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Community Land Survey Reports

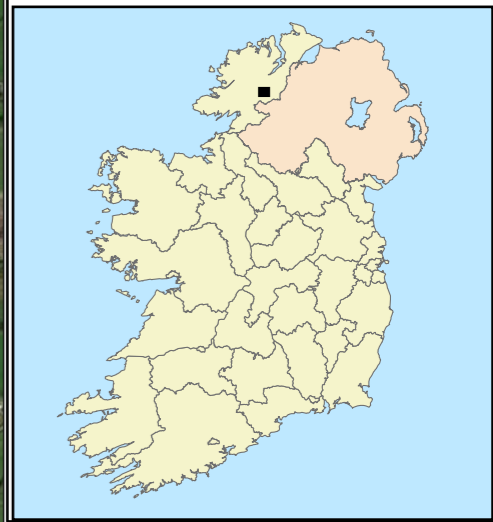
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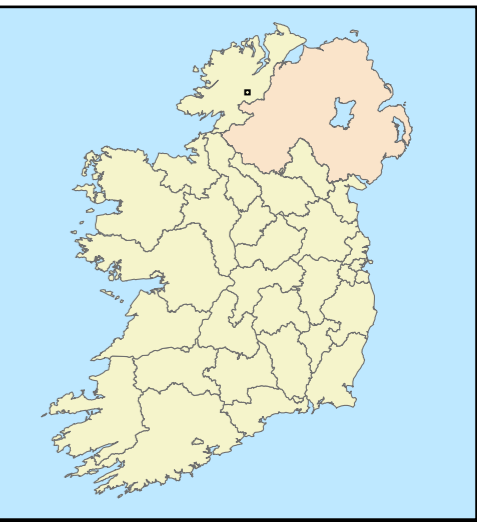
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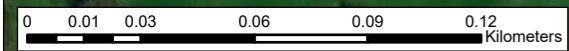
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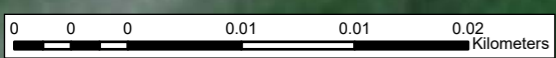
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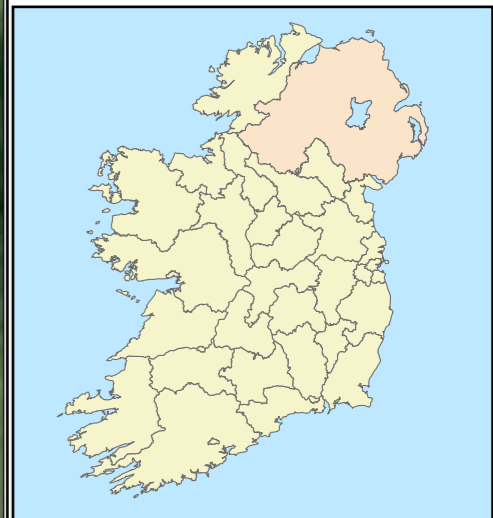
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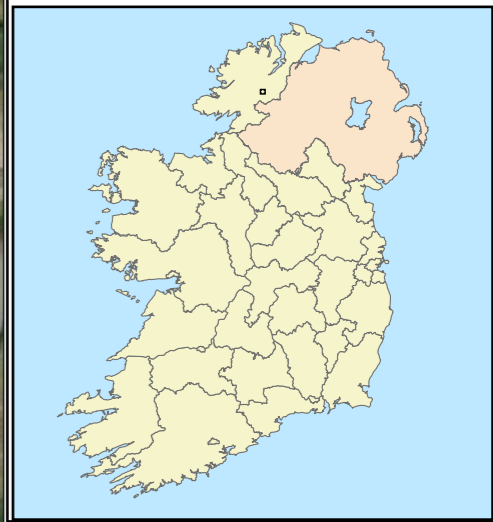
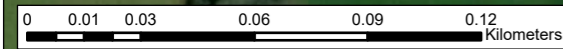
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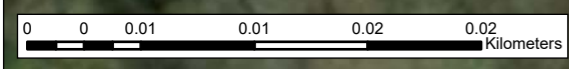
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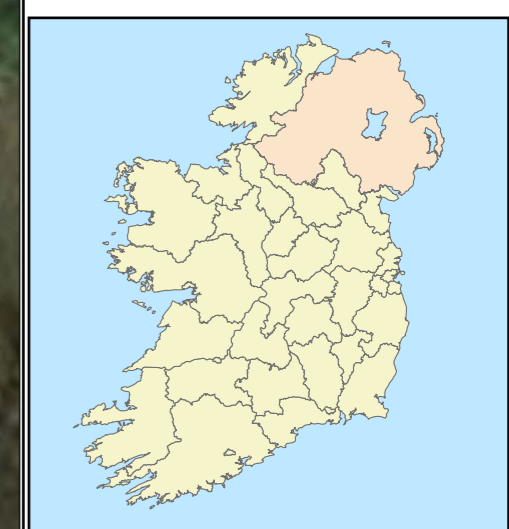


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Community Land Usage Survey

Amenity	Start Time	Finish Time	Date	Weather Conditions	No. of People Using the Asset	Notes
Drumboe Woods	08:30	11:30	Thursday 14/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overcast No precipitation Temperature - 16°C 	63	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Predominant uses of this asset during this survey slot included cycling and walking (groups, individuals, families and dog walkers). At the time of surveying, entrance to one of the walking trails (looped walk) had a sign stating, 'Trail Closed'. However, based on consultation with local users of the facility, the signs were erected after storm damage some time ago, but the trail had since been cleared and is usable again. At the time of surveying, the car park opposite the main entrance of the Drumboe woods was used by campervan users from outside of Ireland. The Piaras O'Lorcain & Eoghan O Ceannabháin Concert and the Ghostlight Sessions occurred on this date within Ballybofey, but no large daytime events were noted to be occurring locally that would have been likely reduced visits to the amenity. Other larger events occurring outside of Ballybofey noted as occurring on this date were Letterkenny Pride and the 2025 Golf Sixes Inter-Club Qualifiers which would be expected to have limited impact on the number of people using the asset. Locals informed surveyors that the walking routes are typically busier Monday-Thursday than on Fridays and it is likely that activity increases later in the day.
Drumboe Woods	16:30	19:30	Friday 15/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunny with blue skies. Gentle breeze. High Pollen Temperature - 21°C 	87	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Predominant uses of this asset during this survey slot included cycling running and walking (groups, individuals, families and dog walkers). Some runners were also noted to be running along Drumboe Avenue (not counted in this survey but who potentially could use part of the woods in their route using one of the multiple entrances / exits). Within the final hour of the survey slot, the number of people using this asset decreased. Locals informed surveyors that the walking routes are typically busier Monday-Thursday than on Fridays.
Drumboe Woods	12:30	14:30	Saturday 16/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overcast Gentle breeze Temperature - 19°C 	61	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Predominant uses of this asset during this survey slot included running and walking (groups, individuals, families and dog walkers). Some runners were also noted to be running along Drumboe Avenue (not counted in this survey but who potentially could use part of the woods in their route using one of the multiple entrances / exits). Camper van identified in the survey conducted on 14th August 2025 returned to the car park.

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 no. locals spoke highly of this asset. • The Muireann Bradley Concert and the Ghostlight Sessions occurred on this date within Ballybofey, but no large daytime events were noted to be occurring locally that would have been likely reduced visits to the amenity. Other events occurring outside of Ballybofey noted as occurring on this date were the Summer Sessions in Letterkenny and an Open Day at Raphoe Recreational Hall which would be expected to have limited, if any, impact on the number of people using the asset.
Drumboe Woods	13:00	16:00	Sunday 17/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunny • Dry • Temperature - 21°C 	138	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predominant uses of this asset during this survey slot included walking (dog walkers, individuals and families) and running. • During the survey, the car park filled to capacity resulting in people having to leave to seek parking elsewhere or not use the amenity at this time. • The HER Outdoors 2025 event occurred within Stranorlar on this date and may have had a very minor impact on the number of people using the asset. • Summer Sessions Letterkenny was occurring during this period but would be expected to have limited, if any, impact on the number of people using this asset.
Woods on Drumboe Avenue	12:30	14:30	Thursday 14/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overcast with patches of blue sky. • High Humidity • Temperature - 16°C 	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 no. walkers, and 1 no. runner were observed along the Drumboe Avenue road outside of the path in the woods. one person was observed used a sandy bank opposite the walkway for fishing. These were not included in the tally. • The Piaras O'Lorcain & Eoghan O Ceannabháin Concert and the Ghostlight Sessions occurred on this date within Ballybofey, but no large daytime events were noted to be occurring locally that would have been likely reduced visits to the amenity. Other larger events occurring outside of Ballybofey noted as occurring on this date were Letterkenny Pride and the 2025 Golf Sixes Inter-Club Qualifiers which would be expected to have limited, if any, impact on the number of people using the asset.

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Woods on Drumboe Avenue	08:30	11:30	Friday 15/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White clouds with patches of blue sky. No precipitation. Temperature - 15°C 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog walkers used the woods on Drumboe Avenue during the time of survey. Along Drumboe Avenue, 2 no. walkers and 1 no. runner were observed. These were not included in the tally. During the survey, there was little traffic using Drumboe Avenue.
Woods on Drumboe Avenue	16:30	19:30	Saturday 16/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overcast Temperature- 24°C 	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A dog walker used the path. Runners, cyclists and walkers were observed along Drumboe Avenue but are not included in the tally^{Error! Bookmark not defined.}. The Muireann Bradley Concert and the Ghostlight Sessions occurred on this date within Ballybofey, but no large daytime events were noted to be occurring locally that would have been likely reduced visits to the amenity. Other events occurring outside of Ballybofey noted as occurring on this date were the Summer Sessions in Letterkenny and an Open Day at Raphoe Recreational Hall which would be expected to have limited, if any, impact on the number of people using the asset.
Woods on Drumboe Avenue	10:00	12:00	Sunday 17/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunny No precipitation Temperature - 16°C 	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A group of runners were observed along Drumboe Avenue, which appeared to be an organised running group, along with a number of individual runners and cyclists, who are not included within the tally. The HER Outdoors 2025 event occurred within Stranorlar on this date and may have had a very minor impact on the number of people using the asset, if any. Summer Sessions Letterkenny was occurring during this period but would be expected to have limited, if any, impact on the number of people using this asset.
Holy Well Wood	16:30	19:30	Thursday 14/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rain and overcast. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rain cleared throughout the survey. Within the last hour of the survey, it became sunny. Temperature - 15°C 	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Piaras O'Lorcain & Eoghan O Ceannabháin Concert and the Ghostlight Sessions occurred on this date within Ballybofey, but no large daytime events were noted to be occurring locally that would have been likely reduced visits to the amenity. Other larger events occurring outside of Ballybofey noted as occurring on this date were Letterkenny Pride and the 2025 Golf Sixes Inter-Club Qualifiers which would be expected to have limited, if any, impact on the number of people using the asset.
Holy Well Wood	12:30	14:30	Friday 15/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overcast 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A family of three were the only users of the Holy Well Woods walk.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Humid 21°C 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One no. van used the layby for a stop.
Holy Well Wood	08:30	11:30	Saturday 16/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overcast Temperature - 14°C 	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Muireann Bradley Concert and the Ghostlight Sessions occurred on this date within Ballybofey, but no large daytime events were noted to be occurring locally that would have been likely reduced visits to the amenity. Other events occurring outside of Ballybofey noted as occurring on this date were the Summer Sessions in Letterkenny and an Open Day at Raphoe Recreational Hall which would be expected to have limited, if any, impact on the number of people using the asset.
Holy Well Wood	17:00	20:00	Sunday 17/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Humid Sunny Temperature - 20°C 	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The HER Outdoors 2025 event occurred within Stranorlar on this date and may have had a very minor impact on the number of people using the asset, if any. Summer Sessions Letterkenny was occurring during this period but would be expected to have limited, if any, impact on the number of people using this asset.
Troopers Hill Wood	09:00	12:00	Thursday 21/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overcast 14°C 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog walkers were the only people who used the Troopers Hill Wood. Road paving machinery was parked in the easternmost Troopers Hill parking bay / entrance near Dromboe Cottages which had been intended to be used for the location of the survey. A similar size parking bay / entrance was therefore selected as the survey location and used in later survey slots for consistency. Further there was a road closure along Drumboe Avenue during the surveying period which may have had a very slight impact on the numbers of users. These road closures resulted in the survey being delayed and commencing at 09:00 instead of the scheduled 08:30 as an alternative route needed to be taken unexpectedly to reach the survey location, and as per above machinery associated with the works required a late unplanned change of location. The alternative survey location is not considered to have significant impact on the output of the survey given that usage appeared quite localised. Some recent clearfelling of forestry at the location was noted which may reduce for a time the attractiveness of the amenity for walking.

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Troopers Hill Wood	16:30	19:30	Friday 22/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overcast 19°C 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior to the survey period, 2 no. dog walkers were observed using the Troopers Hill walk and are not included in the tally . Walking was the only use of the woodlands during the survey period. Girls Weekend 2: The Hen Party occurred within Ballybofey between the 22nd to 30th August 2025 and is unlikely to have had an impact on the number of people utilising the asset. Woodlands Wander at Drumboe Woods occurred on this date and may have had an impact on the number of people utilising this asset.
Troopers Hill Wood	12:30	14:30	Saturday 23/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overcast with drizzle 19°C 	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog walking was the only use of the Troopers Hill Wood during the survey period. Happy Hiking: Hill Skills Day took place in Ballybofey on this date and may have had an impact on the number of people utilising the asset. Girls Weekend 2: The Hen Party occurred within Ballybofey between 22nd to 30th August 2025 and is unlikely to have had an impact on the number of people utilising the asset. Also, a Brazilian Festival at Kinnegar Brewing, a Traditional Skills Demonstration (Woodturning and Blacksmithing), and a Celebration of Indian Culture were occurring within Letterkenny during this period. These are unlikely to have significantly impacted the number of people using this asset on this period.
Troopers Hill Wood	10:00	12:00	Sunday 24/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cloudy with patches of blue sky 17°C 	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A runner was the only person to use the Trooper's Hill amenity. Girls Weekend 2: The Hen Party occurred within Ballybofey between 22nd to 30th August 2025 but is unlikely to have had an impact on the number of people utilising the asset.
Gort na Scith Picnic Area and Adjacent Paths	12:30	14:30	Thursday 21/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drizzling at the start of the survey. Humid. Overcast Gentle breeze Temperature - 15°C 	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A low volume of traffic was observed along the adjacent road during the surveying period. Girls Weekend 2: The Hen Party occurred within Ballybofey between 22nd to 30th August 2025 but is unlikely to have had an impact on the number of people utilising the asset.

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Gort na Scith Picnic Area and Adjacent Paths	08:30	11:30	Friday 22/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overcast 14°C 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One picnicker used the facility. A walker used the path along the cliff that is directly connected with the Picnic Area and others used the path to the west of the picnic area. These people did not use the picnic benches. Girls Weekend 2: The Hen Party occurred within Ballybofey between 22nd to 30th August 2025 but is unlikely to have had an impact on the number of people utilising the asset. Woodlands Wander at Drumboe Woods occurred on this date and may have had an impact on the number of people utilising this asset.
Gort na Scith Picnic Area and Adjacent Parks	16:30	19:30	Saturday 23/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rain at the start of the survey but cleared throughout the survey period after a half hour. 19°C 	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A dog walker used the cliff walkway within the picnic area and 2 no. walkers used a path to the west of the picnic area. 9 no. people used the picnic area. Girls Weekend 2: The Hen Party occurred within Ballybofey between 22nd to 30th August 2025 but is unlikely to have had an impact on the number of people utilising the asset. Happy Hiking: Hill Skills Day took place on this date and may have had an impact on the number of people utilising the asset. Also, a Brazilian Festival at Kinnegar Brewing, a Traditional Skills Demonstration (Woodturning and Blacksmithing), and a Celebration of Indian Culture were occurring within Letterkenny during this period. These are unlikely to have significantly impacted the number of people using this asset on this period.
Gort na Scith Picnic Area	13:00	16:00	Sunday 24/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cloudy with patches of blue. 17°C 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tourists entered the picnic area with a view to accessing the Gortletteragh Waterfalls, however the sign prohibiting the public from entering the private land deterred them. They read the information boards but did not use the picnic area directly or the walking paths adjacent. A dog walker used the walkway adjacent to the picnic area and two people used the picnic tables. Girls Weekend 2: The Hen Party occurred within Ballybofey between 22nd to 30th August 2025 but is unlikely to have had an impact on the number of people utilising the asset.

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Twin Towns Community Garden	16:30	19:30	Thursday 21/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overcast Gentle breeze 18°C 	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An art event was underway at the amenity during the survey period. A significant number of people who entered had canvases & easels with them. Girls Weekend 2: The Hen Party occurred within Ballybofey between 22nd to 30th August 2025 but is unlikely to have had an impact on the number of people utilising the asset.
Twin Towns Community Garden	12:30	14:30	Friday 22/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overcast 18°C 	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three people included in the tally were painting the men's shed within the Community Garden. The car park was busy during the survey period. Girls Weekend 2: The Hen Party occurred within Ballybofey between 22nd to 30th August 2025 but is unlikely to have had an impact on the number of people utilising the asset. Woodlands Wander at Drumboe Woods occurred on this date and may have had an impact on the number of people utilising this asset.
Twin Towns Community Garden	08:30	11:30	Saturday 23/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overcast Slight drizzle 17°C 	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The car park was empty upon arrival but began to fill up around 9:30am. Girls Weekend 2: The Hen Party occurred within Ballybofey between 22nd to 30th August 2025 but is unlikely to have had an impact on the number of people utilising the asset. Happy Hiking: Hill Skills Day took place on this date and may have had an impact on the number of people utilising the asset. Also, a Brazilian Festival at Kinnegar Brewing, a Traditional Skills Demonstration (Woodturning and Blacksmithing), and a Celebration of Indian Culture were occurring within Letterkenny during this period. These are unlikely to have significantly impacted the number of people using this asset on this period.
Twin Towns Community Garden	17:00	20:00	Sunday 24/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cloudy but with patches of blue sky and sun. 17°C 	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> McElhinneys Department Store adjacent to the car park was closed during this survey period. Car park had a lot of empty spaces for the surveying period. There was very little traffic on the adjacent streets during this survey period. Girls Weekend 2: The Hen Party occurred within Ballybofey between 22nd to 30th August 2025 but is unlikely to have had an impact on the number of people utilising the asset.

Community Land Condition Survey

1 DRUMBOE WOODS

Data Classification	Site Data	Data Classification	Site Data
Name of Site	Drumboe Woods	Owner and Operator of Site (if known)	Coillte
Location / Address	Drumboe Lower, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal ¹	Size (hectares)	28.40
OS Grid Reference	H 14052 94944²	Nearest Settlement	Ballybofey / Stranorlar
Site Access – Pedestrian and/or Vehicular	Pedestrian and vehicular (maintenance - not public other than for parking).	Number and Location of Access Points	8 no. access points including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 1 no. main pedestrian entrance along the eastern section of Drumboe Woods adjacent Drumboe Avenue. – 3 no. pedestrian accesses within the centre of the Drumboe Woods along the Drumboe Avenue – 1 no. pedestrian access and car park opposite the main entrance. – 1 no. pedestrian access at the southwestern section of the Drumboe woods. – 1 no. pedestrian access and car park to west.
Catchment of Use (i.e. Neighbourhood, town, metropolitan, sub-regional, etc.)	Town (Ballybofey / Stranorlar) and hinterland and Neighbourhood (Drumboe)	Environmental Designation	River Finn SAC encroaches in on the southern section of the Drumboe Woods
Awards / Standards	Not evident.	Management / Stakeholders, other groups/ organisations and interested parties (e.g. NPWS, Local Authority, Coillte, an Taisce, Irish Wildlife Trust, Local Charitable Group)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coillte • Donegal County Council • Tidy Towns (Ballybofey-Stranorlar)

¹ [Drumboe woods](#)

² [Irish Grid Reference Finder](#)

Data Classification	Site Data	Data Classification	Site Data
Surrounding Linked Features (i.e. immediate connection to other community assets)	Connection to the following community assets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scout Den • Site of Former Castle • Civil War Monument • Fairy Tree 		

Facilities on Site	Yes / No / N/A	Site Photo	Description and Comment on Quality	Features for Protected Groups i.e., Wheelchair Access, Step Free, Baby Changing Facilities
Children's play area (including water play, adventure play and skate park)	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cultural or heritage asset (e.g., public art, stately home, sculpture)	Yes ³⁴¹	See Apx Figure 1	<p>The site of the former castle (demolished 1945) and Castle Stables are located to the west of the Drumboe Woods. The castle stables is not accessible to the public (fenced off) but can be viewed from afar (See Apx Figure 1). The Castle Stables building is still well intact with the roof still appearing to be structurally sound. A high degree of vegetation growth is evident on the side of the Castle Stables.</p> <p>The fairy tree is located adjacent to a walking path within Drumboe woods. The tree is located in a picturesque area overlooking the River Finn. There were no signs indicating that the tree is a fairy tree and members of the public may not be able to identify this asset. The tree is not fully intact; part of it has been cut away.</p>	The Fairy tree is located adjacent to the Drumboe Woods walk path. There is no obstructions to the fairy tree and the path is disability friendly. No specific features for protected groups were associated with the fairy tree.
Multi use games area	No	N/A	N/A	N/A

³ [Drumboe - Coillte](#)

⁴ [19 – Drumboe Woods – Ballybofey and Stranorlar](#)

Facilities on Site	Yes / No / N/A	Site Photo	Description and Comment on Quality	Features for Protected Groups i.e., Wheelchair Access, Step Free, Baby Changing Facilities
Woodland	Yes	See Apx Figure 2 and Apx Figure 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains broadleaf, coniferous and mixed woodlands, and area of lime. • Large pockets of invasive species dominating the Drumboe Woodlands (Rhododendron and Himalayan Balsam) particularly along the River Finn bank. • Thick canopy in sections of the woodland, providing users with a high degree of shading and a sense of seclusion. • Damage occurred during storm in early 2025. At the time of survey, signage was still displayed prohibiting entry to parts of the walk, however, locals stated that these were no longer effective. • Margin of the walking paths encroached on in places. Vegetation is overgrown and there are heavy infestations of Invasive Alien Plant Species. • Part of UCC / Irish Tree Explorer's Network indicating trees of interest and high quality site. 	The Drumboe woods is accessible to those with disabilities (i.e., reduced mobility). The path is even, wide and the car park has a disability parking space.
Nature Reserve	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Urban Farm or animals	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other sports facility (specify sports type)	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Café/pub/restaurant	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Signage and wayfinding	Yes	See Apx Figure 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are wayfinding signs directing members of the public to the Drumboe woods within Stranorlar, along the Drumboe Cottages road and outside of the main entrance. • Safety signage is placed at the Drumboe Woods exits. • There is a sign at the main entrance informing people that the amenity is Drumboe Woods. This sign is eye catching to passer byers on the Drumboe Avenue, however, it appears in need of maintenance on closer inspection. 	A Multi-Access Trail is provided.

Facilities on Site	Yes / No / N/A	Site Photo	Description and Comment on Quality	Features for Protected Groups i.e., Wheelchair Access, Step Free, Baby Changing Facilities
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drumboe Woods also has wayfinding signs showing the three looped walking routes within the woods. These navigational signs are distributed throughout Drumboe Woods near entry points and also display key features that can be seen. • Signage outlining several tree species in Irish and in English are placed in front of the respective tree individuals. These signs are clear, however, appear unmaintained. • Educational signage (illustrating how to identify tree species) is located at the entrance to the 'Loop Trail'. This sign appears old, unmaintained and has vegetation growing over it. 	
Visitor centre/ education facility	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Benches/seating/picnic area	Yes	See Apx Figure 8	Seating available throughout the Drumboe woods loop walking trails and picnic benches are located at the car park to the south west. On the whole, there are ample seating spaces in relatively good condition overlooking attractive scenery in accessible locations but some seating would benefit from painting / varnishing.	Benches and picnic benches within Drumboe Woods are not specifically designed for people with disabilities. However, several picnic tables within the western car park are accessible.
Car park (including number of disabled and mother and baby spaces) and cycle spaces	Yes, two no. unlined car parks. No bicycle stands evident. 1 no. car park is located at the western most section of Drumboe woods along the Drumboe Avenue. Opposite the main entrance. 1 no car park is located to the Eastern section of Drumboe Woods adjacent to the Drumboe Avenue.	See Apx Figure 8	Parking areas are unlined, (which is typical of most woodland car parks). During surveying, it was identified that there were insufficient number of spaces at times at the main entrance to meet demand for use of Drumboe woods.	One no. disability parking space is available within the car park opposite the main entrance.

Facilities on Site	Yes / No / N/A	Site Photo	Description and Comment on Quality	Features for Protected Groups i.e., Wheelchair Access, Step Free, Baby Changing Facilities
Lakes/water/ponds	River Finn is located along the southern section of the Drumboe Woods	See Apx Figure 9	Attractive riverside setting enhances the amenity value of the woodland. Part of the view of the River Finn is partially obstructed by vegetation.	N/A
Toilets/changing rooms/baby changing facilities, including if accessible for wheelchair	Not identified	N/A	N/A	N/A
Used for organised events?	Drumboe Woods Bat Safari ⁵ Orienteering Scouting activity Heritage week (e.g. Woodlands Wander, 22 nd August 2025)	N/A	Good options for nature talks / activities given the range of woodland types and for orienteering given the trails and features within the site. Again, the Irish Tree Explorer's Network listing is indicative of quality of species of trees at the site which encourages organised talks / walks on this theme.	An accessible orienteering course is available ⁶ .

⁵ [Drumboe Woods Bat Safari, Stranorlar | National Heritage Week 16th – 24th August 2025](#)

⁶ [Drumboe Woods-Accessible Course](#)

Condition Survey	Description
Graffiti and vandalism	Signage at the main entrance had graffiti. Not visible from a distance. Minor graffiti along the wooden boundary around the car park opposite the main entrance.
Management and maintenance	Signage at the main entrance indicates the Drumboe Woods is managed by Coillte, Tidy Towns (Ballybofey & Stranorlar) and Donegal County Council.
Quality of seating	Seating available throughout the Drumboe woods loop walking trails. Picnic benches are located at the car park to the south west of the Drumboe woods. Ample seating spaces in relatively good condition overlooking attractive scenery in accessible locations. Some seating areas would benefit from painting / varnishing.
Overall quality of facilities on site	Drumboe woods are substantial in size and well-located close to an urban centre (Ballybofey/ Stranorlar). Contains a range of woodland types, looped trails and other assets. Considered a high-quality facility for local residents and visitors.
Lines, markings and posts (if assessing a sports facility)	N/A
Overall cleanliness	Litter (i.e. wrappers, bottles) were noted. Not prolific; no significant impact on the quality of the amenity.
Welcoming (gateway entrances, signage, accessibility for user types)	Multiple gateways, signage (including map displaying routes, outlining facilities available). Several entrances identified throughout the Drumboe Woods; and some of the paths are suitable for wheelchair users. Moreover, picnic benches provide an opportunity for users to stay for longer periods of time.
Security (CCTV, sense of security, natural surveillance, presence of wardens/police)	Not identified.

Site Photos



Apx Figure 1: Castle Stables (Left) and Fairy Tree (Right) Drumboe Woods



Apx Figure 2: Himalayan Balsam within the Drumboe Woods



Apx Figure 3: Drumboe Woods Woodland



Apx Figure 4: Signage at the Main Entrance of Drumboe Woods



Apx Figure 5: Benches within the Drumboe Woods



Apx Figure 6: Car Park at the Main Entrance of the Drumboe Woods



Apx Figure 7: View of the River Finn from the Drumboe Woods Path and Rhododendron present within the Drumboe Woods

2 HOLY WELL WOOD

Data Classification	Site Data	Data Classification	Site Data
Name of Site	Holy Well Wood	Owner and Operator of Site (if known)	Coillte
Location / Address	St Eunan's Holy Well, Drumboe Cottages, Drumboe Lower, Co. Donegal ⁷	Size (hectares)	7.13 ⁸
OS Grid Reference	H 13326 95729 ²	Nearest Settlement	Ballybofey / Stranorlar
Site Access – Pedestrian and/or Vehicular	Pedestrian access available. Small vehicle could gain access but site is gated so likely for maintenance.	Number and Location of Access Points	One
Catchment of Use (i.e. Neighbourhood, town, metropolitan, sub-regional, etc)	Neighbourhood (Drumboe Lower) considered most likely with some wider use but limited re parking.	Environmental Designation	No designated sites
Awards / Standards	No	Management / Stakeholders, other groups /organisations and interested parties (e.g. NPWS, Local Authority, Coillte, an Taisce, Irish Wildlife Trust, Local Charitable Group)	Coillte
Surrounding Linked Features (i.e., immediate connection to other community assets)	Eunan's Holy Well		

⁷ [Google Earth](#)

⁸ According to Coillte Property shapefile

Facilities on Site	Yes / No / N/A	Site Photo	Description and Comment on Quality	Features for protected groups i.e., wheelchair access, step free, baby changing facilities
Children's play area (including water play, adventure play and skate park)	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cultural or heritage asset (e.g., public art, stately home, sculpture)	Yes (St. Eunan's Well)	See Apx Figure 10	The St. Eunan's Well is located within a relatively elevated wooded area. The well is shaded by mature trees with a strong canopy.	Not identified
Multi use games area	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Woodland	Yes	See Apx Figure 11	This woodland is comprised predominantly of broadleaved trees with a small number of conifer tree species scattered throughout the woodland. The woodland paths are well shaded and give a sense of seclusion.	Not identified
Nature Reserve	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Urban Farm or animals	No	See Apx Figure 12	N/A. There are animals from adjacent private farms visible on lands adjacent to the amenity.	N/A
Other sports facility (specify sports type)	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Café/pub/restaurant	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Signage and wayfinding	Yes, signage directing people to the holy well	See Apx Figure 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 no. signs to the holy well are located along the walking trail. The signage is clear and obvious to users. • There was a sign at the main entrance to the walking path letting members of the public know that this was Holy Well Woods. This sign is large, clear and eye catching to those passing by on the adjacent road. 	N/A
Visitor centre/ education facility	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Benches/seating/picnic area	Yes, a bench is located adjacent to the holy well.	See Apx Figure 14.	A single bench facing St. Eunan's holy well, in a shaded tranquil environment. The bench can fit up to approximately three people. Seating area is away from	Bench is not specifically designed for wheelchair users.

Facilities on Site	Yes / No / N/A	Site Photo	Description and Comment on Quality	Features for protected groups i.e., wheelchair access, step free, baby changing facilities
			major sources of noise, i.e., road traffic. Would benefit from painting but otherwise in sound repair.	
Car park (including number of disabled and mother and baby spaces) and cycle spaces	Yes, parking bay is located at the main entrance to the main entrance. ⁹	See Apx Figure 15	The parking bay is unlined and could fit a maximum of two no. cars safely. The walking path is a significant distance away from any major settlements, and the area has not been designed to support a large number of people using it at one time.	There was no disability parking spaces within this car park.
Lakes/water/ponds	Yes	See Apx Figure 16	2 no. streams noted adjacent to the walking path.	N/A
Toilets/changing rooms/baby changing facilities, including if accessible for wheelchair	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Used for organised events?	No	N/A	N/A	N/A

⁹ There is a bay to park a single car at the main entrance.

Condition Survey	Description
Graffiti and vandalism	Not identified
Management and maintenance	Signs of tree harvesting
Quality of seating	One bench, structurally sound but would benefit from painting
Overall quality of facilities on site	The Holy Well Woods is a small and enjoyable facility for those living in close proximity to the woods but could not accommodate substantial use as parking is limited and it is not located in close proximity to a large number of residential properties.
Lines, markings and posts (if assessing a sports facility)	N/A
Overall cleanliness	No signs of litter at the time of survey. Trail in parts was overgrown with vegetation and other parts of the trail were muddy.
Welcoming (gateway entrances, signage, accessibility for user types)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gateway entrance. • Insufficient facility for parking. Does not promote long visits and does not facilitate large numbers of visitors. • Signage at the main entrance highlighting the walk is the Holy Well Woods. • Signage in the middle of the woods directing visitors to the 'holy well.' No other signs identified.
Security (CCTV, sense of security, natural surveillance, presence of wardens/police)	Not identified

Site Photos



Apx Figure 8: Holywell Memorial within Holywell Woods



Apx Figure 9: Woodland within the Holy Well Woods



Apx Figure 10: Farm Animals adjacent to the Holy Well Woods



Apx Figure 11: Signage at the Main Entrance and Wayfinding Signage within Holy Well Woods



Apx Figure 12: Bench within the Holy Well Woods



Apx Figure 13: Parking Layby Associated with the Holy Well Woods



Apx Figure 14: Stream within the Holywell Woods¹⁰

¹⁰ Please note this was dried at the time of survey

3 TROOPERS HILL / CREGGAN FOREST WOODLAND

Data Classification	Site Data	Data Classification	Site Data
Name of Site	Troopers Hill	Owner and Operator of Site (if known)	Coillte
Location / Address	Trooper's Hill, Creggan, Co. Donegal	Size (hectares)	>25ha
OS Grid Reference	H 12096 96045 ²	Nearest Settlement	Ballybofey / Stranorlar
Site Access – Pedestrian and/or Vehicular	Vehicular access Pedestrian access	Number and Location of Access Points	Two
Catchment of Use (i.e. Neighbourhood, town, metropolitan, sub-regional, etc)	Neighbourhood (Creggan).	Environmental Designation	No designations
Awards / Standards	No	Management / Stakeholders, other groups /organisations and interested parties (e.g. NPWS, Local Authority, Coillte, an Taisce, Irish Wildlife Trust, Local Charitable Group)	Coillte
Surrounding Linked Features (i.e., immediate connection to other community assets)	Not identified		

Facilities on Site	Yes / No / N/A	Site Photo	Description and Comment on Quality	Features for protected groups i.e., wheelchair access, step free, baby changing facilities
Children's play area (including water play, adventure play and skate park)	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cultural or heritage asset (e.g., public art, stately home, sculpture)	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Multi use games area	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Woodland	Yes	See Apx Figure 18 and Apx Figure 19	Predominantly broadleaved trees, fragmented in places. Invasive species has infested the woodland (Cherry laurel and Rhododendron). Enhancement works commenced and will continue to improve quality of woodland ¹¹ . Tree felling of conifer tree species had recently occurred at the time of the site visit.	Not identified
Nature Reserve	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Urban Farm or animals	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other sports facility (specify sports type)	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Café/pub/restaurant	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Signage and wayfinding	Yes - signage relating to usage. Quads, dirt bikes and horses are prohibited; access prohibited during forestry works; and dog owners reminded to use leads / clean up after dogs. No other signs were identified.	See Apx Figure 19	Signs were clear.	N/A

¹¹ [Twin Towns forest to be changed into a native woodland - Donegal Live](#)

Facilities on Site	Yes / No / N/A	Site Photo	Description and Comment on Quality	Features for protected groups i.e., wheelchair access, step free, baby changing facilities
Visitor centre/ education facility	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Benches/seating/picnic area	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Car park (including number of disabled and mother and baby spaces) and cycle spaces	Informal - 2 no. splayed entrances that can act as parking bays	See Apx Figure 20	Two no. splayed entrances could be used as parking bays adjacent to the Drumboe Cottage road. These parking bays are unlined and can fit approximately 3-4 cars respectively.	No disability friendly parking.
Lakes/water/ponds	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Toilets/changing rooms/baby changing facilities, including if accessible for wheelchair	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Used for organised events?	No	N/A	N/A	N/A

Condition Survey	Description
Graffiti and vandalism	Not identified.
Management and maintenance	Works have been undertaken to enhance biodiversity and this will continue in the long-term. Tree felling of non-native conifer tree species has occurred shortly before the time of survey.
Quality of seating	N/A
Overall quality of facilities on site	N/A
Lines, markings and posts (if assessing a sports facility)	N/A
Overall cleanliness	Several wrappers identified throughout the walking path but no substantial dumping. Due to the recent tree felling, the walking path was significantly damaged and the debris from the forestry operations remained.
Welcoming (gateway entrances, signage, accessibility for user types)	Forestry barriers / agricultural gates at the entrances. Signage was in place deterring the members of the public from using the walking path during forestry works and prohibiting use by horses / quads / dirt bikes but there is signage providing rules for dog owners which indicates walkers are welcome.
Security (CCTV, sense of security, natural surveillance, presence of wardens/police)	Not identified.

Site Photos



Apx Figure 15: Rhododendron Identified within the Trooper's Hill / Creggan Forest Woodland



Apx Figure 16: Enhancement Works Taking Place at the time of Survey



Apx Figure 17: Signage Identified at the Respective Entrances



Apx Figure 18: The Layby Parking Spaces Associated with the Trooper's Hill / Creggan Forest

4 AREAS OF WOODLAND EITHER SIDE OF DRUMBOE AVENUE

Data Classification	Site Data	Data Classification	Site Data
Name of Site	Unnamed	Owner and Operator of Site (if known)	Coillte
Location / Address	Drumboe, Ballybofey, co. Donegal.	Size (hectares)	6.13
OS Grid Reference	H 13215 95226 ²	Nearest Settlement	Ballybofey / Stranorlar
Site Access – Pedestrian and/or Vehicular	4 including 3 no. pedestrian accesses and 1 vehicular access for Coillte activities ¹²	Number and Location of Access Points	Three accesses, all on western side of Drumboe Avenue which are publicly accessible. Felling had occurred on eastern site prior to survey via vehicular access, however at other times this may be accessible to pedestrians.
Catchment of Use (i.e. Neighbourhood, town, metropolitan, sub-regional, etc)	Neighbourhood (Drumboe)	Environmental Designation	Southern section of this woodland encroaches in on the River Finn SAC (IE002301)
Awards / Standards	No	Management / Stakeholders, other groups /organisations and interested parties (e.g. NPWS, Local Authority, Coillte, an Taisce, Irish Wildlife Trust, Local Charitable Group)	At the time of the site visit, there appeared to be management of cherry laurel underway - a large pile of cherry laurel was noted at the path near the entrance.
Surrounding Linked Features (i.e. immediate connection to other community assets)	The River Finn adjacent to the walkway was being used for fishing at the time of survey.		

¹² Note: pedestrian access at north west of the woods noted as having narrow tyre track marks indicating possible quad bike use.

Facilities on Site	Yes / No / N/A	Site Photo	Description and Comment on Quality	Features for protected groups i.e., wheelchair access, step free, baby changing facilities
Children's play area (including water play, adventure play and skate park)	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cultural or heritage asset (e.g., public art, stately home, sculpture)	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Multi use games area	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Woodland	Yes	See Apx Figure 22 and Apx Figure 23	Mixed broadleaved woodland with some scattered conifer tree species. The woodland is relatively small in scale and visitors not actively encouraged - limited area available to park a car, lack of signage, etc. Multiple areas of Rhododendron and Cherry Laurel identified within the woodland. A thick canopy does provide walkers with shading and a sense of seclusion.	No
Nature Reserve	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Urban Farm or Animals	No	See Apx Figure 22	N/A. Sheep on adjacent private farm visible from path within woodland.	N/A
Other sports facility (specify sports type)	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Café/pub/restaurant	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Signage and wayfinding	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Visitor centre/ education facility	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Benches/seating/picnic area	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Car park (including number of disabled and mother and baby spaces) and cycle spaces	Informal lay by	See Apx Figure 25	Unlined splayed entrance where up to four cars could park informally.	N/A

Facilities on Site	Yes / No / N/A	Site Photo	Description and Comment on Quality	Features for protected groups i.e., wheelchair access, step free, baby changing facilities
Lakes/water/ponds	River Finn adjacent to the southern border of the woodland.	See Apx Figure 24	Attractive riverside setting enhances the amenity value. There is a viewing point along the walking path overlooking the River Finn and the water can be heard from the walkway.	N/A
Toilets/changing rooms/baby changing facilities, including if accessible for wheelchair	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Used for organised events?	No	N/A	N/A	N/A

Condition Survey	Description
Graffiti and vandalism	No graffiti identified.
Management and maintenance	Management of cherry laurel was evident at the time of survey. No clear signs as who had carried this out.
Quality of seating	N/A
Overall quality of facilities on site	N/A
Lines, markings and posts (if assessing a sports facility)	N/A
Overall cleanliness	Low levels of litter identified during the site survey.
Welcoming (gateway entrances, signage, accessibility for user types)	No gates. No signage. Difficult to identify this as a publicly accessible walking path from the road.
Security (CCTV, sense of security, natural surveillance, presence of wardens/police)	Not identified

Site Photos



Apx Figure 19: Rhododendron within the Woodland Either Side of the Drumboe Avenue



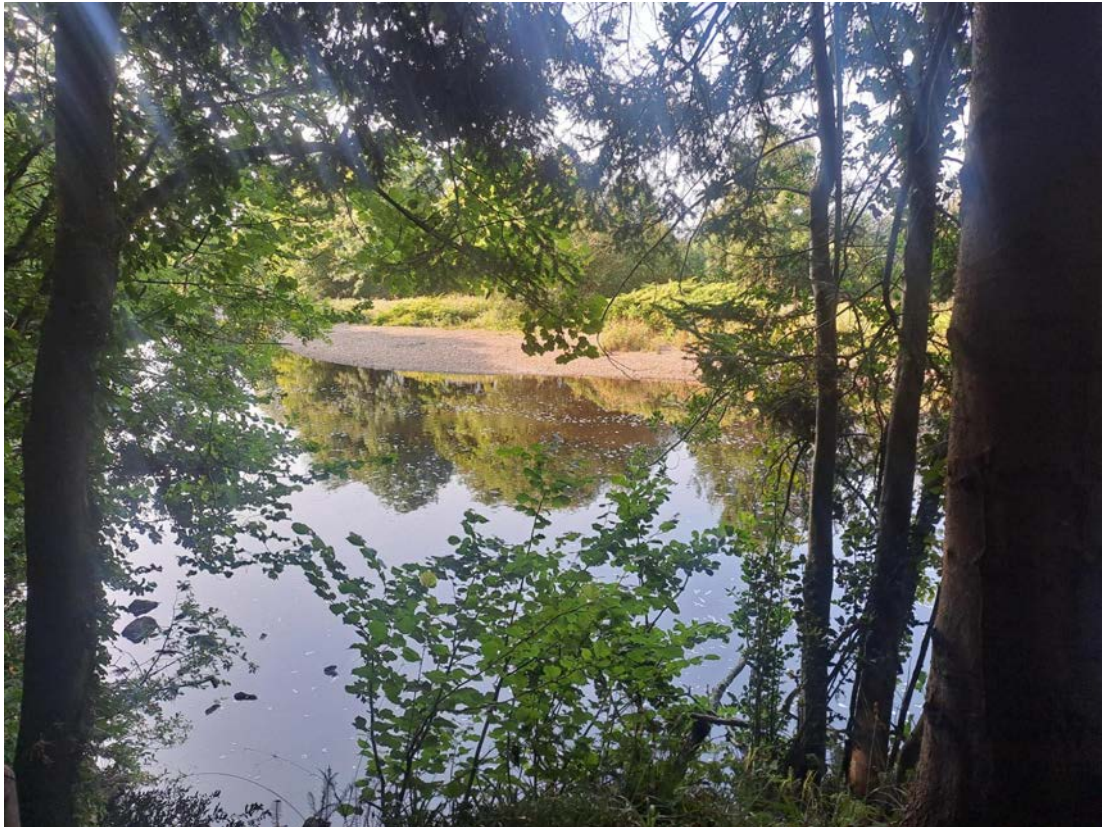
Apx Figure 20: Woodland associated with the Woodland Adjacent to the Drumboe Avenue



Apx Figure 21: Farm Adjacent to the Woodland



Apx Figure 22: Laybys Associated with the Woodland Adjacent to the Drumboe Avenue



Apx Figure 23: View of the River Finn from the Viewing Point

5 GORT SCITH PICNIC AREA (AND ADJACENT WALKS)

Data Classification	Site Data	Data Classification	Site Data
Name of Site	Gort Scith Picnic Area	Owner and Operator of Site (if known)	Donegal County Council
Location / Address	Gort Scith, Gortletteragh, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal	Size (hectares)	0.27
OS Grid Reference	H 17531 96392 ²	Nearest Settlement	Stranorlar
Site Access – Pedestrian and/or Vehicular	Vehicular and pedestrian access provided	Number and Location of Access Points	Two (One pedestrian entrance and one vehicular entrance)
Catchment of Use (i.e., Neighbourhood, town, metropolitan, sub-regional, etc)	Neighbourhood (Gortletteragh)	Environmental Designation	No
Awards / Standards	Not identified	Management / Stakeholders, other groups /organisations and interested parties (e.g. NPWS, Local Authority, Coillte, an Taisce, Irish Wildlife Trust, Local Charitable Group)	Donegal County Council
Surrounding Linked Features (i.e., immediate connection to other community assets)	<p>There is a walking path that traverses through a woodland located adjacent to the boundary of the picnic area; a shorter cliff walk behind the picnic area; and then also the parking area serves as one of the starting points to The Steeple marked walking route (a longer route on public roads and forest tracks north east of Stranorlar.</p> <p>Gortletteragh Waterfall is located within the woodlands adjacent to the Gort Scith picnic. However, this facility is not publicly accessible; signs erected state 'Private Property – Enter at your own risk' and 'Private Property – Trespassers will be prosecuted.'</p>		

Facilities on Site	Yes / No / N/A	Site Photo	Description and Comment on Quality	Features for protected groups i.e., wheelchair access, step free, baby changing facilities
Children's play area (including water play, adventure play and skate park)	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cultural or heritage asset (e.g., public art, stately home, sculpture)	No ¹³	N/A	N/A	N/A
Multi use games area	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Woodland	Yes	See Apx Figure 26 and Apx Figure 27	The Gort Scith and picnic area is adjacent to a native, mature woodland with a thick canopy and a mature thick understorey comprised of shrub, nettles and bracken. Planted trees noted within the Gort Scith picnic area. Butterfly bush identified within the picnic area. Parts of the cliff walks had suffered storm damage at time of survey.	No specific accessible trails; the wooded area within the cliff walk is particularly narrow, uneven and steep thus not suitable for people with disabilities.
Nature Reserve	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Urban Farm or animals	No ¹⁴	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other sports facility (specify sports type)	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Café/pub/restaurant	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Signage and wayfinding	Yes	See Apx Figure 28	Signage is present within the entrance of the Gort Scith Picnic Area identifying places of interest within the proximity, including the walk towards the Steeple. Large rock with the sign 'Gort Scith 2001' was identified within the centre of the Gort Scith Picnic area. Signage within the Gort Scith Picnic Area indicates that CCTV is in operation.	N/A

¹³ Signage to steeple tower was identified adjacent to the Gort Scith picnic area. The steeple tower is not directly linked with the Gort Scith picnic area.

¹⁴ Farms adjacent to the facility

Facilities on Site	Yes / No / N/A	Site Photo	Description and Comment on Quality	Features for protected groups i.e., wheelchair access, step free, baby changing facilities
Visitor centre/ education facility	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Benches/seating/picnic area	Yes	See Apx Figure 29	There are six picnic benches and one regular wooden bench located within the Picnic Area and associated cliff walk. Good quality seating in a secluded picturesque location with an attractive landscape of mature woodland. Hillside provides shelter. Some benches have minor graffiti etched on; however, this does not significantly affect the amenity. No waste facility within the Picnic Area, however, at the time of survey, litter was not significant.	One of the benches adjacent to the entrance is wheelchair friendly. The other benches are not wheelchair friendly.
Car park (including number of disabled and mother and baby spaces) and cycle spaces	Yes ¹⁵	See Apx Figure 30	The associated car park provide spaces for the Gort Scith picnic area and adjacent walks, however, if all benches are utilised, may be insufficient spaces for other vehicles. Car park is unlined.	No
Lakes/water/ponds	Not within site. See above re Gortletteragh Waterfall ¹⁶ . Paths and signage are not maintained and this asset is longer accessible to the public.	See Apx Figure 31	N/A	No
Toiles/changing rooms/baby changing facilities, including if accessible for wheelchair	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Used for organised evens?	No	N/A	N/A	N/A

¹⁵ No markings in the car park area.

¹⁶ [Gortletteragh Waterfalls](#)

Condition Survey	Description
Graffiti and vandalism	Minor graffiti identified on the benches. Graffiti identified on the side of an elevated picnic area adjacent to the cliff walk.
Management and maintenance	Tree canopy along the corner of the facility is overhanging entrance. Fence could benefit from painting.
Quality of seating	Adequate quality. The picnic benches are sturdy and in good condition. Located in scenic area.
Overall quality of facilities on site	Adequate – good seating, maintenance required on cliff walk following damage from fallen tree.
Lines, markings and posts (if assessing a sports facility)	N/A
Overall cleanliness	Some rust / dirt on sign posts. No litter bins for picnic waste (plastic bag provided).
Welcoming (gateway entrances, signage, accessibility for user types)	Adequate access for vehicles and pedestrians. Signage available to indicate the area is the Gort Scith Picnic Area and provides information on nearby attractions. Picnic bench suitable for wheelchair user identified adjacent to the main entrance.
Security (CCTV, sense of security, natural surveillance, presence of wardens/police)	Two no. signs located within the picnic area indicating CCTV in place.

Site Photos



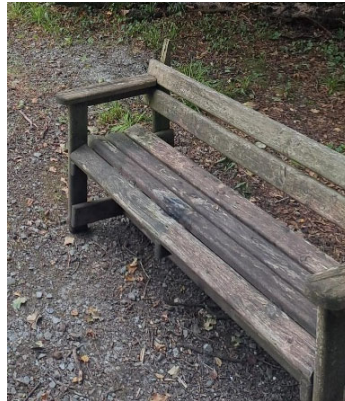
Apx Figure 24: Woodland Located Along the Cliff Adjacent to the Picnic Area



Apx Figure 25: Butterfly Bush Identified within the Gort Scith Picnic Area



Apx Figure 26: Signage Throughout the Gort Scith Picnic Area



Apx Figure 27: Picnic Benches and Regular Bench within the Gort Scith Picnic Area



Apx Figure 28: Parking Area Associated with the Gort Scith Picnic Area



Apx Figure 29: Gortletteragh Waterfall - Referenced Signage

6 BALLYBOFEY AND STRANORLAR / TWIN TOWNS COMMUNITY GARDENS

Data Classification	Site Data	Data Classification	Site Data
Name of Site	Twin Towns Community Garden	Owner and Operator of Site (if known)	Twin Towns Community Garden committee
Location / Address	Ballybofey, County Donegal	Size (hectares)	0.2
OS Grid Reference	H 14405 94714 ²	Nearest Settlement	Within Ballybofey
Site Access – Pedestrian and/or Vehicular	Pedestrian access (adjacent to the 'McElhinney's' car park). It contains access point with the HSE facility, however, appears disused.	Number and Location of Access Points	One. Located adjacent to the McElhinney's Car Park Door connecting the HSE facility with the Twin Towns Community Garden. Door appears old and no longer in use.
Catchment of Use (i.e. Neighbourhood, town, metropolitan, sub-regional. etc)	Town (Ballybofey / Stranorlar) and nearby townlands	Environmental Designation	No overlap but it is adjacent to the River Finn SAC (IE 002301)
Awards / Standards	Community Hero Awards Villa Voice Awards 2012	Management / Stakeholders, other groups /organisations and interested parties (e.g. NPWS, Local Authority, Coillte, an Taisce, Irish Wildlife Trust, Local Charitable Group)	Managed by Twin Towns Community Garden committee
Surrounding Linked Features (i.e. immediate connection to other community assets)	B&S Men's Shed		

Facilities on Site	Yes / No / N/A	Site Photo	Description and Comment on Quality	Features for protected groups i.e., wheelchair access, step free, baby changing facilities
Children's play area (including water play, adventure play and skate park)	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cultural or heritage asset (e.g., public art, stately home, sculpture)	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Multi use games area	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Woodland	Yes	N/A	Riparian treeline along the eastern boundary of the Twin Towns Community Garden separating the community asset from River Finn,	N/A
Nature Reserve	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Urban Farm or animals	Includes horticultural / allotment type facilities	See Apx Figure 32	Numerous beds and two large polytunnels to the rear of the of the community garden facility.	Not identified
Other sports facility (specify sports type)	No sports facilities directly linked with the amenity; however, the Twin Towns Community Garden is close to Finn Park and MacCumhaill Park.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Café/pub/restaurant	No café facilities are directly linked with the Twin Towns Community Gardens but there is 'O'Heir's Bakery' and 'Urban Sips' located within the same car park as the Twin Towns Community Garden.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Signage and wayfinding	Yes	See Apx Figure 33	There is a colourful sign located at the main entrance of the Twin Town Community Garden. The signage is eye catching and in good condition. The sign is partially covered in vegetation with minor impact on its visibility.	The sign at the main entrance indicates that the Twin Town's Community Garden is 'Wheelchair Friendly'.

Facilities on Site	Yes / No / N/A	Site Photo	Description and Comment on Quality	Features for protected groups i.e., wheelchair access, step free, baby changing facilities
			Signage displaying the Villa Voice 2012 winners plaque, the B&S men's shed opening times at the entrance	
Visitor centre/ education facility	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Benches/seating/picnic area	Several benches and picnic benches identified within the Twin Towns Community Gardens	See Apx Figure 34	Benches are generally in good condition. One of the benches has a plank close to breaking and would benefit from painting. There is a covered seating area near the main entrance for approximately eight people.	N/A
Car park (including number of disabled and mother and baby spaces) and cycle spaces	The Twin Towns Community Garden is adjacent to a 'pay and display' car park.	See Apx Figure 33	There is no car park with specific allocation for the Community Gardens, however, the site is located along the edge of a public 'pay and display' car park. This car park serves a popular Department Store and other shops / commercial properties. When the car park is busy it may be difficult for users to access the community gardens. The car park would regularly be at or close to full capacity.	There are several disability car parking spaces located adjacent to the Twin Town Community Garden.
Lakes/water/ponds	Adjacent to the River Finn	The Twin Towns Community Garden is entirely screened from the River Finn, thus no photos were taken.	N/A	N/A
Toiles/changing rooms/baby changing facilities, including if accessible for wheelchair	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Used for organised events?	Yes, at the time of survey, there appeared to be an art event being held in the Twin Towns Community Garden.	N/A	N/A	N/A

Condition Survey	Description
Graffiti and vandalism	No
Management and maintenance	Managed by Twin Towns Community Garden committee and stakeholders with plots within the Community Garden.
Quality of seating	Good quality seating through the Twin Towns Community Garden. Maintenance / replacement would be recommended for one of the benches
Overall quality of facilities on site	A small facility in scale but provides a valuable resource to the nearby community. This facility is well placed in the centre of an urban environment but it may be difficult to access if car park is busy. The facility is well laid out and makes the most of the space available.
Lines, markings and posts (if assessing a sports facility)	N/A
Overall cleanliness	Adequate level of cleanliness. Horticulture waste identified throughout the facility to be expected given the nature of the use. Planks of wood scattered across the ground.
Welcoming (gateway entrances, signage, accessibility for user types)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage outside of the front entrance • Gate entrance • The gates are never locked so allows stakeholders to use the facility whenever they want. • The facility is wheelchair friendly. • May be difficult to access the facility during peak times due to lack of parking spaces.
Security (CCTV, sense of security, natural surveillance, presence of wardens/police)	Signage within the Twin Towns and at the main entrance indicating CCTV is in operation.

Site Photos



Apx Figure 30: Gardening Beds within the Twin Towns Community Gardens



Apx Figure 31: Signage at the front of the Twin Towns Community Garden



Apx Figure 32: Picnic Area and Regular Bench within the Twin Towns Community Garden



Apx Figure 33: Parking Spaces Adjacent to the Main Entrance of the Twin Town's Community Garden