### <u>Minister Poots sees the woods through</u> the trees at Castlewellan Arboretum

Rural Affairs Minister Edwin Poots MLA, recently visited Castlewellan Forest Park to view the progress of work underway in the Bothy Yard and Arboretum with grant funding of £500,000, awarded to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (NMDDC), from the Rural Tourism Scheme of DAERA's Rural Development Programme 2014-2020.

#### <u>Mallon grants consent for final part</u> <u>of the Ballyclare Relief Road</u>

Infrastructure Minister, Nichola Mallon has today issued a Notice of Opinion to approve the final part of the Ballyclare Relief Road.

# Long: Today's announcement an important milestone for victims and survivors

Justice Minister Naomi Long has welcomed today's announcement by Mr Justice McAlinden of his intention to open the Troubles Permanent Disablement Payment Scheme for applications from 30 June 2021.

## Weir visits interface areas to meet youth workers

Education Minister Peter Weir has visited youth centres in North Belfast and Newtownabbey to meet youth workers and discuss recent unrest in interface areas.

## <u>Ministers welcome opening date for Victims' Payments Scheme</u>

The First Minister and deputy First Minister have welcomed the confirmation of an opening date for the Victims' Payments Scheme.