



# Grange – Ballyclare

## Neighbourhood Renewal Area

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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 to be representative of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, public sector agencies, private sector interest and local elected representatives.

### About Grange Partnership

To take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme, Grange Partnership was set up in 2006 to oversee the development and delivery of the local Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan, this action plan was updated in March 2019. The Partnership currently comprises 26 members which include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, churches and local statutory organisations. It currently meets on a bi-monthly basis and its administration services are provided through a development worker and administrator within Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.

The Partnership has established 3 sub-groups:

**Youth:** to assist with the identification, development and, where appropriate, the delivery of projects which aim to address youth projects in the area.

**Communication and Events:** to provide direction and support for all NR events and activity and to communicate and promote these events and activity through the quarterly Newsletter and Website.

To actively recruit onto all of the programmes and to seek to improve community consultation and community engagement.

**Economic and Employability:** to develop a strategic approach for training and other support to promote and support employability training programmes to increase skills/employability within the Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

**It should be noted that Grange Partnership and Subgroup members have all signed up to, and abide by, the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.**



## GRANGE Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting 3 key projects in the GRANGE Neighbourhood Renewal Area as follows:-

### Community and Social Renewal

#### 1. Grange Community Development Worker

The project aims to address the objectives identified in the Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan 01 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 through the appointment of a full time Community Development Worker who will work with local residents, Grange Youth & Community Group, Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and other community and voluntary groups to build capacity, promote the development of community infrastructure and progress a range of Neighbourhood Renewal initiatives.

The Community Development Worker will assist the Grange residents to identify issues that affect their lives, set goals for improvement, and bring about positive change through active participation. With the input of local residents the Community Development Worker will organise a range of community based programmes, co-ordinating delivery, evaluating and monitoring progress.

The Worker supports Grange Youth & Community Group and statutory groups to identify funding for projects and assist them with developing a timetable of work and a fundraising strategy. The worker also acts as a link between residents of the Grange area, Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, Statutory Bodies and central government departments.

## Projects currently being supported by the Community Development Worker include:

**Grange Women's Group:** Grange Women's Group avail of a full programme of activities, workshops and events throughout the year which are organised with the help of the Community Development Officer. Some events and activities are funded by successful funding bids completed with the help of the Grange Community Development Officer and others are funded by the women themselves. The 18/19 year has seen the group participate in a range of music and arts and craft themed workshops on Thursday afternoons in Grange Community House. They have participated in physical activity courses ranging from Boccia to table top Cricket, leisure courses in Creative Crafts such as glass painting, flower arranging and music for well-being.



**Grange Allotments:** Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Leisure Services Department took over the management of Grange Allotments site during the 18/19 financial year. All plots are currently leased and being used as growing space. In addition there is a lockable shed, for storage of tools etc., and a greenhouse. The Tackling Deprivation Officer, Neighbourhood Renewal, works alongside the groups and other organisations to deliver support sessions at the site and Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council funded horticultural sessions for the new allotment holders in February and March 2019. In addition the area benefitted from workshops funded by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council's Outreach & Involvement fund.

**Youth Group:** Young people from the Neighbourhood Renewal Area have been engaged in a wide variety of programmes, projects and events. Programme costs were made available through Council's Tackling Deprivation budget which funded weekly swimming lessons for local young people, Easter Craft Camps, Mums & Tots, Grange Getting Ahead mental & emotional support programme, AQE support projects, Autism Support Project and A Community Engagement Event. Summer activity also included the Hola Grange programme which taught holiday Spanish for children of primary school age and was delivered as part of the Community Access to Lifelong Learning project.

Summer activity for children and young people was supported by Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council's Summer Scheme funding and provided a programme of trips and activities throughout the summer months.

In addition a successful funding bid to South Antrim Community Network's PHA funded Mental & Emotional Well-Being & Suicide Prevention grants supported the delivery of the fishing programme which was designed to develop independent fishing ability in order to build skills that will improve coping mechanisms by getting young people outdoors and engaged in activities which can help to reduce stress, increase coping abilities and improve mental & emotional well-being.



With thanks to funded sessions made available by South Antrim Community Network local youths were also able to take part in an interactive session with the Urban Community Chef where they were taught to prepare and cook a healthy meal from scratch. They were also able to take part in an Internet Safety workshop delivered by Nexus and funded by South Antrim Community Network.



**Grange Community Cupboard:** During this year the Grange Tackling Deprivation Officer began working alongside the Charity FareShare to redistribute surplus food to local families in need supplied by the local ASDA store. This commenced on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October and the partnership is currently exploring ways to further develop this initiative.

**Food Bank:** Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership took 23 referrals for Christmas food hampers from local families in need and 6 referrals for help throughout the year for which they distributed food bank food vouchers.

**Grange Community Wardrobe:** following discussions with local families regarding need the decision was made to establish a 'Community Wardrobe' to redistribute clean, good quality clothes to families in need. In particular the need for items of school uniforms was highlighted given the speed at which children can grow out of these. Baby and Toddler clothes also came out as a high priority. The community wardrobe started taking donations in February 2019.



**Parents:** The Creative Tots Programme funded by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council provided the opportunity for parents and small children to take part in sensory sessions with a qualified facilitator who's primary focus is on building the family bond and increasing capacity amongst parents in order to develop the family bond, create links to outdoor play and promote the personal and social development of young children through song, dance and play. This included weekly themed sessions and parents & tots Christmas party.

The number of parents becoming actively involved in various aspects of community development in the area is steadily increasing and they are also availing of capacity building training as part of their volunteer development. Parents have also become increasingly involved in workshops and programmes on offer as part of the Community Access to Lifelong Learning Project and have participated in classes such as Holiday Spanish, Sign Language, Interior Design, Crocheting for beginners and Counselling.



This year has seen a slight decrease in community activity due to refurbishment of Grange Community House and compulsory fire safety works being carried out to ensure compliance to fire safety regulations. All programmes, workshops and activities address the actions on the Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan, promote Neighbourhood Renewal and increase social capital. All of the work is linked to the provision of a family-wide initiative to increase community development activity in the area. All of the current and ongoing projects and programmes effectively complement each other and demonstrate a joined up approach which helps to address the key priorities identified in the current Action Plan for the area.

**Grow with Grange Community Engagement Day:** A Neighbourhood Renewal community consultation/engagement day was held in the area on Saturday 27th October 2018. This was an opportunity for local charity Belfast Community Sports Development Network to consult with local residents to develop a timetable of physical activity for the area which was made possible by a successful funding bid to the Big Lottery. It also provided the opportunity to recruit for upcoming programmes and take feedback from local residents.

A variety of activities were on offer including face painting, temporary tattoos, inflatables and barbeque. The event was extremely well attended, was successful in raising local awareness of Neighbourhood Renewal and providing signposting for local residents. It also provided the opportunity to recruit more volunteers and to advertise upcoming activity in the local area.

**Grange Fishing Club:** Grange Fishing Club was established in the summer of 2016 with the help of volunteers from First Cast NI who secured funding to run a Get Into programme for young people age 7+ to try fishing for the first time. During these events a core group were identified who were keen to continue fishing in some form. The Grange Tackling Deprivation Officer worked alongside Grange Youth & Community Group to establish the club and identify further opportunities to expand the experience of the group. During this time complimentary game rod licences were secured thanks to contacts in the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs. During this financial year they benefitted from sessions to help develop independent fishing ability thanks to funding from South Antrim Community Network's PHA funded Mental & Emotional Well-Being & Suicide Prevention grants and First Cast NI.



## 2. Grange Community House Running Costs 2018-2019

Funding was secured in 2018-2019 for the running costs associated with the Grange Community House including costs for cleaning equipment and gas. The aim of the project was to:

- Enable the community group to open the Community House 5 days and 5 evenings per week – achieved within this reporting period.
- To provide opportunities for all sections of the community to become involved in the Community House– achieved within this reporting period.
- To deliver a series of activities to engage local people including workshops, classes, festivals, recreational activities and coffee mornings– achieved within this reporting period.
- To enhance relationships with statutory bodies by inviting them to deliver workshops, classes and activities in the Grange Community House– achieved within this reporting period.
- To offer accredited training to enhance the skills of the residents within the Grange/Thornhill and Ollardale estates– achieved within this reporting period; and
- To continue to work towards addressing the renewal themes contained within the Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan.

### Grange Community Engagement Event

**Saturday 27th October**  
at Grange Community House  
2pm - 4pm

Come along and have your say on possible physical activity programmes for the area with BCSDN

Refreshments

Find out about upcoming courses

Arts & Crafts

Register for volunteering opportunities

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Kindly funded by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council



In addition Grange Community House has provided a venue from which to run a number of programmes made available as part of the Community Access to Lifelong Learning (CALL) Project. These programmes have included Quilting, Needle Felting, Embroidery, Nail Art, Flower Arranging, Computer and Literacy/Numeracy classes.



Running costs have also now been secured for the 2019/2020 financial year and Grange Community House is now widely used for a variety of activities for all ages.



## Economic Renewal

### 3. Community Access to Lifelong Learning (CALL)

CALL - The Community Access to Lifelong Learning programme secured funding from DfC to offer residents from Grange NR area training opportunities through Northern Regional College. There is a full programme of training available to any Neighbourhood Renewal Area resident and a tutor may be found to support training that is not currently offered through NRC's Community Education Department. A CALL steering group is in place and the Grange Tackling Deprivation Officer is a member.

There has been extensive use of the CALL Project over the last year and funding has been secured for 2019/2020 although at a greatly reduced level.

The courses ran as part of the CALL Project during the 18/19 financial have included:

Creative Crafts (Crochet for beginners)  
British Sign Language Level 1 Units 2 & 3  
CCEA Level 1 Award in Interior Design  
Hola Grange! Holiday Spanish summer scheme for children of primary school age.

Local residents were able to avail of these courses free and this project has been key in advancing skills, capacity and employability in the area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	18/19 Spend (as at 31/03/19)
<b>COMMUNITY RENEWAL</b>			
Community Development Worker	01 April 2018 – 31 Mar 2019	£44,461.68	£35,216.64
Grange Community House Running Costs	01 April 2018 – 31 Mar 2019	£5,192.06	£1,388.72
<b>Total Community Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£49,653.74</b>	<b>£36,605.36</b>
<b>ECONOMIC</b>			
NRC CALL (Community Access to Life-Long Learning)	01 April 2018 – 31 Mar 2098	£13,859.60	£10,773.10
<b>Total Economic Expenditure</b>		<b>£13,859.60</b>	<b>£10,773.10</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>£63,513.34</b>	<b>£47,378.46</b>

### GRANGE Partnership Conclusion

In the 2018/2019 financial year, GRANGE NR Partnership's total overall spend was **£47,378.46**

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

Community Renewal           **£36,605.36**

Social &  
Economic Renewal           **£10,773.10**

**ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL  
FUNDING IN 2018/2019 YEAR**

**Community Renewal Output Measures to be used for 18/19 Annual Report**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>CR3</b> – Number of people volunteering for community development activities	<b>CR7</b> - Number of community/voluntary groups supported	<b>CR10</b> - Number of people using existing community facilities
Community Development Worker	18	6	284
Community House Running Costs			
NRC – CALL (Community Access to Life-Long Learning)			

Economic Output Measures to be used for 18/19 Annual Report

PROJECT	ER6 - Number of people receiving non job specific training e.g. first aid
Community Development Worker	
Community House Running Costs	
NRC - CALL (Community Access to Life-Long Learning)	41

Social Renewal Education Output Measures to be used for 18/19 Annual Report

PROJECT	SR(Ed) 14 - Number of young people directly benefiting from the project	SR(Ed) 17 - Type and number of accredited qualifications completed
Community Development Worker		
Community House Running Costs		
NRC – CALL Community Access to Life-Long Learning	12	3

## External funding secured from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Funding Body	Project	Amount
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Outreach - Allotments	£2,000.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Summer Scheme	£1,500.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Men's Shed Running Costs	£3,500.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Men's Shed Outreach	£2,000.00
South Antrim Community Network	Youth DIP (Developing Independence Project) Fishing	£976.00
South Antrim Community Network	Men's Shed Fishing	£976.00

**Total £10,952.00**

**Total for period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

**£10,952.00**



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