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The LEADER Initiative (Liaisons entre actions de développement de l’économie rurale) was established by the European Commission in 1991. This saw the inception of the ‘bottom-up’ approach to rural development for the first time in Ireland, with the implementation of business and community plans as well as decision making on funding being made at a local level by a partnership-style board including a significant number of Directors from the local Community & Voluntary sector.

The broad objectives of LEADER is to improve the quality of life in rural areas and to encourage diversification of economic activity in rural areas including supports for non-agricultural activities. The funding measures include a range of initiatives that are designed to promote economic activity in rural areas and also to stimulate broader community initiatives aimed at improving the overall quality of life for rural dwellers.

In Donegal, LEADER has been administered by Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC) since 1995 under several programmes including LEADER II, LEADER+ and the current programme 2007 – 2013. Since 1995, in excess of €23M in funding has been approved to some 725 projects which in turn has enabled a total investment of over €55 Million by both private and community project promoters. In the heart of all communities throughout Donegal, you are likely to see a project funded by LEADER.

The spin-off from LEADER for the wider community in Donegal is very evident. CEO of Donegal Local Development Company Ltd. (DLDC), Dr. Caoimhín Mac Aoidh, says that the county has benefited hugely from LEADER funding over the past number of years. “Donegal is largely a rural county. We have the largest Gaeltacht area in the country and we are very self-dependent. Donegal has a long history and culture of entrepreneurship and the founding ethos of LEADER’s Rural Development Programme is to help communities help themselves.

In this current LEADER Programme we have funded over 200 projects investing €12.7 Million, enabling a total investment of €20 Million in rural communities since 2009. The impact of that funding reverberates around the county and entire communities are benefiting directly”.

Today LEADER exists as part of the Rural Development Programme 2007 – 2013 and offers support ranging from advice, training and mentoring to developing a business plan and the allocation of capital funding.

Here we showcase a number of successful LEADER funded projects throughout Donegal.

Le gach deá ghúil,

Caoimhín Mac Aoidh
CEO, DLDC
When Paddy McAteer’s pub closed down in 2004, the community of Ray was left without a home. The town land which is nestled on a hill between the larger towns of Rathmullan, Ramelton, Milford and Kerrykeel has written its own destiny by realising their ‘big vision.’

“Yes we had a big vision and some people thought it was too big for a small community such as ours. But we knew we could fulfil our goal of building a centre for our community.”

Fiona Boyle, Chairperson of Ray Community Group, is surrounded by the Committee that is responsible for the state of the art facility that they now sit in.

They are unanimous in their belief that Ray needed a home and as a community they could achieve this together.

Frank Kelly, RDP says that the development by the Ray Community Group of the centre could be seen as the perfect LEADER Funded community type project. “A Rural community coming together, conducting a community analysis and subsequently drawing up and implementing plans which their community envisage will help improve the quality of life there, while also making it a more attractive place to live.”

Ray Community Centre received a grant of €182,541 and has an after-school club, parent and toddler group, it hosts pilates, bums and tums, circuit classes, indoor soccer, training courses, Irish dancing, line dancing and two-hand dancing. In fact it will run any activity that’s required by the community given their ground-up approach.

“Most of us went to school together and now we are rearing our families here. While other communities are suffering de-population and emigration we are witnessing the opposite. So we really need to plan for our future,” says Marianna Buchanan, Assistant Chairperson of Ray Community Centre.

For more information log onto raycommunitygroup.com or find Ray Community Centre on Facebook or call the Centre on 086-4519656.
When work began on building the Kinnegar micro-brewery in March the job of creating finely crafted farmhouse beers from Donegal, really took off in earnest.

Situated just outside Rathmullan, the brewery is the brainchild of Rick LeVert who saw the potential for creating craft beers in the wonderful Donegal setting.

“Our wonderful setting on Lough Swilly in Donegal is unique, but it required a lot of care and planning to put even a small brewery in right next to such a Special Area of Conservation. In comparison to the planning the construction stage was extremely quick, we began in March and by July we were brewing on site,” Rick explained.

“The brewhouse was purpose-built in northern Germany and there was lots of other equipment required as well which is why we made our approach to DLDC to see if they could help with funding,” says Rick.

Impressed by the planning detail and the potential of Kinnegar to become a successful business in the expanding craft brewery market, DLDC under the LEADER programme were happy to get involved. They provided funding of €144,679.50.

Frank Kelly, RDP said the importance of creating enterprise in rural areas has now become vital to ensuring sustainable communities and building local economies.

“This latest craft enterprise in Rathmullan must be commended and it is very reassuring to see another Donegal brand being produced with the help of LEADER. Through the years, LEADER has been to the fore in helping local communities improve quality of life and make their areas a more attractive place to live. This increases the likelihood of attracting more people and enterprises to locate in rural parts of Donegal.”

The brewing process has meant the first batches of Limburner Pale Ale, Devil’s Backbone Amber Ale, Scruggy Bay India Pale Ale and Rustbucket Rye Ale have now been brewed, bottled and distributed, and so far the response has been terrific. Kinnegar beers are available locally in Donegal and in over 50 outlets around the country.

To learn more about Kinnegar Brewing log onto their website www.kinnegarbrewing.ie
KILMACRENNAN COTTAGE – HISTORY & THE FUTURE IN ONE PLACE

The refurbished Lurgyvale thatched cottage on the side of the road in Kilmacrennan is an unmissable landmark, but what many may not realise is that the thriving cottage buildings are now a hive of activity for adults with an intellectual disability.

“Although the cottage and its buildings were in a state of disrepair for a long time we knew that there was potential there to develop a place that would give people with an intellectual disability a place to work and socialise,” committee member Paul Doherty explained.

One of the major repairs necessary was the replacement of the thatch on the buildings so an approach was made to Donegal Local Development Company for assistance. They granted the project €41,882.14.

Sinead Mc Laughlin, Project Officer with DLDC says, “The Committee came up with a very innovative plan which included the enhancement of their village while also providing a very important service. The very attractive traditional buildings have been preserved and enhanced, whilst at the same time community volunteers are providing a worthwhile service to people with disabilities.

“This location not only serves the town of Kilmacrennan but also many surrounding areas like Letterkenny and other town lands and villages throughout Donegal.

“Our Board was delighted to be in position to support this very worthwhile project which has since become a hive of activity in the Kilmacrennan village.”

The local Committee who oversee the running of the project have been busy fundraising to ensure the cottage continues to thrive.

“It’s a tourist attraction given the uniqueness today of the thatched cottage. Visitors regularly stop here and give donations which certainly help us, but the aim at the outset was always to provide a fantastic outlet for people with an intellectual disability and we’re delighted to have managed that,” Paul added.

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(074) 9139215

LEFT: A visiting delegation from DLDC were welcomed to Lurgyvale Cottage recently by some of the Committee members and volunteers. Included are Committee Member Paul Doherty along with DLDC representatives Frank Kelly, RDP; Sinead McLaughlin, Project Officer and Martin McBride, Board Member.  RIGHT: Karen Gallagher from Lurgyvale Cottage in Kilmacrennan gives a talk about the cottage to DLDC visitors Frank Kelly, Martin McBride and Sinead McLaughlin during their recent visit.
Groups and organisations in the Fanad area seeking the use of a superb meeting facility need look no further than the Rosnakill Tourism/Activity Centre as a result of the recently completed enhancement works to the centre.

The already thriving centre, now has its own meeting room with a separate entrance as well as kitchen and toilet facilities, and according to Bernadette McConigley, the new extension is already proving to be a huge success.

Bernadette, a Committee member of the Swilly Mulroy Community Development Project Society Ltd, who spearheaded the development project, said there had always been a demand for such a facility in the area.

“The new extension serves a dual-purpose because it houses community activities during the weekday mornings, but it is also a fully-functional meeting room with toilets that is available in the evenings or at weekends.”

The addition of the meeting room means the centre can now host two meetings at a time if necessary, but a big advantage says Bernadette, is the fact that the new room has its own entrance separate to the main building.

She added that the demand for such a facility became evident to the local committee in recent years with requests from local sports groups and parents associations so they decided to approach DLDC for funding for the project. They were granted funding of €18,503.25.

Pdraig Mac Suibhne, DLDC Board Member says, “The Board is delighted to be associated with this very successful project and the fact that the project required an extension speaks for itself.”

“The high level of activity generated in the centre on a daily basis by the entire community is a credit to this rural area and the Centre’s Committee. Through the Rural Development Programme, the Board of DLDC has been to the fore in providing continued support and significant financial resources to several communities like Rosnakill.”

For more information contact Rosnakill Tourism/Activity Centre  
(074) 9192926
A firm belief in the growing demand for biomass fuel in Donegal has seen brothers Patrick and Kevin Harley press ahead with the development of a willow wood chip drying facility on the outskirts of Letterkenny.

And, more than just drying the wood chip, the brothers are growing and chipping the willow as well, ensuring they will be in a position to react to market demands.

The Harley farm has been in family ownership for two generations and currently has several acres of land under short-rotation coppice (SRC) willow.

Kevin explained they then approached DLDC with their project plan and had their application approved for 75% funding on the drying floor and equipment required to complete the process. They received a grant of €80,822.54.

Frank Kelly, RDP said they saw great opportunity in this project. “The Board of Donegal Local Development Company was delighted to be in a position to support such a fantastic Farm Diversification project. Over several LEADER programmes the Board has supported many Farm Diversification projects by way of significant financial resources in order to help complement the existing Family Farm incomes. With the Irish government committed to carbon targets for the year 2015, we could see the tremendous potential in the development of a facility like this in Donegal.”

The brothers use the dry wood chip system to heat their own homes to great effect and say the savings in comparison to oil are significant.

Now fully operational, the Drying Unit built by the Harley brothers can hold approximately 350 wet tonnes and depending on the moisture content required by the end user, can reduce to 200 dry tonnes.

“This is a flagship project for the green economy in Donegal and our aim is to be in a position to supply our own dry wood-chip to local Hotels and other premises which are already using, or considering switching to wood-chip systems due to the savings they can make”, Patrick concluded.

For more information on wood-chip Drying and Chip Supply contact Patrick on 086 0826360, Kevin on 087 2323265 or e-mail Kevin at kevinharley@live.ie

LEFT: Brothers Patrick and Kevin Harley give members of the Board and staff of DLDC a tour of their wood-drying chip facility.
RIGHT: Pictured on a visit to the wood chip drying facility developed by the Harley brothers at Curraghlea, Letterkenny recently were Peadraig Mac Suibhne DLDC Board Member, Frank Kelly RDP, Patrick Harley, Sinead McLaughlin DLDC Project Officer, Kevin Harley and Martin McBride DLDC Board Member.
An all-weather football pitch that has lain idle behind Milford Hall for the best part of a decade is set to get a new lease of life and become a top of the range astro-turf playing facility.

Trustees and Committee of the Milford Hall are spearheading the innovative project and according to committee member Joe Ferry, the hope is the new playing pitches will become a hive of activity for young – and not so young – in the local community.

“Our plan is to change the surface to an astro-turf facility and to upgrade the lighting and fencing as well and we’d be hopeful that we can have the new facility up and running by early next year,” Joe said.

Of course such a development required funding and Joe says the local committee was greatly assisted by local architect Michael Hannigan when they made an approach to DLDC for funding assistance which was approved for €96,912.55.

“Michael was of tremendous assistance to us as we prepared our submission and we have been delighted with the enthusiastic response that DLDC has shown towards this development,” Joe added.

Sinead McLaughlin of DLDC says, “Through the Rural Development Programme, Donegal Local Development Company has continued to offer significant financial resources to communities all over Donegal. This particular project is one whereby the local community came up with a plan which will not only improve the quality of life for their community, but will also afford the local hall committee the opportunity to sustain their existing facilities”.

“In helping to sustain rural communities, the importance of providing proper facilities for the future youth of the area can no longer be ignored. The Board in deciding to fund this project took this into account and commended the applicants on their plans and vision for the future well-being of the entire Milford community.”

For more information contact:
(074) 9153146
KEEPING MARINE ACTIVITIES AFLOAT IN RATHMULLAN

Building an enterprise around the waterways off Rathmullan is a way of life for the owners of Rathmullan Charters, Neil Doherty and Angela Crerand of Rathmullen Enterprise Group Ltd. turned a passion for angling into a business 13 years ago.

Their first boat was the Enterprise I, which was followed by the Swilly Explorer all to capture the vibrant angling business in Ireland and beyond. They also host sightseeing tours, fishing expeditions and organise angling holidays.

However, their most recent project was to secure a new pontoon for Rathmullan, which has the third deepest port on the island of Ireland.

“The original pontoon in Rathmullan was erected in 1994 and almost immediately it proved there was a commercial return in marine activities for the local community. It attracted all types of boats and really boosted the local economy,” says Angela.

Almost 20 years on and the original pontoon was falling into disrepair and so Angela and Neil approached Donegal Local Development Company Ltd with a view to replacing it.

Frank Kelly, RDP says it was of vital importance to sustain the marine area in what is a coastal village. “Our Board saw the business and community value in supporting a new pontoon which would attract tourists to the area while also increasing marine-based activities. Since it opened in 2012 a number of off-shoot businesses have opened and boats are now docking from Northern Ireland, Dublin and the UK.”

Neil Doherty says the area is really generating a name for itself abroad with some key markets emerging. “While 90% of our business is from Northern Ireland we are now seeing an increase in anglers and yachts-people from Holland, Germany and the UK. While the season is March to October it is growing every year and we are promoting the area heavily online.”

For more information log onto: www.rathmullancharters.com

LEFT: Rathmullan Pontoon  RIGHT: Neil Doherty and Angela Crerand of Rathmullen Enterprise Group Ltd who spearheaded the development of a new Pontoon for the seaside village
KILMACRENNAN BOOK RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

CLOGHER LE CHÉILE, CAME 1ST IN THE PRIDE OF PLACE COMPETITION 2013

A local football Club received a prestigious accolade in July 2013 at the annual FAI’s Gala Dinner in 2013. The book, which took 18 months to complete is entitled “An Illustrated History”, won “Best Publication” and was coordinated by club stalwart Trevor Gorman.

“The committee was granted funding by the Donegal Local Development Company and the book would not have been possible without their help”, said Trevor.

“With 334 pages, it gives the history of the local Kilmacrennan Football Club over the years with the design and printing of the book also produced locally by Greenlight Media. The printing costs of the book was part funded by LEADER under the Conservation and upgrading of the Rural Heritage Measure.”

For more information you can LIKE Kilmacrennan Celtic on Facebook

A Community Group funded by the LEADER Rural Development Programme to support their rural development activities.

Clogher Le Chéile came 1st in the Pride of Place Competition 2013.

For more information you can LIKE Clogher Le Chéile on Facebook

LEFT: Gavin Mc Daid, Greenlight Media, Trevor Gorman, Kilmacrennan Celtic FC; Paúric Hillerty, Greenlight Media, Frank Kelly, RDP.

RIGHT: Residents from Clogher with members of the Board of DLDC at the launch of their book “Clogher Past and Present” in November 2011.
A community enterprise in Donegal Town has increased its turnover by over 10% with the construction of a new jetty and gangway.

CEO of Donegal Bay Waterbus, Seán Quinn describes the support of the RDP LEADER Programme as “invaluable”.

“It was like having a jumbo jet and trying to land it at a regional airport” says Seán, providing the analogy to illustrate how vital the new gangway and jetty were to facilitate a larger vessel.

This story is one that has had untold benefits for the entire community of Donegal Town. Local businesses have secured increased sales as a result of the launch of the new 160-passenger boat. Local shops, restaurants, cafés, hotels and pubs benefit directly from the 37,000 passengers who take the 75-minute cruise around Donegal Bay and up as far as Murvagh, Rooney's Island and Belles Isle.

Donegal Town Enterprise Scheme was funded up to 75% of the cost of the jetty and gangway project receiving a total of €200,000. The business benefits are instant however.

Seán Quinn says the new capacity has seen them take on an extra 10,000 passengers immediately by partnering with a local tourist agent who brings in visitors from Germany.

“We’ve seen our core business increase by 11.5% in 2012 and we expect to exceed those targets in 2013.”

Frank Kelly RDP says, “We knew from the early days of this project that it would have many spin-offs for the local economy. The support we have given to this project is evidence of how a business can grow through the recession. We provided almost €200,000 under the LEADER Rural Development Programme but the monies generated as a result of this investment will be multiples of this for Donegal Enterprise Scheme and other local businesses in the vicinity. It’s a great example of a community enterprise but also the importance of the LEADER Programme in sustaining communities.”

To learn more about Donegal Bay Waterbus log onto their website: www.donegalbaywaterbus.com
You can also call them on 074-97253666 or email info@donegalbaywaterbus.com
A new community play space in Killybegs was started this year. The work of Killybegs Community Council supported by the LEADER Rural Development Programme, it sees a state of the art recreational facility developed for a growing and younger population.

Chairperson Niamh Kennedy says, “The initial plan for this play space was mooted 16 years ago as a millennium project, so finally seeing development work start on our green-field site is a wonderful feeling. We have been inundated with messages of relief and joy from the community since last week when we made the announcement of the commencement of work.”

DLDC granted Killybegs Community Council funding of €132,675 to develop a green field site of just under half an acre. Tansey Architects based in Dublin won the tender to design the space and they even consulted with children as part of their research. The area will not only act as a play park but will become a spectacular focal point in the town.

The design combines traditional play features with a water feature and string lighting, which will light up the area at night. A Spanish Armada plaque will be embedded into the wall along with a 3D image of the coastline enveloping the Northwest.

Jim Slevin, Chairman of DLDC praised the hard work of the Killybegs Community Council. “Their commitment to their local community is evidenced by the perseverance on this project. We were able to step in as part of the LEADER Rural Development Programme and ensure that a vital community facility became a reality. Notwithstanding the support of the Project Team within DLDC who worked with the Community Council to meet our project requirements.”

You can LIKE Killybegs Community Council on Facebook to keep up to date with the play space project.
FARMING A NEW WAY OF LIFE IN ROSSNOWLAGH

Rossnowlagh, the long established and well loved seaside resort with its world famous surfing beach, is getting a much needed amenity. A young farmer, John Kelly, representing the 10th generation of his family to farm these lands, is behind the ‘Boortree Farm Trail and Campsite’. Along with his parents who originally initiated the idea, this agri-tourism venture will provide a purpose built camp-site catering specifically for the budget conscious, short stay visitor to Rossnowlagh.

In addition, situated in the heart of this stunning rural coastal setting, this venture will allow visitors to appreciate and enjoy in a new way, this natural amenity with its spectacular beach and unique hinterland, a designated Special Area of Conservation. The many hill walkers, bird watchers and anglers that already frequent the area will benefit greatly from this addition to the existing tourist infrastructure. The facility itself will endeavour to cater for all needs, being fully accessible and purpose built for campers, caravan enthusiasts and motor-home visitors. With storage space and drying facilities for the ever growing water sports sector coupled with year-round opening, it should be well received when it opens before the end of 2013. This will not only be a great asset for both Rossnowlagh and the wider county but more importantly it will help sustain a long established farming tradition in the area for future generations to come.

Caoimhin MacAoidh, CEO of DLDC says, “This project has so many facets to it – eco-tourism, business, culture and history. The Board of DLDC is proud to support a business that is tenth generation. It is a wonderful example of diversification and re-working a traditional business model. Boortree Farm Trail and Campsite is of its time and will add great value to the Donegal tourism offering.”

For more information on Boortree Farm Trail and Campsite log onto their website: www.rossnowlaghcamping.com

LEFT: Pictured on the site of the new campsite at Boortree Rossnowlagh are Louise Breslin, Secretary DLDC; Jim Slevin, Chairman, DLDC; John Kelly, Boortree Farm Trail & Campsite; Cllr. Seán McEntiff, Director DLDC; Caoimhin MacAoidh, CEO, DLDC and Geoff Solly, Project Officer DLDC. RIGHT: Geoff Solly, Project Officer, DLDC; Caoimhin MacAoidh, CEO DLDC and John Kelly, owner of Boortree Farm Trail and Campsite.
The St. John Bosco Centre in Donegal Town is famous as the official count centre for elections in Donegal South West. Its walls have seen ups and downs and the excitement of community gatherings and local events. Its main purpose is to provide community and recreational activities for the people of Donegal Town and District.

Its history is a long one but more recently the building began to fall into disrepair and was struggling to keep up with modern developments so the local Committee decided to take action.

Today the Centre Committee has major plans afoot to bring this building back to its former glory.

Vice-Chairman Rory Kennedy says, “The enhancement of the Centre funded by DLDC through the LEADER Rural Development Programme has given the building, but also us as a community, a new lease of life. We now have the opportunity to make bigger plans as a result of the recent essential repairs.”

DLDC funded enhancement works to the value of €149,999 with the remaining 25% match funding raised in the local community.

Project Officer with DLDC Geoff Solly says the potential of the Community Centre was a key part of the decision by the Board to grant the funding. “The Board of DLDC was very well aware of the historic value of this building, but its social value, it could be argued, was greater. The support through the LEADER Rural Development Programme has not only maintained the standard of the existing building by adding full accessibility and better use of space but it now lends itself to the Committee making bigger plans.”

That plan says Rory Kennedy cannot be shared right now, but he says, “is being written as we speak.”

For more information on the activities at the Centre you can LIKE The St. John Bosco Centre on Facebook
COMMMUNITY RECREATION SET AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF THE BLUESTACK MOUNTAINS

The Bluestack Centre in Drimarone is a central, accessible hub for local community activities.

While the townland of Drimarone is surrounded by larger towns, their facilities would be the envy of any urban centre.

It’s namesake the Bluestack Mountains overlook the new Drimarone Community Recreational Park, which was supported by the LEADER Rural Development Programme.

Incorporated within the Bluestack Centre is a 28-bed hostel complete with its own self-catering kitchen and TV/games room. The hostel is open all year round and attracts a range of groups including schools, scouts and Foróige clubs.

The new community recreational park will serve surrounding communities as well as visiting groups. It will also be home to the children attending the Drimarone Community Playgroup.

Committee Member Deirdre Meehan says the facility “will open up the vast space previously vacant at the rear of the building.”

“We are lucky to have a such a modern facility in our village but the development of a play park was always going to make it complete. We are hugely grateful to DLDC who worked closely with us to complete the LEADER Rural Development Programme application process and for their belief in us.”

Caomhin MacAoidh, CEO of DLDC says the support provided to the Trustees and Committee of Drimarone Development Association is part of the underlying ethos of the LEADER RDP Programme.

“The funding of €242, 259.63 has allowed the Trustees and Committee develop an important facility for children living in the area but also visiting during the summer months. A facility such as this should be available to all children and the Board of DLDC was delighted to be able to support the project.”

For more information on the Bluestack Centre at Drimarone log onto their website www.donegalbluestacks.com

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Email: info@donegalbluestacks.com
“The pub trade has been severely hit by the recession and it remains to be seen where it will go as consumer habits have changed forever. So I had to diversify and brewing my own craft beer was a long-held dream.”

Brendan O’Reilly of the famous Dicey Reilly’s Bar and Off-License in Ballyshannon is busy planning his next stage of growth for his relatively new venture, Donegal Brewing Company.

Supported by Donegal Local Development Company Ltd at the end of 2011, Brendan is now selling every single drop of his craft beer that he produces at his custom-built brewery at the back of Dicey Reilly’s bar and Off-License.

“Demand for the product has outstripped the capacity of the brewery so we need to increase capacity to develop the brand,” says Brendan.

Caoimhín Mac Aoidh, CEO of DLDC notes Donegal’s growing craft industry is one which has huge potential. “The food and drinks sector is one of the few industries in Ireland which is doing well and, in fact, is bucking the trend in terms of exports. So it’s reassuring to see another Donegal brand ready for export. Brendan and Sinead have done a remarkable job in such a short space of time and I’m sure their international plans will reap rewards.

Our support of this project reminds everyone that local craftspeople are vital to creating sustainable communities and building local economies.”

The launch product for Donegal Brewing Company is aptly named “Blonde”. Asked why such an edgy but memorable name is given to his first craft beer, Brendan explains that Blonde is the style of the beer – a soft, smooth and light ale.

Blonde is now available in over 130 outlets nationwide including bars, hotels, restaurants and retail outlets. Brendan also has two distributors wholesaling the product.

“It’s a very exciting time for us and indeed for the craft beer industry which has had noted success despite being very small. There are only 14 microbreweries in Ireland and we are delighted to be one of them.

“Having people believe in our business is vital. The support from DLDC was invaluable in getting us off the ground and proving that we had a business with export potential,” says Brendan.

For more information on Donegal Brewing Company log onto their website www.donegalbrewingcompany.com
Nestled against the hills of Co. Leitrim, sitting against the backdrop of Co. Fermanagh and alongside the River Erne, some might say it’s the last outpost in south Donegal.

It has been described as a community without a home. That was until this summer when the people of the area finally realised their dream with the opening of their new community centre (July 19th 2013).

A teacher, an architect and a parish priest were the drivers of the project with the backing of the entire community. The local national school was the centre of the community for decades and aptly the new Community Centre sits adjacent to it with pride.

Supported by LEADER, Rockfield Community Centre began its journey in the 1980s. But despite great efforts at the time by a group of local people, there was a gap until 2009 when the project was taken back in hand.

A teacher at Colaiste Cholmcille in Ballyshannon, Sylvester Maguire, led the committee that according to local parish priest Fr. Cathal O’Fearraigh says “has given Rockfield a home.”

Chairman of DLDC, Jim Slevin says their support of €199,950 towards the build of the project “ensured not only the sustainability of the community but also would cement a legacy for future generations, all of whom start out at the neighbouring Rockfield National School. This is an excellent example of Rural Development Programme/European Fund ground rules of the local community delivering community facilities.”

Sylvester Maguire, Chairman of Rockfield Community Co-Op, said the community is deeply grateful to DLDC for their support, “without which we would not have realised our dream. The banks would have proven problematic in terms of securing the required match funding and bridging facilities. Community-based projects are particularly vulnerable in terms of attracting mainstream investment in this respect. If we are to sustain and develop rural Ireland then we need support. DLDC and UCIT have stepped into that role and are invaluable to rural Donegal.”

**LEFT:** Sylvester Maguire, Chairman of Rockfield Community Co-op talks to Casimirin MacAoidh, CEO of DLDC at the official opening of Rockfield Community Centre. **RIGHT:** Martin McLaughlin, Architect October House Designs, Sylvester Maguire, Chairman of Rockfield Community Co-op and Jim Slevin, Chairman DLDC outside the new Rockfield Community Centre.
A husband and wife team in Donegal is literally surfing through the recession. “Survival is the new success,” says Mary Lavelle, one half of the Turf n’ Surf team based in Bundoran.

Their surf school and guest house were established in 2006 but seven years later they have diversified and are surfing online as well as surfing the waves outside their front door.

Killian O’Kelly says their business model has changed as well as their offering. “In March this year we launched our new website turfnsurftours.com as a way of internationalising our business. But part of this vision was to ensure we had competitive edge and diversity to attract that market. So in 2011 we finally embarked on one of our earliest business ideas – blo-karting.”

Blo-Karting is an exciting and fast land based activity, which is ideal for the long sandy beaches of Bundoran. Blo-karting is a form of land sailing using high tech land yachts, which are easy to use.

While blo-karting is a simple activity, the training is highly complex and in fact Killian had to go to the UK to seek expertise.

Caoimhin MacAoidh, CEO of DLDC says investing in a business that is growing an international market just makes sense. “In order to launch blo-karting as a new activity, Turf n’ Surf had to get specialist expertise in from the UK and doing that as a small business was cost-prohibitive. However, with our support they now have a new string to their bow which has kick-started their online business and ensured their future growth. The growth of this local business no doubt has a knock-on effect to other small businesses in South Donegal which reiterates our ethos and that of the Rural Development Programme that we need to sustain local communities.”

Killian and Mary enjoyed the heat wave which certainly brought more visitors to their lodge, but they are just as excited about next year’s season and the potential to develop the international markets.

For more information on Turf n’ Surf log onto www.turfnsurftours.com.
PEDDLE POWER AT AN CRAOIBHIN

There is no shortage of peddle power at An Craoibhín in Termon. The social enterprise centre has just taken delivery of 30 electric bikes. They now boast a stock of 35 electric bikes along with 75 hybrids.

The small Committee has developed a business, which will see it become a LEADER in cycling tourism in the north of the county.

Grassroutes.ie offers tourists the opportunity to explore the beautiful landscapes of Co. Donegal with planned tours and a pick-up and drop-off service.

Founder and manager Fred Gallagher says Grassroutes.ie is the digital hub from where all bookings and enquiries will be made.

“We carried out extensive research into the tourism product and found out very quickly that we were sitting, quite literally, on a cycling gold mine. The old railway track right beside us will become an appealing cycling trail while the Wild Atlantic Way stretching from Donegal to Waterford will be a major focus of Fáilte Ireland tourism promotion in 2014.”

Dermot Kelly, Operations Manager says the German market will be a sharp focus for their 2014 marketing activities as the local cycling product is exactly what they are looking for.

Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Michael McBride who is also Chairperson of the Committee says they have uncovered a valuable tourist product not previously exploited.

Seán Ó Gallachóir, Project Officer says Grassroutes is a prime example of rural diversification. “Even in its first year Grassroutes has proven to be a great tourism success. The promotion of Donegal’s natural landscape and tourism product will have significant knock-on benefits for other tourism providers. The Board was delighted to support this project under the LEADER Rural Development Programme providing a grant of €56,095.11.

To learn more about Grassroutes log onto their website: www.grassroutes.ie

You can also call 074 911 9988
or email info@grassroutes.ie

LEFT: Frank Kelly, RDP; Cllr. Michael McBride, Chairman Grassroutes.ie and Deputy Mayor; Martin McBride, Board Member; DLDC; Padraig Mac Suibhne, Board Member DLDC; Mary McGinna, An Craoibhín Centre Manager; Fred Gallagher, Founder & Committee Member Grassroutes.ie; Dermot Kelly, Operations Manager, Grassroutes.ie; Jim Slevin, Chairman, DLDC and Seán Ó Gallachóir, Project Officer, DLDC.

RIGHT: Grassroutes.ie has a collection of hybrid and electric bikes funded by LEADER.
An tSean Bheairic in Falcarragh is now a famous historic building with endless stories of history in its walls. This authentic two-storey building was originally constructed in 1890 for use as the Falcarragh Police Barracks and used as such until 1920 when it became the Falcarragh Garda Station.

However, more recent developments funded by LEADER’s Rural Development Programme will bring those stories to life.

The thriving building is now home to a café, tourist information centre, exhibition space and auditorium.

Helena McClafferty, Centre Manager says the new features will add significantly to the public offering.

“We currently cater for 150 people a week in our café but with the support of LEADER through DLDC we have renovated the kitchen and with these new facilities we hope to meet the growing demand for home cooked meals, breads and cakes. We were also able to invest in a new stage which lends itself to the many concerts we host at An tSean Bheairic. Our next concert will be held on the 29th November featuring the Encôre Contemporary Choir with support act Blue Ribbon Gleo.”

The site is an official tourist information point and the funding of €17,920 has allowed the Committee buy new exhibition cabinets which will house the many artefacts dating back to the 19th century. Helena says they are now asking members of the public to donate any items of historical value so that the wider public can enjoy them.

Anne Marie Rodgers, Project Officer with DLDC says the hard working Committee at an tSean Bheairic are continuously innovating and moving forward. “The range of services they offer to the public and tourists alike is remarkable. We were happy to fund their new enhancements works ensuring they extended their level of service which add great cultural and historical value to the community of Cloughaneely”

To learn more about Falcarragh Visitor Centre log onto their website www.falcarraghvisitorcentre.com
You can also call 074 9180655 or email: falcarraghvisitorcentre@gmail.com

LEFT: Helena McClafferty, Manager at An tSean Bheairic shows Committee Member Carmel Sweeney and DLDC Board Member Martin McBride the new exhibition cabinets which will hold many artefacts dating back to the 19th century. RIGHT: Padraig Mac Suibhne, Board Member, DLDC; Helena McClafferty, Manager An tSean Bheairic; Anne Marie Rodgers, Project Officer, DLDC; Michael Doherty Committee Member; and Martin McBride, Board Member DLDC.
SPORT WITH A SEAVIEW

Soccer, GAA clubs and community groups alike in Dungloe and The Rosses will benefit from the development of the newly developed community pitch at the shore front. The Community Pitch would not have been possible without financial assistance from LEADER.

Chairman of Forbairt na Rosann, Seán Boner says the local soccer club, GAA club, St. Crona’s National School and the Rosses Community School along with various other groups will all benefit from the new facility.

“It’s great to have an amenity that will be used by so many organisations within our community. Facing onto the coastline, the development works have also enhanced the shore front area. This project required quite a high degree of co-operation between the local sports clubs and schools along with the local Church of Ireland Committee.

Seán Ó Gallachóir, Project Officer with DLDC says funding of €68,679.68 provided for the community pitch has resulted in a great facility being provided for the entire community. This project required quite a high degree of co-operation between the local youth club and schools alike and now we have a great resource for the young people especially.

It could also be used for the Mary from Dungloe festival and other local events.”

Forbairt na Rosann have been waiting for the development of the community facility for over 10 years now, so they are understandably very proud of the new development in the heart of Dungloe. The local schools and clubs use the pitch on a weekly basis but they are keen to highlight that it’s not just for the young but also for the older generation in the community.

“I think that it will create equality in sports as well as encouraging people of all ages to get fitter,” says Seán Ó Gallachóir.

More information: 074 95 22198
Teach Mhicí Mhíc Gabhainn in Magharoarty is quite simply history on your doorstep. The traditional thatched cottage is situated on the border of Derryconnor and Magharoarty.

The original homestead dates back prior to 1850 and it is now being restored to its original form by Togra Fiontar & Cultúr Uladh Teo with the support of LEADER and the Rural Development programme.

The committee hopes the house will be open to members of the public by March 2014 and will attract interest from far and near.

Maureen Doohan says, “We have an important piece of folklore in our community. The story of Teach Mhicí Mhíc Gabhainn has already been told and is on the Leaving Cert curriculum as a short novel called Rothai Mór an TSaol. However, we want to bring that story to life by restoring the house and its history for people to come in and experience.

“Thanks to LEADER and DLDC we are able to do this. We know that it will become a very important tourist attraction but also a vital piece of culture and history that won’t be lost to time. We were granted €42,897.02 to conserve and restore the house and we are delighted to be working with Seán Brogan who is a specialist in historic building restoration.”

Anne Marie Rodgers, Project Officer says “We are very fortunate to have a structure with so much history. The Board believed funding the conservation of this project was important to the local community in which it is located and also to maintain a vital part of our culture and history.”

“The commitment to this project shown by both Togra Fiontar & Cultúr Uladh Teo and LEADER will provide an integrated approach to the protection of the Donegal’s local heritage and can help ensure that this project becomes a really special tourist icon for the Donegal Gaeltacht region.”

For more information call 074 91 35555

LEFT: Maureen Doohan, Committee Member, Togra Fiontar & Cultúr Uladh Teo with Martin McBride Board Member DLDC, Ltd and Jim Slevin, Chairman DLDC at Teach Mhicí Mhic Gabhainn in Magharoarty. RIGHT: Teach Mhicí Mhic Gabhainn is situated on the border of Derryconnor and Magharoarty.
MARKET HALL
GLENTIES

Market Hall in Glenties was originally built 170 years ago in 1843. Despite two small refurbishments, the building was falling into disrepair and was not serving the community as well as it had in the past.

Mary Thompson, Supervisor of the FÁS Scheme with Glenties Community Centre Amalgamated Ltd, says the recent refurbishment and investment in Market Hall is harvesting a future for the local residents and those in the surrounding areas.

“Everything starts and stops here. It’s a hive of activity all year round.”

The Group made an application to DLDC under the LEADER Programme in 2012 and received funding of €148,000 to refurbish the Market Hall, which included an innovative plan to make the facility self-sustaining.

Mindful of the need to preserve such an historic building while at the same time considering its sustainability, the Group decided to install a rainwater tank. Just six months in and they have already reduced their water rates bill by a third.

Mary Thompson, who has been involved one way or another for the past 41 years, says not only does the water collected serve Market Hall, it also serves the town of Glenties.

Anne Marie Rodgers, Project Officer says that a significant aspect of this latest LEADER Programme is the fact that funding can be provided to support larger scale and more strategic sustainable projects like this particular project at the Market Hall in Glenties. The effect of this on the ground is that the maximum impact possible can be achieved from the funding which in turn will enable the company meet the objectives of the programme Our Board was delighted to be in apposition to support this project which has many off-shoots.”

Mary Thompson says the support they received from DLDC and in particular from the staff was invaluable in ensuring they brought their vision to fruition.

For more information call 074 95 57880
It was his love of cycling holidays that inspired Seamus Gallagher to start Ireland By Bike, offering cycle tours of Donegal and the Northwest to tourists.

"I once competed in running, but I cycled for leisure," he says.

"I always cycled when I was on holidays. Out of curiosity, I started looking at what was available here, and realised there were only two companies offering cycling tours in Donegal; one based in Dublin, the other in Co Down.

"So I thought surely there should be a local company doing this. A local company can give a better service than somebody based outside the area."

In its first year, Ireland By Bike offered one seven-day tour but since then has broadened its offering.

A chance conversation with another tour operator led him to explore the option of electric bikes for older travellers, and to look into possible LEADER funding, resulting in Ireland By Bike receiving funding of €15,651.75 under the LEADER Rural Development Programme administered by DLDC.

Frank Kelly RDP says, “We recognised the tourist product that Seamus had discovered and the vastly rural part of South and West Donegal was ripe for development. The Board of DLDC was delighted to support this project which will lie in greatly with Fáilte Ireland’s promotion of the Wild Atlantic Way in 2014.”

Seamus says that initially they had been using only hybrid bikes, but by introducing electric bikes it will open the business up to a totally different market. “A lot of customers for bike tours are older people, and Donegal doesn’t appeal to them because it is very hilly. But the electric bike makes it a totally different experience. You still have to cycle, but an extreme climb like the Glengesh Pass feels like a flat road, it takes a lot of the work out of it.

“So we have two different aims. One is to open up the tours we are providing to a new market, and the other is to run shorter day tours around this area.

For more information log onto: www.irelandbybike.com
38 families have benefitted from the enhancement works carried out at The Curragh housing estate in Killygordon. This community has worked collectively for 15 years when they first formed a Residents’ Association.

Today they proudly take us on a tour of their estate and communal areas, which have been enhanced thanks to LEADER and DLDC with funding of €26902.36 granted to complete the works.

Chairman of Curragh Residents’ Association, John O’Loughlin says the sense of pride in the community is palpable. “Our estate is 50 years old so as you can imagine time takes its toll and things can look and feel very tired. However, we have a great sense of community and 15 years ago we set up a Residents’ Association. Much of our work was the upkeep of the estate and communal areas. Each week homeowners contribute €2.50, which goes towards cutting green areas, maintaining hedgerows, painting walls and weeding.

“Last year we really wanted to place a focus on the entrance to the estate and so we applied to DLDC under the LEADER Rural Development Programme for funding.

“They helped us with our application and this year we built a new wall, footpath and focal point in one of the main green areas. Over the summer we’ve seen a great momentum build with almost every household out helping our FÁS Community Employment Scheme and improving their own areas,” says John.

Martina Whoriskey, Project Officer with DLDC says the enhancement works have complimented the work already carried out by the local community.

“The LEADER Programme seeks to maintain and sustain community areas improving quality of life for residents. We were delighted to partner with Curragh Residents’ Association as we knew their track record in spearheading projects for the benefit of their community.”

John O’Loughlin says the support of DLDC has reignited a spark in his community which he says “goes beyond the physical enhancement works. It ensures we a community keep working together to make The Curragh a great place to live for families and generations to come.”

For more information on The Curragh Residents Association contact John O’Loughlin on jhcurragh@gmail.com or call (074) 9149205

LEFT: Members of The Curragh Residents Association pictured at their newly enhanced green area. Pictured are Bernie McBride, Committee Member; Madeline Gibson, Secretary; Helen O’Lochlainn, Treasurer; Barry McCullagh, Architect; Martina Whoriskey, Project Officer DLDC; John Starrett, Vice Chairman, DLDC; John O’Lochlainn, Chairperson Curragh Residents Association; Eddie McNulty, Assistant Treasurer; Cllr. Patrick McGowan, Board Member DLDC; Jonathan Bradley, Contractor; Caimhin MacAoidh, CEO DLDC and Frank Kelly, RDP. RIGHT: Members of DLDC and Curragh Residents Association take a walk to view the improvement works at The Curragh housing estate. Photos by Philip Mulligan.
The oval pavilion is inspired by the Oval Office. The gates are a replica of the North Gates. And the garden is inspired by the historic relations between America and Ireland. These are just some of the features at the unique White House Garden at CPI Complex Castletfinn.

CPI Ltd Director Michael Carlin recounts the mutual interest and synergies between their project and the most powerful house in the world. Its namesake, the White House, inspired every aspect of history, culture and horticulture embedded in this project.

“Developing a specialised historical service within the visitors centre is something we are progressing. The primary aim of the White House Garden was in the first instance to raise the profile of Ireland by offering an Irish walled garden and symbolising The White House Garden as a gift from the Irish people to the American people. The next step is to trace the historic roots between both countries and note the travels of families from the county to the land of opportunity.”

The White House Garden is supported by the LEADER Rural Development Programme and received funding of €180,864.65. Frank Kelly, RDP says, “The success to date of CPI Ltd has been noted nationwide in media and by virtue of their various awards. The power of local community and social enterprise in building capacity and economies of scale in rural Donegal is testament to the success of the LEADER Rural Development Programme. CPI Ltd is a wholly voluntary organisation and a great best practice case study of how and why communities should be doing it for themselves.”

The White House Garden will formally open to the public in 2014 but it has already been getting much interest with wedding couples using the intimate and unique setting for the location of their photo shoots.

For more information log onto: www.thewhitehousegarden.ie or call CPI Ltd Castletfinn on 074-9143976 or email: info@cpiltl.net
There’s certainly nobody complaining about the facilities over at Donegal Donkey Sanctuary. Most of the client’s have been saved from cruelty and certain death but are now living in a sanctuary in Castledooey, Raphoe created by husband and wife team Danny and Sandra Curran.

Six years ago Danny and Sandra began taking in donkeys and little did they think their charity and selfless work would be taken on board by people across the world.

“Recently there was a fundraiser in LA for us,” says Danny. And so in Sydney, London and across Ireland the work of Donegal Donkey Sanctuary is becoming extremely well known. A good friend of the charity is business mentor Gerry Robinson who Danny says, “Has been a real support in how we have developed our business vision.”

Donegal Donkey Sanctuary is now transforming itself thanks to DLDC and the LEADER Rural Development Programme with funding of €146,255.25 granted to complete the new plans.

The new facilities will include 10 stables, each holding six donkeys, three large loose boxes which can hold up to 10 donkeys, a museum, café and a visitors centre and its hoped it will open in Easter 2014.

The new facilities will see homes created for 72 donkeys, each of which costs €1,000 a year to care for.

Sinead McLaughlin, Project Officer with DLDC says the business vision and social responsibility aspect of this project merited support.

“For six years Donegal Donkey Sanctuary has been run by a husband and wife team on a site beside their own home. They have fundraised to keep it open. But they now have a non-profit making operation that will not only save the lives of more donkeys but also add value to rural land while creating a unique visitor attraction. Our Board was delighted to support this project.”

For more information on Donegal Donkey Sanctuary log onto their website www.donegaldonkeysanctuary.com
You can also call them on 087-2199977 or email info@donegaldonkeysanctuary.com.
For over 30 years Alice Shiels has harboured a dream to run her own equestrian business. After years of renting land and stables and generating income for other people she finally realised her own dream with the help of LEADER and DLDC.

Tir na mBeannacht Stables will open for business in January 2014 and will offer a high-end bespoke service to horse owners in Donegal including livery, grooming and turnout, breaking-in and schooling and one-to-one tuition.

Nestled high in the hills overlooking the Finn Valley the 8-acre plot will be a retreat for horses and their owners.

“Our three boarding stables are already booked up. We have owners who will leave their livery with us and at weekends we will have their horses turned out so they can arrive and ride freely and privately in the expanse of our retreat,” says Alice.

Tir na mBeannacht, you could say, is an equestrian centre of excellence. The level of detail and research into the planning is evident.

In the absence of commercial funding Alice approached DLDC with her vision and she was granted €99,485.92.

Frank Kelly, RDP says the LEADER programme was ideal for Alice. “She had a valuable plot of land, three decades of high-end experience and a business plan that proved she could diversify rural land into a thriving business. Our role in supporting rural diversification projects was well-placed here.”

Tir na mBeannacht will have seven paddocks, three hoarding stables, a classroom and storage area. These facilities are at their final phase of construction by local contractor John O’Donnell from Ballybofey. Alice says she is living her dream all thanks to DLDC and the LEADER programme.

For more information on Tír na mBeannacht Equestrian Centre call Alice Shiels on 086-6021266 or email: shielsally@gmail.com.
Donegal-born author Brian Friel wrote about Dancing at Lughnasa, but dancing at the Social Centre, Lifford is most deserving of being written about. They come from all over Ulster to dance at the old converted bakery each month.

A large number take to the floor for old-time, modern and céilí dancing at the recently renovated Social Centre at Coneyburrow Rd, Lifford.

The Clonleigh Social Services Committee took over the facility in 1995 and now it is one of the most popular locations for dancers on the northern circuit. This historic building remains at the heart of the community in Lifford and keeps the community together.

Recent renovations to the centre included: External and Internal Insulation, New Heating System, New Doors and Windows, New Stage, Painting inside and out, Provision of 53 extra car parking spaces and upgrade of toilets.

Clonleigh Social Services Committee would like to express their gratitude to DLDC for part funding of the renovations. Special thanks go to Frank Kelly RDP, assisted by Martina Whoriskey. A word of thanks to John Masterson (MH Associates) and Galbraith Construction who combined to have the works completed on time and within budget.

Martina Whoriskey, Project Officer says, “Our funding of €131,144.84 was invested in a new heating system, new stage and tarring the rear of the building creating an extra 53 car parking spaces. This historic building remains at the heart of the community in Lifford and keeps the community together. We were delighted to be able to fund its upkeep so ensuring its future for decades to come.”

For more information on Clonleigh Social Services call (074) 9142089.

LEFT: Pictured are Members of Clonleigh Social Services Committee with members of staff and the Board of DLDC. Pictured are Paddy Gibson, Treasurer; Noel Gallagher, Secretary; Bernard Porter, Sylvia McNally, Michael Gallagher, Anne Marie Corrigan, Terry Doherty and Michael McDermott, Clonleigh Social Services Committee along with Martina Whoriskey, Project Officer, Frank Kelly RDP and Caolimhin MacAodh, CEO DLDC. Photo by Philip Mulligan. RIGHT: Dancing at Coneyburrow are Sylvia McNally and Brendan Porter, members of Clonleigh Social Services Committee. Photo by Philip Mulligan.
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