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## Neighbourhood Renewal Area

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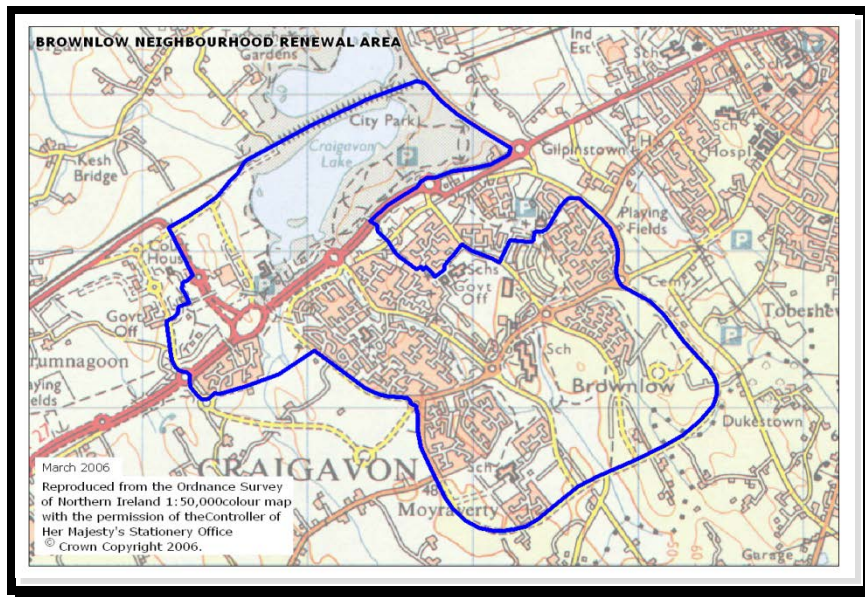
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## About Neighbourhood Renewal

The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme aims to reduce the social and economic inequalities which characterise the most deprived areas. It does so by making a long term commitment to communities to work in partnership with them to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty. Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships were established representative of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, public sector agencies, private sector interest and local elected representatives.



## About Brownlow NR Partnership

The Brownlow Partnership was formally established in 2007 and the Brownlow Vision Framework and Action Plan were approved by the Department for Social Development in March 2007. The Partnership was set up to take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme and to oversee the development and delivery of the local Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan.



The Partnership currently comprises 33 members which include representatives from local Community Associations and local statutory organisations. It currently meets on a bi-monthly basis and its administration services are provided through a Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator based in Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council. It can establish, if required, sub-groups to assist it in the identification, development and where appropriate the delivery of projects which aim to address the Programme's 4 strategic objectives of community renewal, social renewal, economic renewal and physical renewal. The Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal Area has a population of just over 8,600, and is based around the wards of Drumgor and Drumgask. It comprises the housing estates mainly built during the 1960s as part of a regional plan to halt the development of the Belfast Urban area. While the economy at this stage was buoyant, an economic downturn led to out migration of residents, thus creating an environment for anti-social behaviour in certain areas. The Partnership comprises of members from the community, voluntary, private and statutory sectors as shown below.

## Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Members

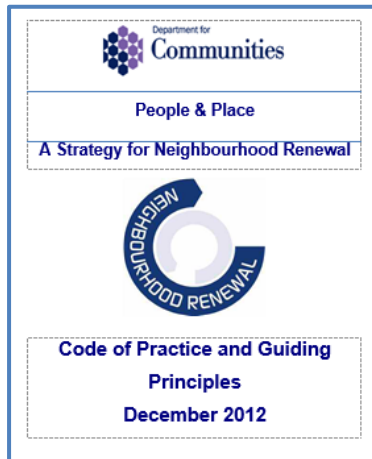
Name	Organisation
Louis Sayers Chairperson	Westacres Residents Association
Alice McCabe	Westacres Residents Association
Andrena Colhoun Vice Chairperson	Drumgor Heights Residents Association
Robert Colhoun	Drumgor Heights Residents Association
Noelle McNeill	Drumgor Heights Residents Association
Denis Loney	Enniskeen Social &Environment Regeneration Group
Patricia Jenkinson	Enniskeen Social &Environment Regeneration Group
Iris Loney	Enniskeen Social &Environment Regeneration Group
Irene Turkington	Rosmoyle Action Group
Teresa McIlroy	Rosmoyle Action Group
Brendan Curran	Monbrief Community Association
Eddie Rooney	Monbrief Community Association
John Crooks	Drumellan Community Association
Hugo Lynch	Moyraverty Court/Clanrolla Community Association
Tina Breen	Meadowbrook Residents Association
Denise O'Neill	Clonmeen Residents Association
Tommy Sheridan/ Joanne Shortall/ Helena Smith	Drumbeg Residents Association
Joanne Shortall	Drumbeg Residents Association
Helena Smith	Drumbeg Residents Association

Name	Organisation
John McCartan	Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)
Donna Haughian	Southern Health & Social Care Trust (SHSCT)
Jim Cunningham	Southern Regional College (SRC)
Louise Henderson	Education Authority (EA)
John Donnelly	Education Authority (EA)
Roisin O'Hagan / Greg McAleenan	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council (ACB&CBC)
Greg McAleenan	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council (ACB&CBC)
Tracey Johnston / Alex Clifford	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council (ACB&CBC)
Alex Clifford	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council (ACB&CBC)
Caoilin Boyle	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council (ACB&CBC)
Alison Clenaghan	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council (ACB&CBC)
Deirdre McCann / Anita Waite	Department for Communities(DfC)
Anita Waite	Department for Communities(DfC)

## **Brownlow Neighbourhood Partnership Organisations**

1. Department for Communities (DFC)
2. Rosmoyle Action Group
3. Southern Regional College (SRC)
4. Clonmeen
5. Westacres
6. Drumellan
7. Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)
8. Drumbeg
9. Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council (ACB&CBC)
10. Education Authority (EA)
11. Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SH&SCT)
12. Drumgor Heights
13. Monbrief Community Association
14. Enniskeen
15. Moyraverty Court/Clanrolla

It should be noted that Brownlow NR Partnership and associated subgroups have all signed up to and abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.





## Our Vision for Brownlow

By the year 2021 Brownlow will be a place where all of the people living here have the quality of life to which they aspire; this will include:

- ▶ Living in affordable good quality housing;
- ▶ Having access to suitable education, training and employment opportunities;
- ▶ Having access to high standards of health care;
- ▶ Enjoying a range of cultural, social, leisure and recreational pursuits;
- ▶ Having access to a variety of appropriate community facilities;
- ▶ Enjoying the full range of civil liberties.
- ▶ There is a peaceful society, at peace with itself and with its neighbours and where crime is minimal.
- ▶ Those who are vulnerable or weak are cared for and where the values of shared responsibility, mutual support and self-help are practised.
- ▶ There is a safe, clean and welcoming environment with everyone accepting their share of responsibility for that environment.
- ▶ There is accessibility for all local facilities and services.
- ▶ Diversity is recognised and valued through accepting that everyone has a unique contribution to make to the life of the community and there is strong community spirit and pride





## Brownlow NR Partnership Projects

In the 2019/20 year, the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund supported **11** revenue projects in the Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal Area under the following themes:



The projects are listed on pages 9 to 37.

## Community Renewal

### 1. ACB&CBC - Armagh & Craigavon Technical Assistance

The project has provided a secretariat and coordination service which is key to the development of an effective Neighbourhood Renewal partnership, and development and delivery of the Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan.



The funding provided the ACB&CBC with the means to provide technical assistance and support to the four NR Partnership Boards in the Armagh, Brownlow, Lurgan and North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Areas (NRA's).

This was for the continued employment of a Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator and associated administrative support and overheads. The coordinator is responsible for overseeing delivery and coordinating the implementation of Neighbourhood Renewal in the four NRA's and has liaised with applicants, programme delivery agents and stakeholders to ensure projects are developed

and delivered in accordance with the objectives of each of the NR action plans. The coordinator also reports progress on the implementation of same.

### **Key Performance Measurement – ACB&CBC Technical Assistance**

*How much did we do?*

During the financial year of 2019/20, a significant amount of Neighbourhood Renewal activity took place, regardless of the fact there was limited funding for any revenue or capital projects. This involved much cross-departmental work and utilising funding from other sources and statutory bodies.

#### **Play in the Community Programme**

- Over 300 children were directly engaged in free and traditional play
- 44 play sessions delivered by Playboard
- Over 1300 residents and their children enjoyed 2 celebration events
- 6 residents gained qualifications in OCN Level 2 Play and Learning

#### **Gambling Initiative**

- 20 residents gained OCN Level 1 in Problem Gambling

#### **Crimestoppers Events**

- 2 residents provided with a Crimestoppers evening with PCSP

#### **Youth Providers – Youth Space Initiative**

- 15 young people completed OCN Level 2 training in Event Management and Barista Training
- 20 young people visited youth facilities in Ballymena and Belfast
- 140 young people attended a social event in Armagh for social interaction and use of the interactive survey/consultation

### Fishing Programme

- A fishing programme has been secured through the Building Sustainable Communities programme. This will be availed of approximately 30 children. Hopefully it will be delivered in September 2020.

### Conflict of Interest Training

- 11 members of the Armagh Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership availed of Conflict of Interest training

### Covid-19 Community Response

- Thousands of residents who are in a vulnerable position have been supported in so many different ways in the start of this pandemic, twice weekly food parcels, hot dinners, volunteers bringing essential supplies, windows being cleaned, flowers being delivered, the list is endless

### *How well did we do it?*

The lack of funding does impact on how much can be done for the residents, however utilising different resources and funding sources has aided ACB&CBC to deliver the above programmes and training

### *What we did well*

- Engagement and working cross-departmentally within council, with other statutory bodies and with community groups
- Commitment and dedication of council staff with attention to detail, precise planning and organisations
- The perseverance and enthusiasm of Partnership members of bringing issues forward
- Listening to the Partnership members and identifying key issues from the Action Plan
- Providing continuous support to those who need assistance with applications and/or sign-posting and most recently with the coronavirus pandemic

### *How can we improve?*

- Communication, attraction and persuasion
- A dedicated Facebook page is a priority in 2020/21 so that we can be more efficient, up to date and purposeful
- Reaching out to all members of the Neighbourhood Renewal Area and not just those community representatives attending meetings

- Ensuring another call for members is communicated throughout social media so that everyone is fairly represented

*Is anyone better off?*

- All children in the NR area offered traditional play to enjoy and learn going back to basics
- The physical and mental wellbeing of over 300 children has improved
- Parents of those children encouraged and confident to go back to traditional play
- Providing healthy, safe and professional extra-curricular activity for children of all capabilities
- Various qualifications gained for residents and Partnership members
- Qualifications have improved the confidence and potential to improve the careers of residents
- Qualifications have given members the confidence to conduct meetings in the appropriate way
- Increased awareness of Problem Gambling
- All residents have information and access to help if gambling becomes a problem
- Fishing programme arranged to begin 2020/21, this will reduce anti-social behaviour
- Youth Space Initiative has reduced anxiety and improved confidence for those teenagers who took part
- All community reps are contacted on a weekly basis to make them aware of the support that is available to them, in absence of our own.
- Facebook page, contact has been made with each community group. Facebook page with the NR officer details made available so that any resident can make contact.

## Economic Renewal

### 1. Craigavon – Southern Regional College - Training Opportunities Programme (TOPS)



TOPs students in the 'Intro to Autism' class. There was one student in this course from Portadown, five from Brownlow and 4 from Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Areas.

This programme aimed to,

- ▶ Support 14-16 year olds pupils on SRC's School Partnership Programme with mentors to help pupils realise their potential and encourage higher GCSE passes. From 2019 to 2020 a total of 112 pupils have been involved in Occupational Studies who are from NRAs. SRC mentors were deployed to classes to help pupils with their work.
- ▶ Better equip post 16 students with mentors to provide additional training with specific specialised skills through to help them access suitable employment opportunities and to achieve a qualification on completion of their formal training.

- ▶ Better train residents living in NRAs with industry focused skills through participation in training to help them access suitable employment opportunities. Industry focused qualifications included CAT C lorry licence, RITTB forklift licence, CSR construction cards, SIA security licences, BTEC Nail and Beauty and Autism qualifications, and many other qualifications (see list below).

<b>TOPS Craigavon Courses 2019/20</b>
Bookkeeping
Category C Lorry Licence
CSR
FAQ First Aid
Level 2 Award in Food Hygiene
RITTB Forklift Licence
Heights ITS Plant Certificate
L2 Certificate in Computerised Bookkeeping
L2 Autism Awareness
BTEC Nail and Beauty
SAGE Payroll

A participant on the TOPS project said the following:

*“The programme the college offers me to get free training or licences to get a better job and improve my skills is brilliant. It is really good opportunity to help me build my CV and get real skills that employers want.”*

*J Artur, Brownlow*



## 2. Craigavon - Southern Regional College - The Grow Project

This project provided training in horticulture skills and horticulture management. Participants in the project have been skilled up to grow and care for plants in their own gardens and then later act as horticulture advisors to the local community. The programme was promoted throughout the Craigavon Wide NRAs and 21 residents enrolled on the BTEC Level 2 in Horticulture programme. Residents attended information sessions and received careers advice relating to the horticultural industry and opportunities for paid and self-employment.

Courses commenced in September in the Taghnaven Allotments Craigavon and continued into Armagh, and staff who delivered the training are industry professionals and provided residents with careers advice on how to enter the industry as an employee or self-employed, the job opportunities available as well as providing practical skills training. Staff demonstrated how to develop business start-up plans and to cost potential jobs and the materials required. Residents reviewed case studies of how small, local horticultural businesses were developed, how and where they are marketed and the costs, materials and skills required to establish them.



As the programme developed, residents promoted the benefits of their work within their own communities. They distributed excess produce to neighbours and discussed how they grew them, the organic nature involved and the relatively low cost to produce. This generated more interest in both the programme and questions on how to do it themselves. Some seedlings were kept in the local community centre before being transferred to the allotments which generated more interest in growing chemical-free fruit and

vegetables with other centre users. Both groups studied sustainability, global warming and land reclamation and engaged with Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council.

*“I would recommend the programme - it helps you on so many levels, gardening, new skills, confidence and gaining a course in horticulture.” Brownlow NR resident*

### **3. Southern Region - Southern Regional College Oceans Project**

The OCEANS programme in 19/20 provided accredited training in essential skills and a gateway to employability in the Public services and safety industries for 12 participants who resided in the NRAs of Craigavon, Newry and Armagh. These participants lived in household whose income was less than £21,300 and were either unemployed or in low paid or part-time employment.

The project provided accredited training in essential skills and a gateway to employability particularly in the maritime / offshore industry. The project gives basic safety induction and emergency and safety training as well as essential life skills.

The impact of the OCEANS 19/20 project was to ensure that local NRA residents had the opportunity, ability and confidence to access employment in Public services and safety training industry and that local people would gain valuable skills and qualifications. The project entailed completion of an essential skills qualification, a 5 day residential of STCW 95 training. The programme ran once in the year.

- 51hrs flexible learning plan in one of the following subjects; Information Technology, English or Numeracy. Mentors will be employed to assist residents on an one to one basis and in class with tutors
- STCW Personal Survival Techniques – 1 day
- STCW Fire Fighting – 2.5 days
- STCW Personal Safety & Social Responsibilities – ½ day
- STCW Elementary First Aid – 1 day
- Employability sessions



The residents were equipped/trained with specific specialised skills through participation in a project leading to industry recognised qualifications to help them access suitable employment opportunities. 12 residents were recruited, who undergone medicals and essential skills training. 11 residents achieved STCW 95 maritime certificate and a number of them went on to complete Career Development & Manual Handling, HEIGHTS & harnessing training. At the end of the programme 2 residents gained employment.

## Social Renewal - Education

### 1. Education Authority - Inclusion in Education

This project provided mentoring to young people who were disengaged and /or not attending school. It focused on pupils in transition from primary to secondary school and involvement of parents. In the Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal area, the project was run in Lismore Comprehensive and Brownlow Integrated College. This priority has been achieved through providing pupils living in the Brownlow NRA access to additional support systems and courses which related to where the pupils were at academically and therefore make the school environment more enjoyable and provide them with opportunities to succeed.



These alternatives better equipped the pupils to gain more qualifications, increase their personal and social development and leave them better placed to gain and maintain steady employment or progress into further education. A number of methods were used to engage parents in the child's post-primary education which included one to one meetings, study support workshops and apps

aimed at improving communication. As part of this project in the 2019/20 funding period a total of 50 parents engaged in the child's post-primary education in Brownlow.

## **2. Education Authority - Youth Engagement +**

The Neighbourhood Renewal Youth Engagement project aimed to work with young adults who were about to disengage from education or who had left education already. The programme offered local support through their school, youth centres, health centres and specialised partners through a range of personal development, education, training and life coaching or counselling activities to help them improve their current and future lives. The project included 3 themes: youth engagement; educational attainment/pre-employment support and health and well-being with close partnership working between the Department for Communities, Education Authority Youth Service; Education Authority Social Inclusion Unit and Southern Health & Social Care Trust.



At the launch Lord Major of Craigavon Councillor Mealla Campbell stated, “this was a special project engaging vulnerable young people and enabling them by involving them in the opportunity to develop new transferable skills to assist them in their adult lives.”

Brownlow Area Youth Project launched its 20<sup>th</sup> year of Xtreme FM thanks to the Neighbourhood Renewal Youth Engagement Programme. Congratulations Xtreme FM!

### 3. Education Authority - Count, Read, Succeed

This was a tailored programme designed to meet the needs of parents and children in the Craigavon wide Neighbourhood Renewal areas and complemented the schools’ central role by providing additional support through working with communities and parents and linking their children’s work back into the classroom. This programme focused on parental engagement (especially parents of underachieving pupils) to help raise educational standards through (a) school and community-based out of school hours’ learning, (b) in-school and out of school hours’ parental engagement and (c) ‘Twilight’ sessions to empower and capacity-build the teaching and classroom assistant workforce.

Participating Primary Schools in the Brownlow NRA	Participating Post Primary School
Drumgor Primary School, Brownlow	Lismore Comprehensive, Brownlow
St. Anthony’s Primary School, Brownlow	Brownlow Integrated College
Tullygally Primary School, Brownlow	
St. Brendan’s Primary School, Brownlow	

The schools decided which activities were provided to link together core in-school provision with this added value initiative both in school and at home. Each school designed their own welcome and induction session using the lessons learnt from the family learning programmes but with common elements including:

- Introduction to the school premises and how to approach the school for information
- The link between the parent and the classroom teacher – how, when and where to get feedback and advice on child’s progress
- The requirements of the curriculum, homework expectations and the use of the daily study log/homework diary
- Sources of additional support including the home/school liaison member of staff

- Access to a peer mentor or learning buddy if required.



#### **4. Education Authority – Transitions programme**

This project aimed to provide assistance for pupils in transition from primary to secondary school and from Junior school to Senior school when young people can be vulnerable and more likely to become dis-engaged from education. The Education Welfare Service, along with staff and pupils developed support materials and website [www.movingforward.me](http://www.movingforward.me), for use by a wide range of young people in the 3 Neighbourhood Renewal areas in Craigavon. Through the Transitions programme pupils received support on how to cope with common issues related to transferring to Post Primary. Sessions included work on attendance, study skills as well as giving pupils the opportunity to talk to past pupils who had recently transferred.

*“The pupils have said that it has taken some of the anxieties of moving to ‘the big school’ away. They particularly liked the session with the visiting pupils as they feel their answers were honest and to the point. All sessions have increased their knowledge about what to expect in September.” M. Rodgers, Drumgor Primary School*





Drumgor Primary School



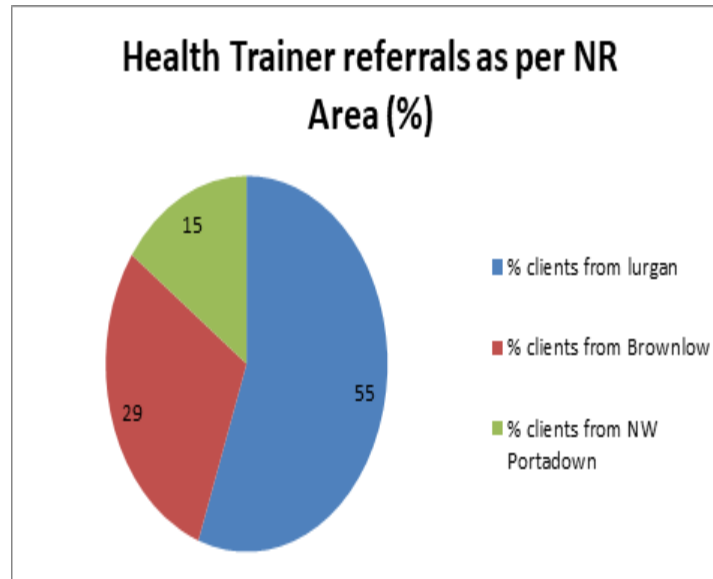
Tullygally Primary School



## How Much Did We Do? Pop Up Health Clinics

Pop ups were held across all 3 Neighbourhood Renewal areas, a total of 28 in year.

**412** health checks were completed and **83 people** were referred onto allied health professional for additional health care needs.



Pop Up Health Clinics in Brownlow:

- Brownlow Health Centre
- Drumbeg Community Association
- Brownlow Festival Fun Day
- Men's carers group

29 Health Trainer referrals in the Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal area in 2019/20.



### **Verve Health Trainers**

The Community Health Trainers have been successfully supporting individuals and groups of people within the community to make small changes to improve their health and wellbeing with the aim of decreasing the health inequality gaps experienced by residents who live and work in Neighbourhood Renewal areas.

### **Verve Network Members**

The VERVE network continues to grow with a full range of health and wellbeing activities offered to a range of age groups and abilities in total 1082 people took part in a health and wellbeing activity in one of the VERVE network centres.

List below are the community organisations and groups who took part in the 19/20 programme



**HEALTH TRAINER BASES  
& VERVE HEALTHY  
LIVING CENTRES**

- The Fitzone Foundation, Legahory
- Edgarstown Residents Association, Portadown
- Drumellan Family Learning Complex, Brownlow
- Taghnevan Youth and Community Centre, Lurgan
- Drumcree Community Trust, Portadown
- Mount Zion House, Lurgan
- Clan na Gael, Lurgan
- Clann Eireann, Lurgan
- ABC Community Network, Portadown
- The Chrysalis Womens Centre, Craigavon
- Train To Be Smart, Centrepont, Craigavon
- Drumbeg North and South Residents Association

If you would like to see a Health Trainer or find out about programmes at any of these bases then please call/email

**Tel: 028 3756 3946 or 028 3756 3952**  
Email: [verve.network@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:verve.network@southerntrust.hscni.net)



**HEALTH TRAINER ONE TO ONE  
HEALTH AND WELLNESS COACHING**  
SUPPORTING YOU TO MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES...

- Supporting you to **become more active**
- Supporting you to look after your **mental and emotional wellbeing**
- Supporting you to assess **how much alcohol is too much**
- Supporting you to **connect to services and activities**
- Supporting you to **make healthy eating choices**

Motivational support available by phone or face to face. Self-referrals welcome to this **FREE** service.  
Contact the Community Health Trainer Service by telephone T: 028 3756 3952/3946 or email E: [verve.network@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:verve.network@southerntrust.hscni.net)



**Photos from around the Verve Network: Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal Area.**

Going Forward 2020/21, 10 new health trainers.

10 people from across the Armagh, Brownlow, Lurgan and Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Areas have completed the PROQUAL Level 3 Health and Wellbeing Trainer qualifications.

The participants studied for 1 full day in Drumellan Family learning complex for 12 weeks before successfully completing their qualifications.

Welcome to all the new Health Trainers we look forward to seeing them out and about in the Neighbourhood Renewal areas.



Photo of health trainers attending level 3 course.



Men who took part in Chi Me at the Men's mental health event



Fitzone Foundation, hard at work in the community gym.



## 2. ACB&CBC - Craigavon Sport in the Community

The project was developed by Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council and North West Portadown residents to provide targeted sporting activities which maximise usage of the facilities within the area which include the Churchill/Woodside Multi Use Games Area and the People's Park Portadown. It provided opportunities for residents to participate in sport and physical activity, gain qualifications and leader's awards, build relationships with people from other areas and backgrounds, encourage healthier, more active lifestyles and take part in positive activities as an alternative to anti-social behaviour.

### MUGA Sports Project

The MUGA Sports project is aimed at providing an organised and structured community led programme of coaching and competitive sporting opportunities for young people on each of the Neighbourhood Renewal funded Multi-Use Games Areas, through close consultation with local communities and sports clubs. Over the duration of the 2019/2020 programme we delivered to 9 venues in total to 830 participants and 11,620 participant visits by these.

### Employability within Sports/Leisure Project

This project with 18 participants aims to use sport as a tool to help young unemployed people develop their skills and confidence, increasing their employability.



## Sports Festival

These community based festivals are organised by community representatives across the Borough. Funding received from the Department for Communities Neighbourhood Renewal funding allowed for much needed and valued support to be given which saw the inclusion of quality coaching and competitive opportunities for all within the local communities in a celebratory manner.



## Health Initiatives

The Sport in the Community Programme supported the STRIDE programme at USEL by providing physical activity and Sports Sessions. STRIDE helps people living with a disability or health condition into work and is available right across Northern Ireland. Last year USEL supported 60% of participants into work through assistance with:

- Job searching, CV completion and updating
- Job applications
- Interview skills and preparation

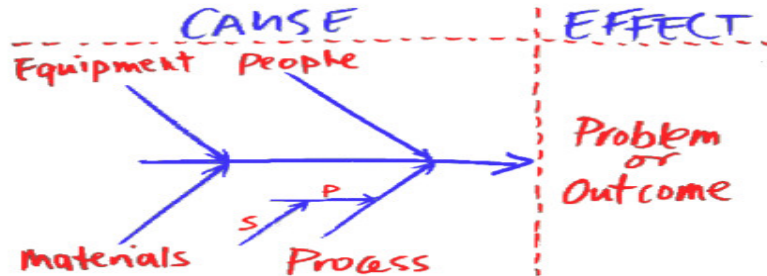
- Qualifications for work including essential skills (if required)
- Work experience
- Getting a job
- Support in work and health and well-being support.



## Craigavon Sport in the Community – Key Performance Measurement

*How much did we do?*

We successfully delivered 37 initiatives to approximately 3,364 participants



*How well did we do it?*

We did this successfully even though some programmes were not completed due to Covid-19 related issues within Quarter 4. Throughout the programme we worked with a wide range of stakeholders to try and identify key community issues and address those needs through the power of sport and physical activity. This ensured that local people can participate in community life, foster better relationships between local residents. Better access to improved community/leisure facilities and perceived insufficient provision of social, play and sports facilities; perceived insufficient sports, arts and drama projects for local people. The provision of transport ensured young people had sufficient access to programmes, including youth activities and outreach work, which included healthy living advice and support services (e.g. advice about drugs and alcohol and the dangers of addiction).

*Is anyone better off?*

Throughout the 2019-2020 programme we have worked with a range of different individuals who have received physical activity and sporting opportunities, helping build cross community participation within interface areas and providing job skills training and volunteering opportunities making participants more employable.

### 3. ACB&CBC - Craigavon Promoting Sustainable Communities Project

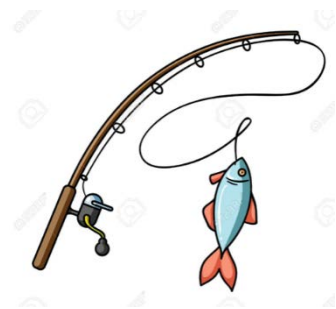
There are various strands in this project:

#### **Bushcraft**

The core activities included learning about nature and wildlife (handling reptiles i.e. snakes), how to grow fruit and vegetables (community garden), how to forage for wild food and cook outdoors. Many groups experienced building shelters and camping while others learnt lifesaving skills of first aid and CPR. Activity sessions included archery, angling, team building etc.

#### **Craigavon Promoting Sustainable Communities Project - Craigavon Angling Programme**

This element of the programme involved three strands - angling participation and lake and fishery management. Training was provided for local residents and on completion, permits and rod licences were provided. Local fishing clubs are assisted with items of equipment. Lake management involved weed cutting and removal and enhancements to existing fishing stands. The Fishery management element included survey of fish stock and stocking of the Craigavon lakes.



Over 30 organisations benefitted from the programme and detailed below are types and examples of organisations who have availed of the programme:

- Schools –including Lismore Comprehensive, St Anthony’s PS, St Teresa’s PS, Tanaghmore PS.
- After schools programmes - ABC Autism, Early Years
- Outreach sessions – Youth Justice Department, Lurgan Youth Annex Assist Youth
- Health and Wellbeing Courses (Individuals) - New You in 52, Fitzone, Monday Club
- Health and Wellbeing Courses (Family groups) – Splash/Sure Start, PIPS, Praxis Care
- Community Fun Days – Clann Eireann Family Xmas Event, Shankill Fun Day, Peoples Park.
- Uniform groups – 5th/6th Dromore Beavers/Scouts, St Patrick’s Guides
- Health and Wellbeing groups - North Lurgan Ramblers, St Peters Running Club
- Educational programmes – L.E.A.P – Community Sports Development, First Aid/CPR training – 5th/6<sup>th</sup> Dromore Scouts, Leave No Trace – All residents on Bushcraft programmes
- National Campaigns – Love Parks Week, National Play Day
- Collaborative activities/events – Macmillian Cancer, Disability Sports



## **Craigavon Promoting Sustainable Communities Project - The Craigavon Cycling Programme**

### **Cycling, health and wellbeing**

Core activities included cycling in parks, forest and on the roads, waling in the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon area and the Mourne Mountains, while others swam in lakes and the lough. Residents partook in multi-discipline events i.e. Craigavon Water sports Centre triathlon.



### **Health and Wellbeing Course**

The new You in 52 is a yearlong programme with a unique approach to fitness. It combines several of council's very successful health programmes i.e. C25K, Sofa to Saddle, Open Water Swimming, Under the support and supervision of the cycling officer and a fully qualified fitness instructor, the programme offered 20 people, predominately ladies the opportunity to improve their health, while making new friends, learning new skills and enjoying the benefits of exercising outdoors.



## Community Garden

The Bushcraft Community garden was created following a well-attended Permaculture Gathering, the first of its kind at the centre (500 attendees). The garden allows the team to teach residents how to grow vegetables and once grown allows them to take the food home. Workshops on composting, organic gardening and sustainable crafts are also delivered. The transfer of skills and knowledge has had a very positive impact on the community.





## Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership 2020/21 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 19/20 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 19/20 total expenditure in the Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount	2019/20 Spend
<b>Community Renewal</b>			
Armagh Craigavon ACB&CBC Technical Assistance	01/04/2019– 31/03/2020	£14,039.70	£12,655.59
<b>Total Community Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£14,039.70</b>	<b>£12,655.59</b>
<b>Social Renewal - Education</b>			
EA – Inclusion in Education	01/04/2019– 31/03/2020	£45,401.43	£45,401.43
EA – Youth Engagement	01/04/2019– 31/03/2020	£30,708.29	£30,345.75
EA – Count, Read, Succeed	01/04/2019– 31/03/2020	£45,879.96	£45,592.65
EA – Transitions Programme	01/04/2019– 31/03/2020	£20,709.97	£20,500.59
EA – Early Intervention Learning Mentor	01/04/2019– 31/03/2020		
<b>Total Social Renewal Education Expenditure</b>		<b>£142,703.16</b>	<b>£141,840.42</b>
<b>Social Renewal - Health</b>			
Craigavon Health Improvement Project	01/04/2019– 31/03/2020	£25,231.85	£24,318.78
Craigavon Sport in the Community 19/20	01/04/2019– 31/03/2020	£35,125.72	£31,925.15
Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities	01/04/2019– 31/03/2020	£35,139.64	£35,139.64
<b>Total Social Renewal Health Expenditure</b>		<b>£95,497.21</b>	<b>£91,383.57</b>
<b>Physical Renewal</b>			
Craigavon EA Post Primary Student Support Hubs	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£14,943.54	£14,943.54

<b>Programme/Project</b>	<b>CFF Funding Period</b>	<b>CFF Funding Amount</b>	<b>2019/20 Spend</b>
<b>Total Physical Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£14,943.54</b>	<b>£14,943.54</b>
<b>Economic Renewal</b>			
Craigavon – TOPS (Training Opportunities)	01/04/2019– 31/03/2020	£25,919.23	£25,909.67
Southern Region – OCEANS	01/04/2019– 31/03/2020	£6,941.53	£6,935.28
Southern Region – the Grow Project	01/04/2019– 31/03/2020	£4,838.40	£4,832.86
<b>Total Economic Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£37,699.16</b>	<b>£37,677.81</b>
<b>Grand Totals</b>		<b>Total Allocation £288,939.23</b>	<b>Total Spend £283,557.39</b>

## Achievements of Neighbourhood Renewal Funding In 20/21 Year

### Economic Output Measures

Project	ER2 number of residents going into employment	ER3 – Number of people accessing career advice	ER 4 - Number of people receiving job specific training	ER 14 – Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in Adult education
Armagh & Craigavon – The Grow Project			<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
Southern Region – OCEANS		<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	
Craigavon – TOPS (Training Opportunities)	<b>1</b>		<b>53</b>	<b>15</b>
Craigavon – Sport in the Community			<b>14</b>	

### Social Renewal (Crime) Output Measures

Project	SR(C) 6 – Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/ diversionary projects.
Craigavon – Building Sustainable Communities	<b>169</b>
Craigavon – Sport in the Community	<b>436</b>

## Social Renewal (Education) Output Measures

Project	<b>SR(Ed) 2</b> (Tackling barriers to learning) – Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved.	<b>SR(Ed) 3</b> (Tackling barriers to learning) – Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved.	<b>SR(Ed) 5</b> (Tackling barriers to learning) – Number of people engaged in parenting skills/development programmes.	<b>SR(Ed) 6</b> (Literacy & Numeracy) – Number of pupils benefitting directly from the project	<b>SR(Ed) 8</b> (Closing the Performance Gap) – Number of pupils directly benefitting from project.	<b>SR(Ed) 14</b> (Youth Services) – Number of young people directly benefitting from the project.	<b>SR(Ed) 17</b> (Youth Services) – Type and number of accredited qualifications completed.	<b>SR(Ed)25 (ICT)</b> Number of pupils directly benefitting from project
Craigavon EA Inclusion in Education			<b>50</b>		<b>94</b>			
Craigavon EA Youth Engagement+						<b>155</b>	<b>19</b>	
Craigavon EA Count Read Succeed Plus			<b>86</b>	<b>157</b>				
Craigavon EA Transitions Programme	<b>32</b>				<b>149</b>			<b>8</b>
Craigavon TOPS		<b>37</b>						

### Social Renewal Health Output Measures

<b>Project</b>	<b>SR(H) 1</b> Number of people benefiting from Healthy Lifestyle projects	<b>SR (H) 2</b> Number of people attending health education/awareness initiatives.	<b>SR(H) 3</b> Number of people accessing intervention/treatment service	<b>SR (H) 4</b> Number of health education / awareness initiatives provided / delivered.	<b>SR (H) 10</b> Number of people using existing sports facilities.
Craigavon – Health Improvement Project	<b>3334</b>	<b>361</b>		<b>17</b>	
Craigavon – Sport in the Community	<b>1146</b>			<b>16</b>	<b>343</b>
Craigavon – Building Sustainable Communities	<b>1605</b>				
Craigavon – The Grow Project	<b>6</b>				

### Community Renewal /Physical Renewal Output Measures

<b>Project</b>	<b>CR2</b> Number of people participating in community bonding projects	<b>CR3</b> Number of people volunteering for community development activities.	<b>CR7</b> Number of community/voluntary groups supported	<b>PR5</b> Number of Buildings improved
Craigavon – Sport in the Community		<b>2</b>		
Craigavon – Building Sustainable Communities Project			<b>9</b>	
ACB&CBC Technical Assistance	<b>33</b>			
Craigavon – EA – Post Primary Student Support Hubs				<b>1</b>

## **Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Conclusion**

In the 19/20 financial year, Brownlow Partnership total overall spend was **£298,500.93**

This can be further broken down into Strategic Objective spend as follows:-

Community Renewal	<b>£12,655.59</b>
Social Renewal (Education)	<b>£141,840.42</b>
Social Renewal (Health)	<b>£91,383.57</b>
Economic Renewal	<b>£37,677.81</b>
Physical Renewal	<b>£14,943.54</b>

### **Breakdown of main achievements for actual expenditure:**

Some of the main achievements in the Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal area in 2019/20, as a result of Neighbourhood Renewal funded projects:

- ▶ **76 people received job specific training; 563 young people directly benefitted from Education Projects;**
- ▶ **6091 people benefitted from healthy lifestyle projects;**
- ▶ **605 young people benefitted from youth inclusion/diversionary projects.**

Partnership members are content that the projects funded in this year are addressing key priorities identified in the Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan.



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