the opportunity to get out and 'Do One thing' for the environment.

This event is part of Derry's Year of Action as a Breathing Places City and follows on from the very successful Springwatch Festival held at Guildhall Square in June.

This will be a great family fun day with lots of activities including: tree-planting, the Big Auld Tree Hunt, guided nature walks, recycled art workshops and face painting to mention but a few.

The event will take place from **11am – 3pm**.

## BIG LOTTERY BREATHING PLACES FUNDING



The next round of Big Lottery Breathing Places grants will be announced during the Autumnwatch series, which started on Monday, 5 November. **The closing date for applications is Saturday, 19 January 2008.** That allows over 9 weeks, but remember it falls over the very busy Christmas period, so get started on your application now and don't leave it all to the last minute.

Don't worry though, because help is at hand. The BBC will be hosting seminars and workshops to encourage a wide number of community groups to apply, by walking them through the application process. Representatives from UWT and CVNI will also be present at these seminars to provide local connections and on-going support. For more information on the seminars contact Deborah McLaughlin, Breathing Places Officer, Ulster Wildlife Trust on tel: 07738945052 or email: [deborah.mclaughlin@ulsterwildlifetrust.org](mailto:deborah.mclaughlin@ulsterwildlifetrust.org)

To obtain application forms and guidance notes click on: <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/>

For other sources of funding you can also check out Greenspace, which provides a very useful online fund search: visit Greenspace at: [www.green-space.org.uk](http://www.green-space.org.uk)

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