

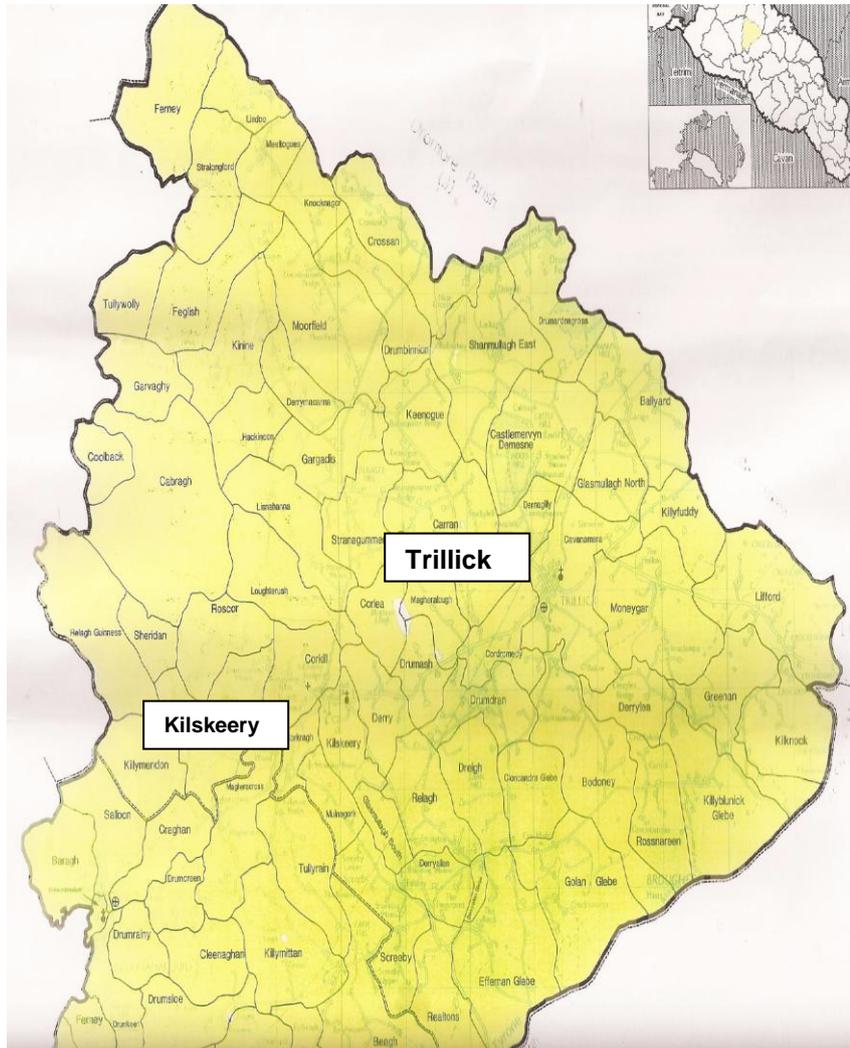


# Trillick 2020

## Trillick Community Development Group

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## ACTION PLAN 2014 – 2020



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**Appendix 1: Summary Responses from Trillick Community Consultation, Dec. 2013**

**Appendix 2: SWOT Analysis: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats**

**For Map of Trillick Electoral Ward, visit:**

**<http://www.ninis2.nisra.gov.uk/public/StaticMapsAddress.aspx>**

(The townlands /parish map on the front cover and the above ward map give an idea of the area covered by Trillick 2020, but our area also includes some of the other nearby townlands and people who consider themselves linked to Trillick.)

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## 1) Introduction – Trillick 2020 and this Action Plan

**Trillick 2020** is the new name for **your** community association – to promote cross-community development of Trillick and District. Over the years, the Community Group / Enterprise Association / Chamber of Commerce has achieved much to improve the well-being of the area – including the Christmas Trees / Lights / Carol Service, Vintage Rally, Doctors Surgery, Leisure Centre, Enterprise Units, Road Signage, Environmental Improvements and Lobbying for action on roads, housing, bins, anti-social behaviour, rural crime, etc.

**Now, Trillick 2020 has prepared this Action Plan** – in order to identify our priorities over the coming months and years.

## 2) The Consultation Process and Omagh District Council

Officers from Omagh District Council held a number of meetings in early 2013 and produced an ‘Action Plan’ for Trillick. Though that was a useful document, this Trillick 2020 Action Plan builds upon it, aiming to be more directly based on public consultation locally and to be specifically tailored to the needs / issues facing the Trillick area. Moreover, the Trillick Community Group, and the wider community itself, must ‘buy into’ it and commit to delivering its actions. The earlier Omagh DC Plan for Trillick can be viewed at:

[http://www.omagh.gov.uk/download\\_files/DEV-trillick%20action%20plan.pdf](http://www.omagh.gov.uk/download_files/DEV-trillick%20action%20plan.pdf)

Therefore, the re-vamped Trillick 2020 Group has now carried out local publicity and issued 1,000 consultation sheets to the public and our local schools. The ideas and suggestions, especially from young people, are summarised on the Summary Response Sheets at Appendix 1. **Our Trillick 2020 Action Plan is guided by both the local suggestions and the initiatives from the Omagh DC Plan.**

## 3) Brief Socio-Economic Profile of Trillick Area

It is useful to start by attempting to define / describe the key characteristics and problems of the Trillick area - which this Action Plan will try to tackle. This can be done by reviewing the official statistics relating to Trillick (Electoral Ward) as well as considering the qualitative issues that have been identified.

The key socio-economic data for Trillick is set out in the following table, together with the equivalent data for Omagh District and Northern Ireland to show how we compare.

**Table 1: Key Population Statistics for Trillick Electoral Ward, Co. Tyrone**

Key Statistics 2011 Census	Trillick Ward	Compared to Omagh District	Compared to Northern Ireland
2011 Population	2,440	51, 356 (Trillick is 4.75%)	1,810,863 (Trillick is 0.13%)
2001 Population	2,099	47,952	1,685,267
% Change 2001- 2011	+341 (+16.2%)	+3, 404 (+7.1%)	+125,596 (+7.6%)
No of Households	791	18, 443	703,275
Average Household Size	3.1	2.8	2.5
Average Age	34	36	37
Under 16	24.7%	22.7%	21.0%
16-64	62.1%	64.2%	64.4%
65+	13.2%	13.1%	14.6%
Catholics	67.3%	70.3%	45.1%
Protestant / Other	31.2%	27.4%	48.4%
Persons with Long- Term Health Problem	17.4%	21.8%	20.7%
Owner-Occupied	82.4%	69.9%	66.9%
Rented Home	14.5%	26.7%	30.0%
Degree or Higher Qualification	22.4%	23.5%	23.6%
No / Low Qualifications	41.05%	42.4%	40.6%
Economically Active	70.6%	64.5%	66.2%
Economically Inactive	29.4%	35.5%	33.8%
In Paid Employment	63.6%	56.8%	57.6%
Unemployed	4.2%	4.9%	5.0%
Of these, Long Term Unemployed	43.1%	46.8%	45.0%

*Source: NI Census 2011 – NISRA*

To summarise, the Trillick district has a relatively young and expanding population, there is a reasonable cross-community balance, the people are fairly healthy, they live mostly in their own homes there being relatively few rented houses – which are mostly in the villages of Trillick and Kilskeery. Despite high numbers of our young people going to the good second level schools in Dromore, Omagh and Enniskillen, and hence on to college / university, the relatively low levels of qualifications of the adults points to the ‘brain drain’ problem of losing many of our well-qualified young people – to emigration or away to larger towns / cities for the better jobs. Nevertheless, the district has good levels of economic activity and there are not high numbers of unemployed – possibly because the local people are resourceful or because the jobless have left the area and there are no large public sector housing estates as would be found in towns / cities.

As in most rural areas, there is a lack of employment in the Trillick area itself, there is a need to boost commercial activity and give people the opportunity to make a decent living to

reside in the area. The appearance of the villages and the surrounding countryside can be improved, with initiatives to enable the area's natural and cultural assets to be utilised to their potential. As 'quality of life' is so important for people who will live here, it is critical to maintain and improve the social and community facilities and activities of the Trillick area. The SWOT analysis at Appendix 2 summarises the current situation (the many positives as well as the negatives) and issues that this Action Plan will seek to address.

Whilst the wider economy provides the backdrop and government agencies will continue to provide most services, the Trillick people themselves, through the leadership of the Trillick 2020 community development group, can really help to improve the economic, social, community and environmental well-being of the area and its community; hence this Action Plan.

#### **4) Our Vision for Trillick for the Year 2020**

##### **Overall Vision:**

*To make the Trillick district a good place for all to Live and to Prosper*

#### **5) The Action Plan – to achieve that Vision**

The Actions have been arranged into five main Aspects, though some actions are cross-cutting, achieving multiple benefits:

- A. Implementation** – *The Organisation, Action Planning, Funding, Promotion / Publicity (including Websites), Lobbying*
- B. Economic** - Shops, Pubs, Food, Local Businesses-existing and new, Tourism-Attractors, Accommodation, Activities
- C. Community** – Good Relations, Community Safety, Seasonal Events, Christmas Festival (Lights/Trees/Fayre), Services, Churches, Schools Together
- D. Social** - Leisure Centre (sports and recreational), Football Club, Ramblers, Running/Walking Clubs, Young Farmers, Youth Club, Whist, Elderly, Dances, Musicians/Bands
- E. Environment** - Buildings, Natural, Infrastructure (Roads, Mobile/Broadband, Water, etc.), Signage

##### **Action Planning**

The Action Plan identifies Short, Medium and Long Term Actions within these aspects – towards our Vision / Goals / Objectives.

**A. Implementation Actions – The Organisation, Action Planning, Funding, Promotion / Publicity (including Website), Lobbying**

**Implementation Vision: For Trillick 2020 to provide leadership for the Trillick community, especially in the implementation of the Action Plan 2014-2020.**

- A1. Well-Organised Structure, Meetings, Officials, Wider Representation – be representative, professional, transparent – proper procedures. Be Sustainable.**
- A2. Implement Action Plan - Project Teams, Training, Empowerment, Report-back**
- A3. Trillick Website – T2020 news, events, businesses section, weekly specials, history, culture, links to Groups, Want to come to live in Trillick?- sites / houses available, etc**
- A4. Public Relations Officer (PRO), Press Stories, Church Bulletins, regular Positive ‘good news’ articles.**
- A5. Twice-yearly Leaflet to all homes – to report on progress, communicate to / with our community, Website, Facebook / Twitter**
- A6. Fund-raising – organise occasional events/ raffles and apply for project-funding. Awareness of potential for Community Benefits funding from Liffer / Killyfuddy Wind Farm. Then plan and spend funds effectively, responsibly and transparently.**
- A7. Lobbying activities on specific projects and issues of wider interest to help Trillick**

**B. Economic Actions - Shops, Pubs, Food, Local Businesses-existing and new, Tourism-Attractors, Accommodation, Activities**

**Economic Vision: To help Trillick’s people and businesses to increase their employment, wealth and prosperity**

**B1. Wider Economy / Employment**

**B1a.** Recognise the ongoing reality that most employment for Trillick people will be outside of Trillick. Therefore, Trillick 2020 will give support to wider employment initiatives in Omagh, Enniskillen and generally within 1-hours drive of Trillick e.g. Quinns Fermanagh, Terex Omagh, the A5 & A4 road upgrades, public sector jobs, employment in agriculture, etc.

**B2. Existing Businesses Locally**

**B2a.** Identify and make a list of all the businesses / employers locally. Contact them, enlist them to ‘affiliate’ to Trillick 2020, feature them on the Trillick Website.

**B2b.** Assist local businesses to do their own websites – cost-effectively.

- B2c.** Encourage them to offer packages / deals / specials – e.g. golf & meal or hair / beauty & meal or joinery / electrical / plumbing on a new house.
- B2d.** Organise business-expansion course, with ODC e.g. employ-another (local) person or try-a-new-product
- B2e.** Organise a Support-local businesses campaigns, buy/shop local. Use local businesses, post office, ATM cash machine, Credit Union, cafés, pubs, golf club, etc.

### **B3. New Businesses Locally**

- B3a.** Encourage entrepreneurs / enterprise. Young Enterprise Group. 2 Events per year to showcase / sell local produce – Christmas Fayre & another, Local Space in Local Shops for Local Crafts.
- B3b.** Organise Start-up course(s) or give ‘signpost’ advice.
- B3c.** When new businesses do start, make a concerted effort to support them.

### **B4. Bring Jobs to Trillick**

- B4a.** Lobby to base jobs in Trillick e.g. the Health Care project again, or central base for jobs / services for the new Fermanagh-Omagh Council District (from April 2015).
- B4b.** Get a new tenant / business for the vacant unit in Enterprise Centre. Re-engage with Trillick Community Enterprise Co – for community benefit.

### **B5. Off-street parking**

- B5a.** Survey parking on Main Street esp. all-day, create spaces for shoppers, Lobby for off-street space – for park & share facility e.g. old skip site on Grannan Road could hold 6-8 cars.

### **B6. Tourism – Develop the tourism potential of Trillick – to bring visitors, to enjoy the area’s assets, to spend in the shops, pubs, food and accommodation.**

- B6a. Put Trillick on the Map** – write to NITB (we are not in the Sperrins or in the Lakelands tourist regions, or even marked on the map), ODC / FDC, Cycle Route, etc. Get brown Signs – to the Old Castle, Old Mill, Carren Lough, Magheralough?, Bundoran Junction, Springhill Golf, Brougher viewpoint, Kilskeery/Magheracross/Magheralough Graveyards. Produce Leaflet(s) on the above, online. Consider if we can provide facilities / services?
- B6b. Site Packages** - to maximise the potential of our key tourism assets  
e.g. Kilskeery Cross-Community Graveyard – make arrangements with ODC / Probation Service to have it maintained, erect an information signboard, print a leaflet, put the graves list / ancestors online T2020 site, appoint local contacts / guides, encourage visitors, get them to stay and spend in the local area.

e.g. Brougher Viewpoint – identify potential locations, Mast or Minnies’, discuss with landowners, access, lay-by, information board, 6-County View

e.g. Carren Lough - establish access arrangements, discuss with owners, signage, upgrade laneway, picnic table, nature information boards, peaceful off-road 1km circuit walk, advertise 12-Swan Lake

e.g. Bundoran Junction – Prepare a short history, photographs, memories, exhibition, leaflet, online – to create awareness of the importance of this Station. Establish ownership, investigate repair / restoration, tours / viewing day(s) – for locals and visitors / railway enthusiasts. Local Club – to keep the features here.

- B6c.** Prepare a summary **Trillick history, culture, interesting facts** / stories, online.
- B6d. Genealogy** – Trillick History Circle. Trillick Diaspora Forum. Identify local contacts. Write a Grannan School history. Golan, Trillick, Kilskeery, Magheralough, Knocknagor, Feglish Schools. Attract ‘Returners’. Organise clan ‘gathering’ homecomings. Bring economic benefits to area.
- B6e. Rural Tourism** – Promote a package of cultural / natural tourism experiences that could be given to visitors to the area, that mainstream tourism destinations do not offer e.g. attend a local Gaelic match, attend a cattle mart, actually meet / chat with local people, night out in village pub, tour of a working farm, guided local history talk, etc.

**C. Community Actions** – Good Relations, Community Safety, Seasonal Events, Christmas Festival, Services, Facilities, Churches, Schools Together

**Community Vision:** *To provide opportunities for all of Trillick’s community to live together in harmony, with regular, active cross-community participation.*

### **C1. Community Safety Liaison**

- C1a.** Foster good relations with the Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team, as a contact point, inviting to attend quarterly meetings, to feedback on local concerns, crime, anti-social behaviour and to plan community events.
- C1b.** Establish links with the NI Housing Executive, regarding Woodview Crescent issues.
- C1c.** Establish / re-establish a Neighbourhood Watch / Community Alert Scheme, in village and rural, especially to ‘watch out for’ our elderly and the many empty day-time houses.
- C1d.** Review the safety situation for road-crossings, bus locations, car parking, emerging visibility from the side-roads, etc, especially at peak morning, evening and Sunday am periods. Consider improvements, liase with government departments as necessary. Ongoing review.

## **C2. Cross – Community Links / Services**

- C2a.** Promote more, better interaction and activities between ‘both communities’ – as a main consideration in all our activities and actions.
- C2b.** Consider initiatives that will encourage volunteering and community spirit.
- C2c.** Consider initiatives to involve / reach-out to the ‘other nationalities’ and improve our understanding of them
- C2d.** Establish better Trillick – Kilskeery links e.g. Senior Citizens, the bands, Youth Club / Young Farmers, etc.
- C2e.** Investigate how to extend the Youth Club and provide interesting activities for the actual teen-agers, especially girls – to ensure that they properly get involved / enjoy / engage with their community and may decide to stay / return to the area, long term.
- C2f.** Encourage events to be held at a ‘neutral venue’ e.g. Leisure Centre
- C2g.** Building upon Peter Pan PlayGroup, organise a Primary Schools Together – minimum 2 events annually – target is to get cross-community ‘friendships’
- C2h.** Investigate the demand for an After School Club – possibly at private premises, Leisure Centre or old Toilets ‘Community Building’, identify operator, funding, etc
- C2i.** Encourage attendance at each other’s Church events e.g. Harvest Festival at Methodists, Flower Displays at Church of Ireland in Trillick or Kilskeery, O Holy Night Carol Service in Catholic Church.

## **C3. Seasonal Events Programme**

- Spring Clean-up – March
- Early summer Community Walk / Run – May
- Vintage Rally (Cars, Tractors) or a Fair Day re-creation in alternate years – July
- Support Rocking the Reds Festival, as an inclusive community event - end August
- Summer Blooms Event – public and private input

## **C4. Cross-Community Christmas Festival**

- Provide Christmas Lights on Lamp-posts, extend onto side roads
- Seasons Greetings Signs on all entrance roads
- Christmas Trees – at top, middle and bottom of Trillick, (with star on top!).
- Encourage / assist the businesses / houses to decorate / trees

- Switch-on Event – Cross-Community Carol Service (Schools, Young Farmers, Silver Band, etc), Councillors from all parties, Local clergy, Santa / presents for all children. Switch-on Ceremony / family celebration.
- Craft Fayre – showcase local crafts / traders / entrepreneurs. Community family atmosphere.

## **C5. Community Services**

- C5a.** A campaign to support our primary schools, Post Office, chemist, filling station, shops, golf club, Leisure Centre and other community services, ‘Use it or lose it’! Don’t wait till it’s endangered!
- C5b.** Trillick 2020 to make contact with and establish a Point-of-Contact with the main Government bodies i.e. DRD-Roads, DRD-Street Lighting, NIHE- Neighbourhood Officer, Omagh DC – Dog Warden, Dog Fouling, Litter / Dumping

## **C6. Housing for Trillick / Kilskeery**

- C6a.** Small development of bungalows for Elderly people, research if there is a need / demand – to keep our older people here / independent and combat rural isolation. Identify site, contact Fold or developer.
- C6b.** Small development of semi-detached houses, affordable, starter homes, to enable our young couples / families to stay / return from abroad or other towns. Research if there is a need / demand. Identify site, contact owner or developer.
- C6c.** Welcome to the area. Trillick 2020 will actively welcome new residents to the area, introduce the community group and invite participation in the community activities.

**D. Social** - Leisure Centre (sports and recreational), Football Club, Ramblers, Running / Walking Clubs, Golf Club, Young Farmers, Youth Club, Whist, Elderly, Dances, Musicians / Bands

***Social Vision: To provide a high quality of sporting, recreational and other social activities for all the people of the Trillick area, thus ensuring a good ‘quality of life’.***

## **D1. Social Activities**

- D1a.** Recognise the ongoing reality that many social activities for Trillick people will be provided elsewhere, in Omagh and Enniskillen, etc. e.g. Strule Arts Centre, Ardowen Theatre and Night Clubs / Discos, or Concerts in Belfast or Dublin. Therefore, Trillick 2020 will encourage uptake of wider social and cultural events that enrich our lives here.
- D1b.** Encourage local pubs to provide a co-ordinated programme of weekend entertainment and encourage local people to support them.

**D1c.** Trillick 2020 will give support to Leisure Centre, to get widespread community usage and aiming to achieve its long-term sustainability.

**D1d.** Work with appropriate groups to develop **improved Facilities:**

- Extended Play Park with activities for older children (10-14 years) e.g. climbing frame, zip wire, swings
- Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA / 4G pitch), upgrade the disused grass pitch at Leisure Centre, for cross-community soccer, all-seasons training, youth activities, etc.
- Tennis court(s), Outdoor Gym, etc, utilising existing land at Leisure Centre
- Ask GFC to consider feasibility / demand for handball / racketball facility at rear of existing football stand.
- Lobby for a Play Park and playing field for Kilskeery, identify site, demand, funding.

**D1e.** Trillick 2020 will give support to all local clubs and societies that provide positive social activities for the people of Trillick. Affiliate them to Trillick 2020.

**D2.** Work with existing Clubs / Groups to **organise additional social activities:**

**Sporting –**

**D2a. Short-Walking Club,** men/women, cross-community, around the local roads ‘walking circuits’, mark out 1km / 1 mile, 3, 5, 10k routes on the roads, get mile-markers, print leaflet, online, funding for ‘Health Highway’

**D2b. Trillick Running Club,** formalise the existing seasonal run groups, weekly training / coaching given, organise events, compete and casual, routes – as above

**D2c. Cycling club/group,** assess demand, identify leaders, training runs, longer runs, road bikes and mountain biking, identify local routes /course, outings to Blessingbourne , Castle Archdale, Brougher, etc. All ages, cross community.

**D2d. Canoeing / Outdoor Activities,** maybe as an extension of Rambling Club, contact with Erne Paddlers, organise taster sessions

**D2e. Golf-start,** link with Springhill Golf Club to offer Starter Package – for our teenagers, and the not-so-young would-be golfers, cross-community e.g. Basics coaching / etiquette, trip to Clanabogan Driving Range, 2 guided sessions at Springhill. Local volunteers, support local facility / business.

**D2f. Recreational courses / groups / events, including –**

- **Yoga class,**
- **Genealogy course**
- **Local History,**
- **Cooking / Bake-off,**
- **Drama Society,** put on concert annually, cross-community, cross-cultural
- **Book Club,**
- **Crafts classes** e.g. willow baskets, felt-making, Paverpol sculptures, blackthorn sticks
- **Irish Language classes** for children
- **Art,** adults, children

**D2g. Social groups / activities, targeted at specific sections of our people e.g.**

- **Women’s Group,**
- **Men’s’ Shed,**
- **Farmer’s advice, diversification talks, etc.**
- **Parenting classes** – Homework Helping, Family Meals, Coping with Teenagers, etc
- **Allotments / Community Gardens** – popular in the towns, assess if there is demand

**E. Environment** – Streetscape, Buildings, Nature, Infrastructure (Roads, Mobile/Broadband, Water, etc.), Signage, Energy Efficiency

***Environment Vision: To improve the appearance of Trillick and district, to make it as visually attractive as possible – for local self-esteem / pride and for visitors’ enjoyment.***

**E1. Identify the Areas of Potential,** identify the owners, specify the remedy (short-term and long-term) e.g. repainting, ‘tighten-up’, add ‘fake doors / windows, plant / screen sites, renovation/re-build/develop, approach owners / funders, implement. For example:

*Vacant / Old Buildings* – 11 long-term vacant and run-down buildings have been identified on / close to Main Street, as well as the former Barracks on Gargadis Road.

*Vacant / Gap Sites-* e.g. old School site, 9-11 Main St., 29 Main St., 60-62 Main St.

- E2. Trees in Trillick & Kilskeery**, straighten tree-guards, check health, replace any, replant at ‘the Cutting’
- E3. Flowers in Trillick & Kilskeery**, review the planters, public and private. Organise a Trillick / Kilskeery in Bloom festival / competition.
- E4. CRISP Street Lights** - contact DRD Roads / Transport NI, get programme / commitment to re-instate the old-style street lights (10 have gone) and clean / paint /maintain the others, agree Liaison person for ongoing contacts.
- E5. Litter Clean-up -**
- E5a.** Identify any ‘dumping areas’ in villages and rural, approach owner then Omagh DC to clean –up, review twice annually. Ongoing liaison with Omagh DC.
- E5b.** Organise a Spring Clean Up day, involve Omagh DC, local schools, youth club & Young Farmers, publicity, people ‘walk a road’ into Trillick / Kilskeery
- E5c.** Identify Litter Sources / types – e.g. hot-food takeaways, erect Keep Trillick Tidy – Bin-it or Take it Home’ signs. Assess if / where more bins are needed, in the villages.
- E5d.** Dog Fouling – identify problem areas, identify the culprits, liase with Omagh DC & street cleaner
- E6. ‘Signs of the Times’**
- E6a.** Do an audit of our signs:
- Signs to Trillick - are they adequate, lobby DRD Roads
  - Signs in/near Trillick / Kilskeery - missing signs, rusted ‘Welcome to Trillick’ signs, to the school, to football grounds, to Golf Club, Leisure Centre, at Grannan / Bodoney roads?
  - Rural road signs – damaged, wrong townlands, mis-spelt, contact Omagh DC
- E6b.** Lobby to replace signs, new signs, clean them, repaint. Ongoing monitor.
- E6c.** Direct Action day – clean, paint, etc.
- E7. Heritage Sites –**
- E7a.** Old Water Pump at Chinese – paint / restore
- E7b.** Old Castle – contact owner, NIEA, signage / interpretation board, lay-by, repairs / save it in longer term.
- E7c.** Three-Stones of Old Trellicke, near the Castle, – as above
- E7d.** Old Mill (Murphy’s, Cavanamara) - signage / interpretation board
- E7e.** Jim Crozier’s Forge - signage / interpretation board

**E8. Energy Efficiency** – Promote initiatives to assist houses, businesses and community buildings to be energy-efficient and utilise renewable energy sources, to save money and to make Trillick a sustainable and ‘environmentally friendly’ area.

## **6) Implementation of Action Plan**

**Now that the programme of Actions is agreed, we are at the starting point.**

**The following steps are required to get the Action Plan’s implementation started and the actions being delivered:**

- **Formal Launch Event** – invite / involve local clubs, businesses, community leaders, key ‘influencers’, Council (Omagh & Fermanagh), potential funders, etc.
- **Print Action Plan and Summary Sheet** – Distribute to all of Community, online
- Set up **Project Groups** or agree / appoint individuals to take forward specific tasks / projects
- **Prioritise and set timescales / targets** – short, medium and longer-term actions.
- **Provide training** to the Trillick 2020 Group in Leadership, Picking / Managing a Team, Motivating Volunteers, Accessing Funding / Support, etc.
- Project Team Leader **Reports to Monthly Meetings**
- **Annual Review** of Implementation Progress
- **Revise the Action Plan** in 2017, or as necessary over the period.

**We need your help to achieve our Vision:**

***To make the Trillick district a good place for all to Live and to Prosper***

**Please contact any member of Trillick 2020 and get involved in helping our community to help ourselves.**

**View this Action Plan and Updates on Implementation on [www.trillick.org](http://www.trillick.org) or **

# APPENDIX 1: Summary Findings of Trillick 2020 Community Consultation



## Trillick 2020

Trillick Community Development Group

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### ACTION PLAN 2014-2020 - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

**Trillick 2020** is the new name for **your** community association – to promote cross-community development of Trillick and District, including Kilskeery. Over the years, the Community Group / Enterprise Association / Chamber of Commerce has achieved much to improve the well-being of the area – including the Christmas Trees / Lights / Carol Service, Vintage Rally, Doctors Surgery, Leisure Centre, Enterprise Units, Road Signage, Environmental Improvements and Lobbying for action on roads, housing, bins, anti-social behaviour, rural crime etc.

Now, Trillick 2020 is preparing an Action Plan – **in order to identify our priorities over the coming months and years. Our vision is: to make the Trillick District a good place for all to Live and to Prosper. We need your ideas for projects big and small – from all people across the area, especially from our young people. Please give us your ideas on: (Write your suggestions in the spaces below, or write on the reverse of this sheet.)**

**Economic** - Shops, Pubs, Food, Tourism, Local Businesses - existing and new, Employment, etc

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**Community** – Cross Community, Public Safety / Crime, Seasonal Events, Public Services, etc

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**Social** - Sports, Leisure, Recreation – facilities, clubs, events, etc

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**Environment** - Buildings, Natural, Infrastructure (Roads, Mobile / Broadband, Water, etc.), Signage, etc

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**Implementation** – The Trillick 2020 Organisation, Action Planning, Funding, Promotion / Publicity, Lobbying, etc

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**Other ideas** -

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(Optional) **Your Name and Townland / Road Name** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Trillick 2020 is YOUR group.** Would you be prepared to be part of the Committee – for a while, or help out with a specific project that would be of interest to you. If so, please indicate your area of interest / project and provide your contact details here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to the box provided at Costcutter / Spar / Post Office, Trillick or to Post Office, Kilskeery by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Thank You Very Much**

# Feedback

## Economic

Local Employment is a priority – jobs for local people, Stop Emigration/Nothing to Keep Young People, Shop Locally, Use Post Office, Welcome New Businesses, Get The Health Workers Project Back to the Enterprise Centre, More Local Support for Events and Businesses, An On-going Campaign to Use or Lose Local Services and Businesses (PO, Bank Machine, Doctors, Chemist, shops, pubs, etc.), Businesses to offer special days / offers. Businesses to work together – offer packages. An Internet Profile, A Local Business Website, Charity Shop, Muesum, cinema and Karaoke nights, Arts and Crafts Shop / Workshop, Make Trillick more of a Tourist Town, Disability Parking, Coffee Shop/Café – but locals would need to support it. Fund Raising. Official taxi service, would help local pubs. Utilise Brougher Mountain for tourism. Utilise cultural and natural tourism assets. Get a new tenant to Enterprise Centre unit

## Community

More Cross Community Events, both sides should work together for our village, more school cc co-operation Visit Other Churches at Harvest, etc. Hold all non-family Events away from residences – to prevent Noise Pollution and anti-social behaviour. Speed Ramps at Main Street and School. Education support for parents. Parenting classes – pre-school - teenagers. Free delivery from local shops to rural families. Use of Leisure Centre for non-segregated meetings of all groups – Young Farmers, Girl guides, etc. Mini-bus for community events. Involve the other nationalities more. Christmas lights are excellent. Neighbourhood Watch / Alert– rural and in the villages. Liaison with the police and NIHE and residents. Establish links with gov depts over dogs, littering, etc. Better awareness about Wind Farms and turbines – get community benefits funding.

## Social

Yoga Class in Leisure Centre, Genealogy Class / Local History Society, cooking school / groups / workshops, storytelling and music sessions, Tennis Court, 3G Astro turf / MUGA Pitch, Bazaar, Concerts involving Young People, Replace Hall Kitchen, Safe Walk Scenic Routes (like Ballinamallard), Leisure Centre and GAA provides very good activities, Road Names/Signs Broken/Consult Locals, Local Taxi Service. Drama Society, Book Club, Retired Men’s Group, Cycling Group, Young Peoples Clubs, Running Club / cross-country team, Women’s Group, canoeing / outdoor activities group. Teenage drop-in centre. Health talks on anti-bullying, farmers advice, etc. A Youth Club for Teenagers. Encourage and Expand the Hiking club – to young people and other outdoor activities. Healthy / Walking / Running road circuits marked out and leaflets.

## Environmental

Speed Ramps in Town, Unused Dwellings, focus on the derelict sites / vacant land, re-use old school site, etc., Paint Eyesores, Source grants to renovate property. ‘Fake-windows’ scheme to buildings. Clean Up, More Flowers Trillick-in Bloom competition, Benches on Main Street, Picnic Tables at Leisure Centre, Litter Pick of roadsides, Magheralough Road Resurfaced, Road Signs to Leisure Centre and GAA Pitches / Schools Churches / Graveyards and tourism landmarks. Better Road Surfaces and even footpaths, safe crossing places, Old Street Light to Match the others, High quality attractive new Bins and Benches, Christmas Lights across Street, Improve Woodview Crescent - Signage, Re-tar and Footpaths, Litter/Dumping Area. Right of Ways/Entries in Trillick should be identified and Re-opened, Safe Walkways (Golf course), Improve Broadband, Garden Allotments, Visit Orchard Acre Farm – for ideas. Lobby for Planning flexibility. Re-set the crooked trees and guards on Main Street. Clear / stop litter on all roads and ‘dumping areas’ Bins / signs at takeaways. Repair the signage to Trillick and rural road signs – Council to Correct the Townlands

## Implementation

Trillick 2020 Website and on Facebook / Twitter / LinkedIn. Local people need to support the local events and facilities – from both sides of the community. – for sustainability and viability. Regular Trillick Community Newsletter. Action Plan to co-ordinate activities. Encourage volunteering and community spirit. Promote and publicise Trillick as a good place.... Maximise potential as Central to new Council, put us ‘back on the map.’

## Other Ideas

Housing for Kilskeery, Fold Accommodation/Nursing Home/Sheltered – an option for local people to stay in this area / not live alone isolated in the rural area, Star for Christmas Tree, Public and Health Talks/Parenting, Relocate Bus Stops to Avoid Danger from Cars / save children’s lives. Local Heroes.ie, Meetup.com, Hiremyskill.ie, [www.thevillage.ie](http://www.thevillage.ie) Cloughjordan. Need to involve our young people in the community. Similar to Christmas Market, hold bi-monthly to showcase local talent. Utilise Community Room above Toilets – as a local art gallery. Improve parking / visibility at Girgadis and Grannan Roads onto Main Street. Park & Share facility – free up the Main Street core. Promote semi-detached, affordable private housing for Trillick – to bring our young couples back from Irvinestown, Enniskillen, Omagh, etc.

## Names for Volunteers

A number of additional names were received – of people who were prepared to become involved.



# **Trillick 2020**

**Trillick Community Development Group**

*Incorporated as Trillick Community Group, Registered Charity No. XT10886*

## **ACTION PLAN 2014-2020 – SCHOOLS CONSULTATION P5 – P7**

**Trillick 2020** is the new name for **your** community association – to promote cross-community development of Trillick and District, including Kilskeery.

Trillick 2020 is now preparing an Action Plan. **We want to make the Trillick District a good place for all to Live. We need your ideas for projects, big and small – especially from our young people. Please, give us your ideas on:**

**What are the good things about Trillick and Kilskeery Area?**

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**What things are not so good about Trillick and Kilskeery Area?**

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**What are your ideas to make Trillick and Kilskeery a better place to live?**

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**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CLASS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank You for Your Help!**

**Please return this form to your teacher. There will be prizes for the best ideas.**

## **Feedback**

### **Knocknagor P.S.**

#### ***Good***

Football pitches/team/club/training, Leisure Centre, Play park, Church, Community group, Knocknagor School, Youth Club, Shops, Take-aways, Plenty of Schools, Community Relations, Lots of Farming, Hall, Rocking with Reds, Tyrone Fleadh, Chapel, Scenery, Brougher Mountain.

#### ***Not So Good***

Too small - needs shops, No pizza, Small Roads, Poor Repair, Lack of Rural Buses, Lack of Girls Activities, No Banks, No Library, Lack of Services, No Family Restaurant, No Tennis Court, No Website, No Car Parking, No Activities other than Pubs, Rubbish at Football Pitch, No Children Activities, No Paintball Court, No inside Play Area, Lack of Houses.

#### ***Suggestions***

Cinema, Cyber-café, Museum, Adventure Park, Arts and Crafts class, Poundland, Website, Facebook/Trillick Twitter Account, Library, Bank, Swimming Pool, Better Roads, Family Restaurant, Bigger Shops, More Houses, Community Garden, Playpark for Older Children, Allotments, Brighten up Main Street, More activities for Children, Football Practice, More Take-Aways, Youth Club for 12+, Inside Play Area, Keep the Schools Open, Give the Parents a Say in Schools, Optician/Dentist, Flower Beds, Magic Shows, Bird Feeders, Be Eco-Friendly, Winter Facilities, Soccer Pitch, Groups for Young People, Stop Anti-Social Behaviour

### **Kilskeery Q.E.2 P.S.**

#### ***Good***

Youth Organisations/BB and GB, Good Houses, Church, Trillick's shops/play park/filling station, Kilskeery's Post Office/Picnic Tables/Auction House, Activities, Youth Club, Band, Primary School, Friends, Leisure Centre, Party Places, Clean and Pollution Free, Schools in both Towns, Farms, Friendly People.

#### ***Not So Good***

No Football Pitch (like Ballinamallard), No Ponds or Activities for Young, Not Much to Do, No Public Toilets in Kilskeery, No Play Park, No Footpaths or Bike Tracks, No Rural Footpaths, Lack of Parking/Turning, Not Enough Nature, Dead Trees/Bushes/Stream.

#### ***Suggestions***

No-Littering Campaign, Get Playing Fields, Shops, Facilities for Older People, Pond, Waterfall, Forest to go into, Sports Shop, Play Park for Kilskeery, Picnic Tables with metal for Barbecue, Pond for Swans, Library, Bike Tracks, Outside Gym, Clean Public Toilets, Activities for Girls, Kiddies Day Care, Card/Cake Shop, Flowers, Restaurant, Hotel.

### **Magheralough P.S.**

#### ***Good***

Not much violence, friendly people, football training on Fridays and camp in summer, dancing, summer scheme, youth club, football, cooking club, sewing. Sports day, parade, Christmas party, Halloween party, lots of fund-raisers, bus service, post office, the church, local shops, hairdressers, chemist, take aways, charity runs, new Christmas tree, a choir, lots of activities for adults and for children.

### ***Not So Good***

Lack of bins. No swimming pool. Trillick is too small. Littering. Lack of parking. Smoke pollution, people steal things, dog poo, never get to meet people from Kilskeery or other side of the community, streets could be cleaner.

### ***Suggestions***

More bins in town, expand the play park. Litter bins at play park, tidy / stop litter on the roads into Trillick, Swimming pool in Trillick, playpark in Kilskeery. Art and craft club/class in Leisure Centre. More parking spaces, stop littering, have bingo, restaurant, community Fair Day, tackle old buildings, plant more trees, car park, picnic spot, library, 3G pitch, a dog park, more police visiting the town, supervise the children getting off the bus, cleaner toilets, more volunteers to help out, cross-community drama club to put on play each year, cross-community running club for all ages and fitness levels, more fun activities at the fun day, the 3 schools should be joined into 1 big school.

## **St Scires P.S**

### ***Good***

Three Churches, Quiet, Clean, Looks nice at Night, Flowers, Big Football Pitch, Tidy, Happy, Wildlife, Plants, good Schools, good Shops, good hairdressers, pubs, Doctor's surgery, lots of activities for young children, lots of fund-raising events, footpaths on most roads, Leisure Centre – great activities, Three Parks, Wee Pitch, good houses, we have litter pickers. New Christmas tree, Slow-Traffic Signs, a clothes bank, public toilets, housing estates, No-one Litters, No-one Speeds, Friendly People, youth club, soccer, fuel station, 5k/10k runs, Rocking with the Reds, summer scheme, everything.

### ***Not So Good***

Dogs Roaming/Scare, Narrow Roads, paint coming off signs. Lack of Parking (after Mass), Lack of Colour in the Town, Public toilets building is dirty, Play park is too small, Youth club is poor, Dog Poo, no swimming or horse-riding places, no bank, some shop-keepers are unfriendly, Lack of Bins/Littering, Litter in the Country from cars. Condition of the bottle / clothes banks, graffiti on signs / some signs are missing / stolen, Unlit alleys, no fence at playground river. Unused and untidy buildings. Farmers need to clean road after hedge-cutting. I Love it the way it is.

### ***Suggestions***

Lolly Pop Lady, Cycling and Running Races, Lost and Found Place, More Swings, Bigger Activities / Things in Play Park – for older children / more exciting, swings at the school, Small Roundabout at Top of Town and Costcutters, more games / activities in Leisure Centre for older children, extend the Youth Club – more nights, trips, older children, Litter Pickers, More Bins, improve Christmas decorations, Horse Field, Swimming Pool, cinema, Better public toilets, flood lighting for pitches, Supervalu/Tesco/Asda, a bank, shops in Kilskeery, Dog Groomers, Play Park beside Wee Pitch, Stop People Smoking, Slow Traffic Signs, More Shops, toys / clothes shops, pet shop, place to grow-own vegetables, restaurant / café, better Christmas decorations, Get Dogs on Leads, Cinema, Art Classes, More Under 10 Girls Blitzes. More housing. Occupy the closed houses and tidy up old buildings. A home for older people. Use the space behind the football stand. Spray weeds / tidy play park. Fix up Woodview Crescent. Fix up pitch beside leisure centre, rebuild Trillick Castle. Light the alleys near playpark. Handball wall behind the pitch or at leisure centre, 3G pitch beside Leisure Centre, tennis court, Irish classes for children. Use the old school at top of town. Use old water mill and castle for tourism.

**APPENDIX 2:****SWOT ANALYSIS for Trillick Area, 2013**

<b>STRENGTHS</b>	<b>WEAKNESSES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good leisure facilities (Trillick Leisure Centre)</li> <li>• Good football grounds</li> <li>• Good golf course and club</li> <li>• Strong social economy business (Trillick Leisure Centre)</li> <li>• Good educational system (4 good local schools, 3 in Trillick 1 / 2 in Kilskeery)</li> <li>• Strong retail mix and base</li> <li>• Excellent facilities including pharmacy, doctors surgery, hairdressers, etc</li> <li>• Successful part restoration of Old Mill</li> <li>• Interesting historical background (Old Mill, two former railway connections – Bundoran Junction and Trillick Station, Stranagummer)</li> <li>• Two Loughs – Magheralough &amp; Carren</li> <li>• Strong community group</li> <li>• Strong musical background with silver and pipe bands in area</li> <li>• Strong Senior Citizens’ Groups</li> <li>• Good cross-community Play group facility</li> <li>• Strong church community</li> <li>• Strong local Young Farmers’ Club</li> <li>• Winner of Village in Bloom Award??</li> <li>• Village is part of a Sustrans Ulster Cycle Route</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dereliction – including former police station, school and properties in Main Street</li> <li>• No signage to local places of interest e.g. Kilskeery Old Graveyard and Magheralough</li> <li>• Old Kilskeery Graveyard in dangerous condition</li> <li>• Lack of tourism signage e.g. for shops/ picnic areas etc (needs interpretative signage)</li> <li>• No jobs/employment</li> <li>• High level of emigration, particularly the young</li> <li>• Perception of declining population</li> <li>• No bank</li> <li>• No ATM on Main Street</li> <li>• Some poor shop frontages</li> <li>• No housing provision for elderly and or elderly care provision in area</li> <li>• Lack of knowledge in availability of funding for businesses</li> <li>• Lack of cross-community representation on Leisure Centre Committee</li> <li>• No Women’s Group</li> <li>• Limited participation at Community Group meetings</li> <li>• Limited operating hours of Play Group.</li> <li>• No After School Club.</li> </ul>
<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b>	<b>THREATS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for joint actions between Trillick and Kilskeery</li> <li>• Further work on restoration of old mill</li> <li>• Development of Castle Mervyn (cultural/ tourism/ signage/ historical/ interpretative panels)</li> <li>• Development of Trillick Old Station</li> <li>• Provision of signage to loughs</li> <li>• Week-end of events e.g. historical tour of Old Mill</li> <li>• Quarterly meetings of group to incorporate speakers e.g. Roads Service, NIHE representative, historical speakers etc</li> <li>• Staging of business information clinics e.g. Go for It, Innovation Omagh, Inspire, etc</li> <li>• Promotion of area through good news stories</li> <li>• Expand membership of Trillick Leisure Centre Committee</li> <li>• Build on existing events e.g. Christmas Lights, Vintage Rally, etc</li> <li>• Walkabout with Roads Service</li> <li>• Attract young people back to area</li> <li>• Shop Local Campaign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of signage (particularly for tourism)</li> <li>• Lack of funding for regeneration projects</li> <li>• Lack of funding for job creation/ tourism</li> <li>• Lack of business support</li> <li>• Isolation (particularly elderly community)</li> <li>• Lack of housing to attract people to locate in Trillick, or Kilskeery</li> </ul>