



L-R: PJ McAvoy (Mayor), Anne Donaghy (Town Clerk and Chief Executive), Chris Wales (Chamber), Alison Moore (Chamber) and Thomas McKillen (Chamber President)

## 2012 BUSINESS AWARDS LAUNCHED

The 2012 Ballymena Borough Business Excellence Awards were launched at a reception in The Braid on Wednesday 1st August.

This is the 10th year of the awards which are organised annually by Ballymena Borough Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Ballymena Borough Council is the principal sponsor for this year's awards.

Chamber President Thomas McKillen welcomed everyone to the reception.

He said "This is the 10th year that Chamber has organised the

*awards – little did we think that when we organised the first awards in 2003 that they would become such an important and prestigious event.*

*Just looking around this morning, this is the largest attendance I remember at an awards launch – this demonstrates that the interest in the Business awards is stronger than ever.*

These awards help to celebrate the huge contribution made by our business community. The economic environment has been very tough in the last year, and these awards show the commitment of individuals and the business excellence that exists in the Borough.

I would like to thank Ballymena Borough Council for agreeing to be principal sponsor this year. Council has always been a great supporter of both the awards and Chamber in general and the working relationship between Council and Chamber is stronger now than it has ever been. I assure you that Chamber will do everything to make this year's awards the most successful yet. I would like to thank all other businesses who have sponsored awards or taken an advertisement in the awards brochure – without your support there would be no awards.

The judging this year will again be carried out by Insight Mystery Shopping – it is entirely independent of Chamber thereby ensuring the integrity of the awards.

I encourage all businesses in the Borough to enter the awards this year – there are 21 categories so there is an award to suit everyone. I look forward to seeing you all at the Gala evening”.

Alderman PJ McAvoy, Mayor of Ballymena said that he was delighted to have been invited to speak at today's launch of Ballymena Business Awards, which marks the 10th year of the awards, the purpose of which is to demonstrate the commitment to excellence shown by many of the businesses within the Borough of Ballymena.

He said “As principal sponsor of the awards, Ballymena Borough Council is fully committed to creating the environment that commerce can operate in.

Ballymena is a place for business excellence and we are proud to be home for some great globally recognised organisations.

The economic climate only makes us more determined to collaborate jointly and dovetail our strategies and plans together for the benefit of our local people. Such partnership working can assist and support the growth and prosperity, both now and in the future, for our people and our place - Ballymena.

Ballymena Council have launched their Corporate Plan 2012 - 2016 this year which focuses on creating jobs, increasing skills and education, growing our local economy, improving health and wellbeing of our citizens, delivering quality, value for money services and continuing to invest in a strong and shared future for the people and place of the Borough of Ballymena. This clearly indicates our commitment to Ballymena, making it a great place to be.

May I wish everyone success in the 10th Ballymena Business Awards and commend Ballymena Borough Chamber of Commerce and Industry for their dedication and in organising this prestigious event”.

The Gala Awards Evening this year takes place on Thursday 11th October in Tullyglass House Hotel. This is now a major event in the Ballymena business and social calendar, so put the date in your diary now. It will be an excellent evening.

**If you require any further information about the awards, please do not hesitate to contact Chris Wales at [office@ballymenachamber.co.uk](mailto:office@ballymenachamber.co.uk) or telephone 07876 758797**

*Photos courtesy of John McIlwaine*



L-R: Beth Adger (Deputy Mayor), PJ McAvoy (Mayor), Anne Donaghy (Town Clerk and Chief Executive), Alison Moore (Chamber), Thomas McKillen (Chamber President) and Audrey Wales (Chamber) with the sponsors of the 2012 Business Awards.



**Thomas McKillen**  
President

## WELCOME TO THE AUGUST EDITION OF THE CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

I would like to thank the members for electing me President at the recent AGM. It is a tremendous honour and I will represent the Chamber to the best of my ability in the months ahead. I look forward to working with the new Management Committee.

Chamber has been very busy over the early summer months. We have developed a new website [www.ballymenachamber.co.uk](http://www.ballymenachamber.co.uk) – it is the member's website so if you have any news stories you would like featured please let us know.

The 2012 Ballymena Borough Business Excellence Awards were launched in early August, the principal sponsor this year being Ballymena Borough Council. We are very grateful to Council and all the other sponsors.

In August we also welcomed several new members. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Newsletter.

# CHAMBER GOLF DAY

**Ballymena Borough Chamber of Commerce and Industry held its annual golf day in May at Galgorm Castle Golf Club.**

Eleven teams contested the event. All the players agreed that the course was in excellent condition ahead of the Europro event at the end of the month.

After the golf the players enjoyed a meal in the clubhouse before the presentation of prizes. The Chamber would like to thank Galgorm Castle Golf Club for their hospitality and excellent organisation.

The team competition was won by Ulster Bank closely followed by Fleming Steele and First Trust Bank.

Chris Steele was the individual winner, Eddie McKeever won the "nearest the pin" prize and Mike Nesbitt had the longest drive of the day.



L-R: The winning Ulster Bank team Brendan Clarke, Bob Esler, Chris Downing and Bruce Bailie receive their prize from Alan Stewart (Chamber Vice President)

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# CHAMBER LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Ballymena Chamber of Commerce & Industry has launched its new Members' website. This newly improved platform will allow business members in the Ballymena area to promote themselves in several ways.

Firstly, as part of the newly refreshed website we have launched Mid Antrim's first dedicated FREE on-line, members Business Directory. Anyone can search on-line for a business by 'type' or 'company name'. Once you have found the company you are looking for you can take note of their contact details or click straight to their website.

The new Ballymena Chamber of Commerce website will also be promoting its members' successful news stories plus informing everyone of upcoming networking events and local news.

Ballymena Chamber of Commerce Management Committee members Bridgene McKeever, Rodney Kernohan & Alan Stewart worked with fellow MC member Ronan McCann from Black Advertising to create this new and informative business information tool.

Rodney Kernohan commented "*The purpose of refreshing our website was to create a necessary platform to allow all businesses in the Ballymena area to keep up-to-date with current news and information from the Borough.*

*This new website has been created to allow our members to self-promote their businesses by submitting successful news stories or exclusive member offers.*



L-R: Rodney Kernohan, Bridgene McKeever and Ronan McCann

*By becoming a member of Ballymena Chamber of Commerce & Industry, you receive FREE entry to the new 'Mid Antrim Business Directory', another very good reason for any business large or small to join.*

*In these commercially difficult times, our Chamber of Commerce Management Committee and fellow members are encouraged to help and assist fellow Chamber Members with guidance, advice & support".*

If you are considering becoming a member of Ballymena Chamber of Commerce and can see the benefits of support and advice with FREE entry to the new 'Mid-Antrim Business Directory' please email Chris Wales at: [office@ballymenachamber.co.uk](mailto:office@ballymenachamber.co.uk) or by telephone on **07876 758797**.

Check out our new and informative website [www.ballymenachamber.co.uk](http://www.ballymenachamber.co.uk) now.

# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2012 AGM



Ballymena Borough Chamber of Commerce and Industry held its Annual General Meeting in the Adair Arms Hotel on 18th April. There was an excellent turnout of members.

**Left:** Chamber President Thomas McKillen and Sandy Wilson along with the newly elected members of the Chamber Management Committee.

**Raymond Ruck, the outgoing President welcomed everyone. He said that it had been a great honour for him to have served two terms as President.**

He mentioned several highlights of the last year, in particular the business awards and the lunch at which Republic of Ireland President Mary McAleese was the guest speaker. The other Chamber Officers then gave their reports on projects, committees and events in which they had been involved during the year.

Sandy Wilson, Vice Chair of the Broughshane and District Community Association was invited to chair the election of officers. Prior to the elections Sandy gave a very interesting and informative address on how Civic Pride can boost the local economy, using Broughshane as the perfect example.

Sandy also congratulated the Chamber on a very successful year.

**The following officers were elected for 2012/13:**

**President:** Thomas McKillen

**Vice President:** Alan Stewart

**Hon Secretary:** Ronan McCann

**Hon Treasurer:** William McKean

**Management Committee:** Alison Moore, Bridgene McKeever, Paul Muir, Rodney Kernohan, Terry Robb, Robin Cherry, Martin North and Raymond Ruck

## ACCREDITATION FOR SAMUEL CUMMING & SON SOLICITORS

Long established Ballymena solicitors' practice and Chamber member Samuel Cumming & Son, has become the first practice in the town to receive the Lexcel Quality Standard Mark.

The firm, which is based in Linenhall Street, Ballymena, has four partners – Nicholas Cumming, Paul Livingstone, Peter Loudon and Orla Hatt and deals with a wide variety of legal issues, including property matters, wills and probate, elderly client advice and personal injury claims.

The practice was awarded the Lexcel Version 5 Quality Mark in March 2012 after successfully completing the Practice Management Standards Programme which is administered by the Law Society.



Lexcel is the Law Society's international practice management standard. It is awarded to solicitors' practices who meet the highest management and customer care standards. Lexcel accredited practices undergo rigorous independent assessment to ensure they meet required standards of excellence in areas such as client care, case management and risk management.

Chamber would like to offer its congratulations given the firm's notable achievements.

# THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF A NEW ERA OF THE ADAIR ARMS HOTEL

Illuminating the character of yesterday and capturing the ambience of today, it is an exciting era for the Adair Arms Hotel.

Thursday 24th May 2012 saw the official launch of the new look Adair Arms Hotel in the heart of Ballymena. Eugene and Catherine McKeever, owners of the Adair Arms Hotel which is part of the McKeever Hotel Group, invited the Mayor of Ballymena, Councillor Hubert Nicholl, Mrs Diane Poole O.B.E. Chair of the Causeway Coast and Glens and many guests from Ballymena and surrounding areas to a special breakfast to mark the occasion.

Since 1846, the Adair Arms Hotel has proudly stood in the centre of the popular and busy town of Ballymena. The hotel was originally built by Sir Robert Adair and was designed by Sir Charles Lanyon, who was responsible for many well known buildings in Northern Ireland, such as the prestigious Queen's University in Belfast, the Crumlin Road Courthouse and Gaol, the Union Theological College in Botanic Avenue and the Palm House in Botanic Gardens, Belfast

The renovations and refurbishments have taken 18 months at a cost of £2M and have not only secured the jobs of the existing staff, but will create an additional 10 jobs in the next twelve months.

Throughout the process, local designers, planners and builders have been used to help sensitively redevelop the hotel, retaining the original charm of the beautifully gabled façade constructed in basalt and Dungannon sandstone. Many modern conveniences have been added, including a magnificent 200 seater banqueting suite and conference room, newly designed bedrooms, each of which are unique and emphasise the character of the original building. A new entrance, reception, lift, staircase and grill bar have also been added.

But the characteristics and comfort of a family run hotel still prevail. From the Adair family, the original owners to the McKeever family, the current owners, the attention to detail and personal service can be experienced throughout every

aspect of the hotel, from the reception to the relaxing bedrooms. The lobby, bar and grill areas, which incorporate lots of stonework, cosy booths, sumptuous carpeting and beautiful lighting now offers customers an extensive selection from light snacks to main meals all day, every day.

There is no doubt that the Adair Arms Hotel will continue to play an important role in the proud history of Ballymena for many years to come.

Speaking at the official launch Eugene McKeever said, *"We are extremely pleased with the work done to the hotel and proud that it will continue to play an important part in the life of Ballymena. The beautiful façade, that so many people through the years are familiar with, will remain and the renovations mean that the hotel can continue to provide the people of Ballymena and visiting tourists and guests with a warm welcome and a enjoyable, comfortable and memorable visit."*

The Mayor of Ballymena, Councillor Hubert Nicholl commented, *"It gives me great pleasure to be with you all this morning in the beautifully renovated Adair Arms Hotel, one of our family run businesses in the town and I would congratulate Eugene and Catherine McKeever on the magnificent job they have done"*.

He continued, *"Ballymena borough also has a strong, growing economic base and due to its proximity to air and sea ports offers a prime location for future business investment. The investment in the development of the Adair Arms helps strengthen our local economy, not only through job creation, but by improving the offering to the local community, businesses and visitors to the town."*

Diane Poole O.B.E., Chair of the Causeway Coast and Glens Tourism Partnership added, *"It is my pleasure to congratulate Eugene and Catherine and everyone involved in the redevelopment of this beautiful hotel, which now offers an extremely high standard of accommodation in the region. We are committed to the positive development of our tourism offering in the Causeway Coast and Glens and at a time when Northern Ireland is in the spotlight for all the right reasons, with Titanic Belfast, the Causeway Visitors Centre and the Irish Open to name a few, the Adair Arms Hotel will play an important part in our tourism offering"*.



**Above:** First Minister Peter Robinson with Eugene and Catherine McKeever, owners of the Adair Arms Hotel



**Above:** Thomas McKillen (Chamber of Commerce President), Catherine and Eugene McKeever (Adair Arms Hotel), Diane Poole OBE (Causeway Coast & Glens Tourism Partnership) and Mayor Hubert Nicholl

# TOWN CENTRE SAFETY WARDENS BACK ON THE STREETS OF BALLYMENA

The Town Centre Safety Wardens have made a welcome return to the streets of Ballymena following renewal of funding from the Department of Justice through the newly formed Ballymena Policing and Community Safety Partnership.

This project follows on from a highly successful pilot project that ran from Sept 2011 to March 2012. Due to the positive evaluation a further offer of funding was received for the 2012/2013 year. A new tendering process was required and the winner on this occasion was Mercury Security from Lisburn.

The Police and Community Safety Partnership Chairperson, Councillor Audrey Wales, commented "We are extremely pleased to have the Wardens back again for another year, as they were very successful during the pilot project. The Wardens provide a reassuring presence in the Town Centre and are a focal point for resolving day to day problems that arise within the Town Centre".

Ballymena Retailers Against Crime are the project administrators on behalf of Ballymena Borough Council by means of a service level agreement and will be managing the day to day operation of the project until March 13.

The BRAC Development Manager, Trevor Parker, agreed with the comments of Councillor Wales and added "The Warden Project is now up and running again following the support received from Ballymena Borough Council and the newly formed Police and Community Safety Partnership. The new Wardens will be liaising closely with both the local traders and the general public to ensure that Ballymena remains a first class experience for all Town Centre users".

Mayor Alderman PJ McAvoy also added that "The Town Centre Wardens proved to be a great success during the pilot project and Ballymena Council is pleased to have them back on the streets again addressing any issues that arise in the Town Centre".



**Above:** Town Centre Warden Billy Hamilton with Ballymena Mayor Alderman PJ McAvoy, Trevor Parker (BRAC Development Manager), Cllr. Audrey Wales, Gerard McCarton and Ronnie Heaney (both Mercury Security Management) **Photo courtesy of Ballymena Times**

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## BALLYMENA OFFERS A SAFE PLACE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DOMESTIC ABUSE

Ballymena social economy business Onus, supported by Ballymena Borough Council, PSNI and Ballymena businesses and organisations recently launched a new initiative to raise awareness of services available for anyone experiencing domestic abuse.

Mayor of Ballymena, Alderman PJ McAvoy, welcomed the organisations along to the event in the Braid Arts Centre, and thanked them for supporting the work of Onus by providing a Safe Place for victims of domestic abuse to access information on support available in the town.

He said: 'We know that there is this silent problem of domestic abuse in our town, no different from any other town, and Ballymena Borough Council are working with Onus in trying to get the message out that there is support for people living and working here. We are working towards Ballymena becoming a Safe Town for victims of domestic abuse'.

Colette Stewart, Onus Business Manager, explains the rationale behind the scheme:

*'Many people living with domestic abuse are not aware of the range of services available to support them. We need to get that information out there, into businesses, council premises, Church and community organisations, constituency offices and anywhere there's a large volume of people passing through. Given the statistics, that domestic abuse impacts upon an estimated 1 in 4 families, many businesses and organisations will have people living with abuse passing through their premises on a daily basis. We want those people to see the Safe Place logo and to know that the community in Ballymena does not support domestic abuse, and no-one need live with it. We are very grateful to those businesses and organisations who are working with us in getting this information out to those who need it.'*

A diverse range of Ballymena businesses were also awarded Charters at the 3rd Annual Workplace Charter Awards Ceremony, including Ballymena Borough Council, Ballymena Chamber of Commerce, Robin Swann MLA constituency office, Ballymena Methodist Church, Vineyard Ballymena, Ballyloughan Church, Front Page Bar, Montgomerys, Connections Plus, and Ballymena GPs.

Any additional businesses who would like to adopt the Safe Place initiative would be welcomed. Information can be obtained from Onus at Naomi Centre on 028 2563 2136 ext 28 or our website at [www.onustraining.co.uk](http://www.onustraining.co.uk)

For further information on how to tackle this workplace issue, please visit [www.onustraining.co.uk](http://www.onustraining.co.uk) for further information on our wide range of services on offer or **contact 028 2563 2136**.

Anyone dealing with domestic violence can access support by calling the **24hr Domestic Violence Helpline on 0800 917 1414**. Safe Place resources also give contact information for PSNI, Victim Support and Childline.



**Above:** Ballymena Mayor, Alderman PJ McAvoy, with party colleague, Declan O'Loan and Chamber of Commerce and Industry Business Development Manager, Chris Wales, attending an Onus event on the Workplace Charter on Domestic Violence. Also included are Colette Stewart, Onus Business Manager; Lindsay Harris, Women's Aid; Kelly Duggan, Onus Administrator and some of the delegates.

# CHAMBER WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Ballymena Borough Chamber of Commerce and Industry held another informal meeting in August to welcome several more new members.

## NAKEDPR



Jackie Logan (NakedPR) receives her membership certificate from Thomas McKillen and Rodney Kernohan

**NAKEDPR** is an exciting, new and local business which offers no fuss, no nonsense just great PR! It was founded by Jackie Logan, who previously worked as a senior manager in the Public Sector before joining the private sector and one of Belfast's most successful PR companies. She has lived with her family in Ballymena for 20 years and is a member of CIPR and an accredited CIPR practitioner.

Jackie has a wealth of experience covering various industries including telecommunications, construction, insurance, digital communications, public sector and has worked with numerous events including the Dalriada Festival, Ulster Grand Prix and the Ulster Lions Legends Ball, which was hosted by Ballymena RFC. In addition, she has worked with; eircom Northern Ireland, Criminal Justice Inspectorate, advising the Chief Inspector, Dr Michael Maguire, Army, Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust and its commercial arm, Futures (NI), and Digital NI 2020. She was also instrumental in assisting Hibernia Atlantic, the American company who won the telecommunications tender and implemented Project Kelvin.

**NAKEDPR** clients include RiverRidge Recycling, the North West's leading waste management company, Colliers International, a global commercial property company, the Rotary Club of Belfast, and the Armoy Road Races, the biggest and best national road race in Ireland.

**NAKEDPR** services include brand reputation, crisis management, issues management, corporate and consumer PR in addition to media relations, speech/copy writing, internal communications, social media and event management. Having considered the current economic climate and the need for SMEs to assist each other, Jackie realises the importance for local companies to communicate their message effectively to their key audiences.

**NAKEDPR** will strip back the nonsense and find what your company needs to be saying both externally and internally to your stakeholders.

**Jackie Logan** | Managing Director | **NAKEDPR**  
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## Curtis Toyota Ballymena



Thomas McKillen presents a membership certificate to Jacqueline Stewart and Matthew Porter of Curtis Toyota Ballymena

**Curtis Toyota Ballymena is your local Toyota dealer, based at Pennybridge Industrial Estate, Ballymena, just opposite the MOT centre.** Whether you are looking for a new or used car, or would like to use the professional, competitively priced after sales service, Curtis Toyota Ballymena are sure to meet your motoring needs.

Curtis Toyota Ballymena pride themselves on complete customer satisfaction and are delighted to be Number 1 for complete customer satisfaction in Northern Ireland. All customers are offered a personal service to suit their needs and the staff will go that extra mile, ensuring that all customers have a positive experience when they visit our showroom.

Matthew Porter, General Manager said *"I'm delighted that the team's hard work pays off when we maintain the Number 1 position in Northern Ireland for complete customer satisfaction. We like to keep all our customers happy and try to facilitate their needs as best we can. We try to go that extra mile!"*

The sales team will be at your service to help you choose the right car for your budget, offering you high levels of safety, fuel economy and all the latest technology as standard including hybrid technology. We want to ensure that your purchase experience runs smoothly from start to finish.

Curtis Toyota Ballymena is one of only a select number of Toyota centres to be awarded the prestigious business centre status. Our team of professional staff will build an understanding of your fleet and funding requirements and be able to offer you options to suit your needs. There are fantastic finance deals available with 0% and 7.9%APR on selected models until 30th September 2012.>(\*T & C apply)

For more details, **call the team on 028 2566 5555** or call in and see them at Pennybridge Industrial Estate, Ballymena. You can also see the great deals on our website at:

**www.curtisballymena.toyota.co.uk** or **www.curtiscars.co.uk** or "like" Curtis Toyota Ballymena on Facebook!

## CBS Outdoor



Thomas McKillen with Christine Anderson from CBS Outdoor

**CBS Outdoor is a leading outdoor advertising company with a strong media and commercial heritage in Northern Ireland.** We offer some of the most diverse outdoor advertising solutions in and around the Ballymena and Antrim area including:

- Bus Advertising on Ulsterbus and Metro services via our exclusive partnership with Translink
- 6 Sheet poster advertising at major supermarket multiples and shopping malls across Northern Ireland
- Billboard poster advertising to provide massive standout for your business along main arterial roads

Our formats combined with our in-depth insight into consumers' attitudes and travel patterns means we have unparalleled coverage and understanding of consumers to be able to reach and engage with whatever target audience you require regardless of budget.

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# Signability



Thomas McKillen and Paul Muir with new member John Byrne from Signability

I am a traditional signwriter and artist based in Ballymena and have been trading as Signability since 1996, although I have over 30 years' experience working within this field.

After leaving school, I started working for Lamonts at Riverside Textiles, Antrim and after a five year apprenticeship I qualified as a Textile Designer. Many of my designs are still in production and available worldwide. After being made redundant, I took up a position with Crazy Prices, Broughshane Street, Ballymena as a part-time Signwriter. I eventually progressed to the position of Signage and Signwriting Manager for both Stewarts and Crazy Prices; responsible for all internal signage and

relevant staff within each of their thirty-three stores throughout Northern Ireland.

When Tesco bought over the business they operated a more automated / central signage service therefore making my position obsolete. This gave me the incentive to finally start my own business.

I pride myself on providing, designing, producing and constructing high quality bespoke hand written signage and artwork unique to each client, therefore providing an efficient one stop service to the customer.

To see the full extent of my services, please take 10 minutes to visit my website [www.signability.net](http://www.signability.net)

# Excel Elevators



Paul Porter (Excel Elevators) receives his membership certificate from Thomas McKillen and Bridgene McKeever

**Excel Elevators is a local independent lift & escalator maintenance company based in Ballymena.** The company offers a wide range of lift & escalator services throughout the province. We have strong focus on customer service and guarantee to save you money on your existing service agreement. We offer straightforward service contracts to suit all requirements.

## Service & Repair

We maintain all makes and models of lifts and escalators. All our contracts come with a comprehensive service as standard. All our vehicles are fully stocked with materials and spare parts to repair most breakdowns on the first visit ensuring your lift is repaired as quickly and efficiently as possible. We include a 24hr breakdown service to all our customers.

## Modernisation

We offer a full range of modernisation options to suit all requirements. Whether you require a new lighting or emergency call system, to a full refurbishment package, Excel Elevators have the solution. We also inform our clients of any changes to legislation which may, in turn, require upgrading of the existing installation to meet current regulations.

Contact our office to discuss your requirements further or to arrange a free survey of your equipment.

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# F.J. McCartney & Crawford



**F.J. McCartney and Crawford is a family firm of estate agents, auctioneers, valuers, insurance brokers and EPC assessors.** Established in 1895, we have an excellent local knowledge when it comes to buying, selling, renting or valuing houses, flats, shops, offices or farms. The present principal Ken Crawford MRICS IRRV(Hons) FNAEA FNAVA has been at the head of this family business for 40 years, and he finds that more and more people are coming to him for professional advice in his field as he has been round the property block a few times!

As well as the estate agent's office which is situated at 28-30 Thomas Street Ballymena, F.J. McCartney and Crawford have the only general auction rooms in the Ballymena area which is

**Left:** Ken Crawford (McCartney and Crawford) with Thomas McKillen and Bridgene McKeever

situated at 10 Station Road Glarryford where fortnightly sales are conducted with lots which include: house clearances, shop and garage clearances, and this has now escalated to become a major part of the business. F.J. McCartney and Crawford can also conduct auctions from a client's premises to increase items' saleability and reduce transport costs.

F.J. McCartney and Crawford also act as insurance brokers and specialize in competitive rates for house, landlord, business and travel insurance policies.

For more information please visit [www.mccartneyandcrawford.com](http://www.mccartneyandcrawford.com)

# Surveillance & Security Solutions



Paul Morgan (Surveillance and Security Solutions) with Thomas McKillen and Audrey Wales

**Surveillance & Security Solutions is a private security company based in Ballymena, offering manned guarding, mobile patrols, event security, cctv, mobile cctv, close protection and covert surveillance.**

Surveillance & Security Solutions can cover everything from guarding your premises, event or VIPs to deploying our covert surveillance teams to combat insurance fraud, fly tipping, metal theft or anti social behaviour.

All Surveillance & Security Solutions personnel are highly trained and licensed.

Our surveillance teams are all ex military personnel with a vast range of experience.

We are a local security company providing a professional service to local people and local businesses at a competitive price without compromising on standard and professionalism.

Visit our website:

[www.surveillanceandsecuritysolutions.co.uk](http://www.surveillanceandsecuritysolutions.co.uk) for contact details or information on the services we provide in detail.