ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

2 September 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

You are hereby invited to attend a hybrid meeting (in person and via zoom) of the Community and Wellbeing Committee of Ards and North Down Borough in the Council Chamber, 2 Church Street, Newtownards and via Zoom on **Wednesday 10 September 2025 commencing at 7pm**.

Yours faithfully

Susie McCullough
Chief Executive
Ards and North Down Borough Council

A G E N D A

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interest

Deputation

3. Free Childhood NI

4. U3A – University of the Third Age

Reports for Approval

5. ITEM WITHDRAWN

6. North Down Coastal Path Proposed Planning Application (Report attached)

7. Britain in Bloom Awards 2025 (Report attached)

8. Hygiene Bank at Ards and North Down Borough Council Leisure Sites (Report attached)

9. Arts and Heritage Grant Schemes (Report attached)

10. Request to Support a Blue Plaque to honour William Sharman Crawford (Report attached)

Reports for Noting

11. Public Drinking Water Supply 2024 (Report attached)

12. Ards and North Down Sports Forum Grants (Report attached)

13. Bi-Monthly Update on Portavogie 3G, Peninsula 3G and Portaferry Sports Centre Floor (Report attached)

14. North Down Coastal Path Working Group Minutes for 30 March 2025 (Report attached)

15. Community Trails and Greenways Report 2025 (Report attached)

16. Update on Maintenance of Grass Sports Pitches (Report attached)

17. PCSP Annual Report 2024-2025 (Report attached)

18. Community & Wellbeing Directorate Budgetary Control Report - March 2025 & June 2025 (Report attached)

19. Notices of Motion

19.1 Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor McBurney and Councillor McCollum

That this Council recognises the success of Love Ballyholme and thanks all involved for their hard work and commitment; further recognises the importance of community led initiatives to improve community cohesion, while supporting local businesses, and asks officers to bring back a report, which includes a plan and funding opportunities to support the replication of this community led model in the Rathmore area of Bangor.

19.2 Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman Smith and Councillor Smart

That this Council produces a report to scope the potential of introducing a public hire bicycle scheme similar to Belfast Bikes for use across the new Greenway network. That the report outlines the benefits, risks, costs, potential partnerships and any funding opportunities including those provided through DfI Active Travel to inform a Council decision on progressing such a scheme.

19.3 Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman Brooks and Councillor Chambers

That this Council notes the role played by Donaghadee Cricket Club in promoting sport, health, and community engagement in Donaghadee, particularly for our youth. Council further requests that officers prepare a report to look at how sports clubs like Donaghadee could be better supported by Council, particular through the lease charges levied against the clubs acknowledging the great community work these organisations do as well as the role they play in maintaining the facilities.

20. Any Other Notified Business

ITEMS ***IN CONFIDENCE***

Reports for Approval Delegated to Committee

21. Appointment of Mobile Sauna Operators (Report attached)

Reports for Approval

22. Single Tender Action - Willow Beacons (Report attached)

Reports for Noting

23. PSCP Minutes (Report attached)

24. Leisure Centres Three Year Finance (Report to follow)

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMUNITY AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE (16 MEMBERS)

Alderman Adair	Councillor Douglas
Alderman Brooks	Councillor Hollywood
Alderman Cummings	Councillor S Irvine
Alderman McRandal (Chair)	Councillor Kendall
Councillor Ashe	Councillor McBurney
Councillor Boyle	Councillor McClean
Councillor Chambers	Councillor Moore
Councillor Cochrane	

ITEM 6

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Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Community and Wellbeing Committee
Date of Meeting	10 September 2025
Responsible Director	Director of Community and Wellbeing
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Parks & Cemeteries
Date of Report	19 August 2025
File Reference	CW30
Legislation	Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014
Section 75 Compliant	Yes ☒ No ☐ Other ☐ If other, please add comment below:
Subject	North Down Coastal Path Proposed Planning Application
Attachments	Appendix 1 - Draft Drawings for Planning Application

After the planning application for a proposed greenway along the North Down Coastal Path (LA06/2020/0530) was withdrawn in February 2023, the 'North Down Coastal Path Task & Finish Working Group' was established to look at the approaches to addressing issues on the path including maintenance, signage, promotion and future options surrounding its use.

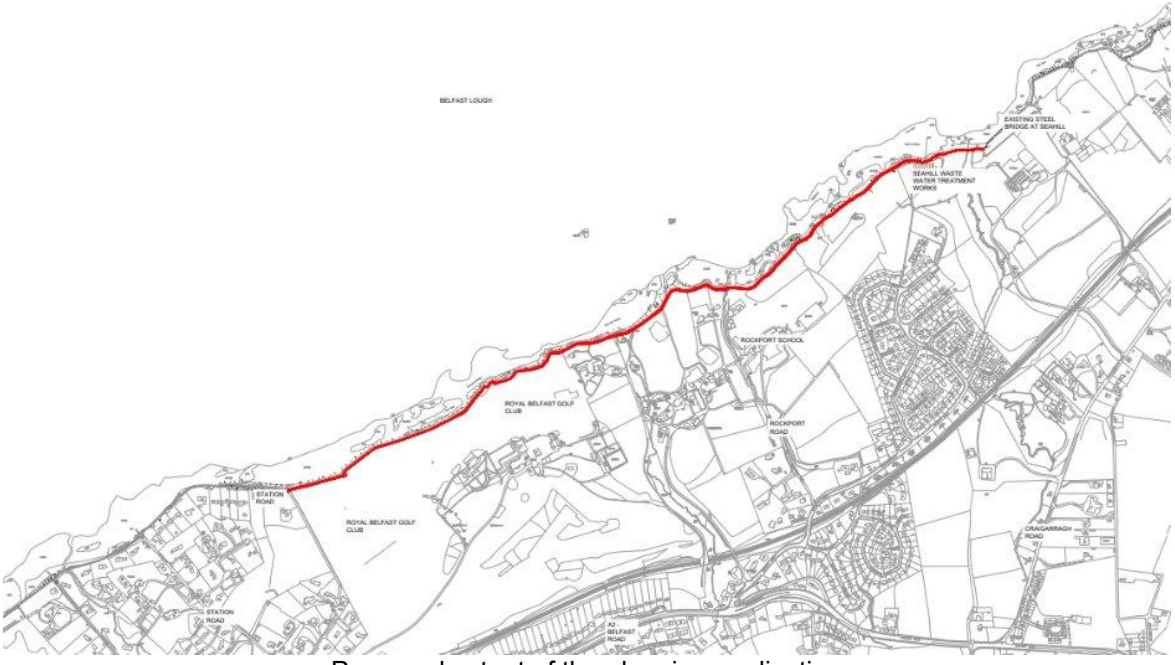
Officers from Parks & Cemeteries have supported the Working Group which has made some proposals to address issues identified. One such project has been prioritised and to progress it, there is a need to submit a planning application. This project would address the section which has agreed by the group as a priority in terms of needing remedial work to ensure that the path is more usable and provides better connectivity, between Royal Belfast Golf Club and Seahill.

Drawings have been prepared, and these have been presented and circulated to the members of the Working Group for consideration. Any proposed amendments will be discussed and incorporated where possible before the drawings are finalised.

Not Applicable

The proposal would cover the section from the bridge at Seahill to the Royal Belfast Golf Club, approximately 2km long. This section is particularly narrow, uneven underfoot as the gravel has been periodically washed out exposing kerbs etc, has overgrown verges, and the section along the Royal Belfast Golf Club is at risk of collapse given that the rock armour underneath it has slipped, leaving the path unsupported in places.

Discussions would be required with the respective landowners prior to the submission of the planning application. Certain surveys would be required, and these are currently being explored. It was proposed by the Working Group that photomontages were incorporated alongside the planning drawings so that the proposed improvements could be clearly understood, these will be the minimal interventions to ensure the durability of the path and improve its condition only, however they would still require planning permission given the designations along the coastline. The majority of the path is in the coastal flood inundation zone and in places it may be prudent to create a raise in freeboard/levels by approx. 300mm to raise it slightly out of the inundation zone to ensure the durability of the path.



Proposed extent of the planning application

Example of the proposed drawings, Section 1 along Royal Belfast Golf Club (Path as existing, proposed verges cleared, path resurfaced, and rock armour reinforced.

Funding sources and landowner permissions would be investigated as part of the next stage of this project development process.

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council approves further development of the details of this proposal with the working group and the eventual submission of a planning application pertaining to the section as outlined in the above map.

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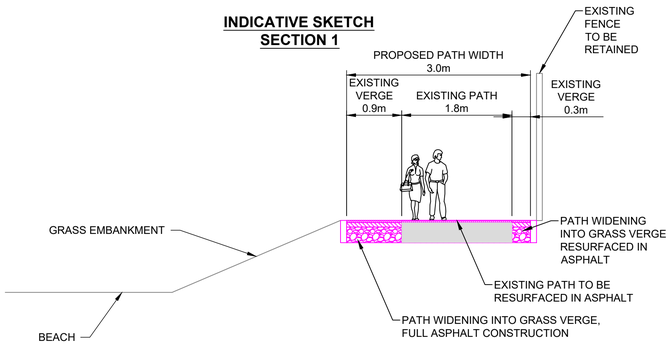

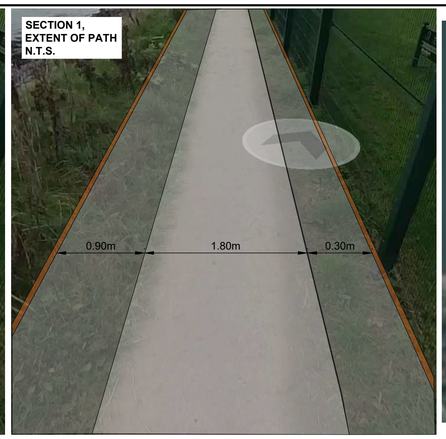

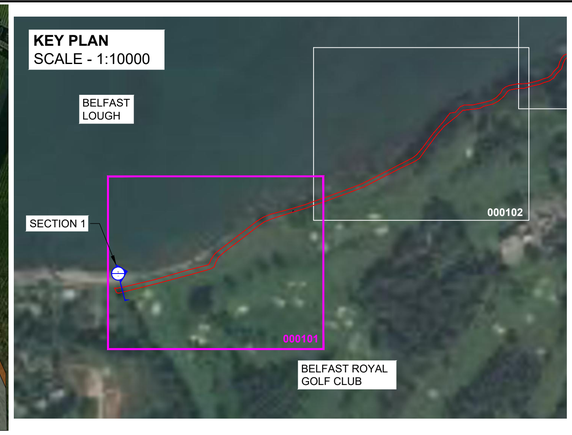

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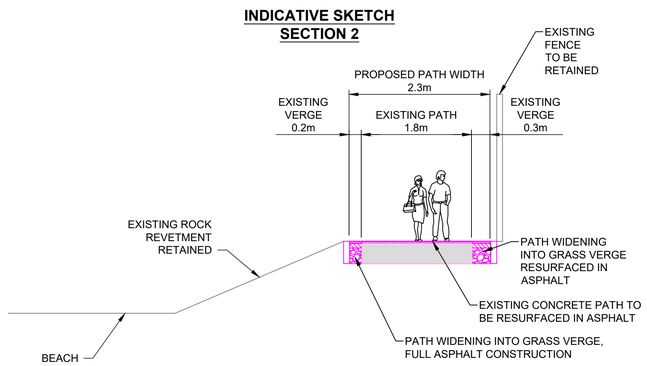

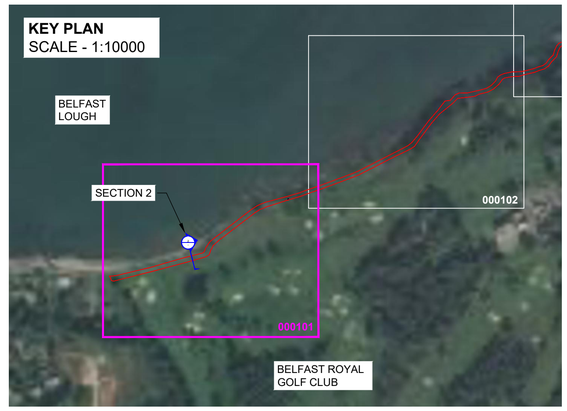

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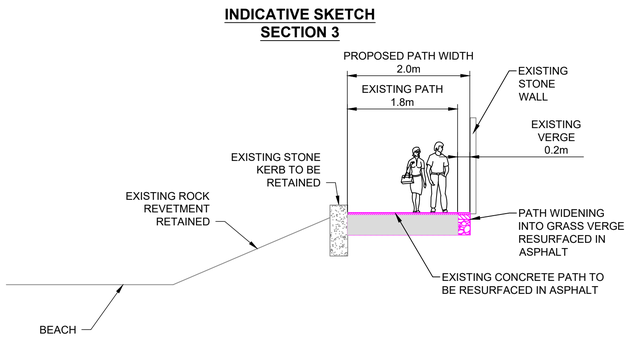

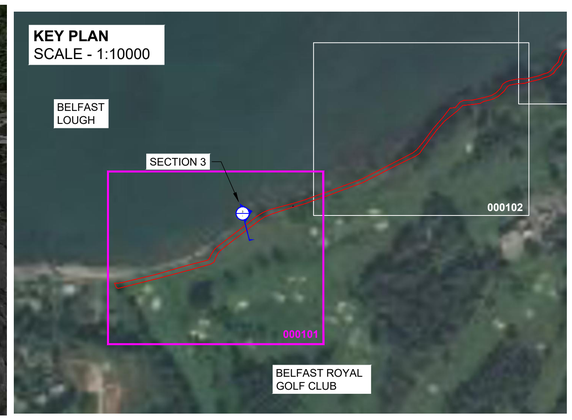

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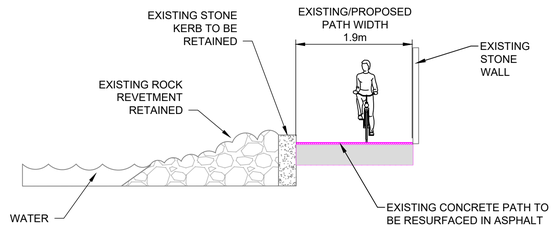

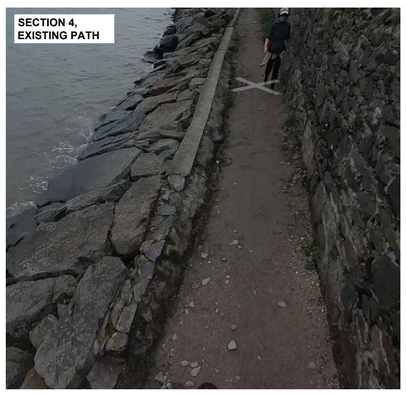

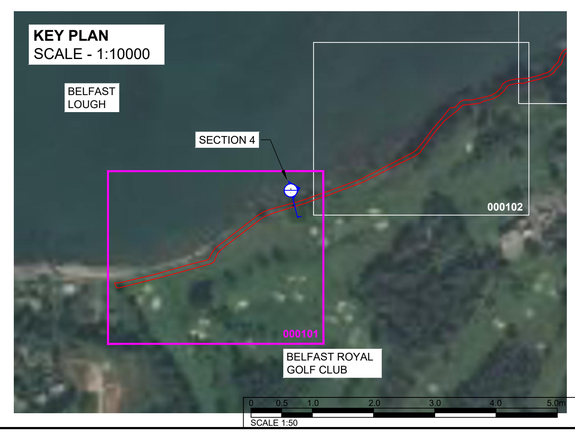

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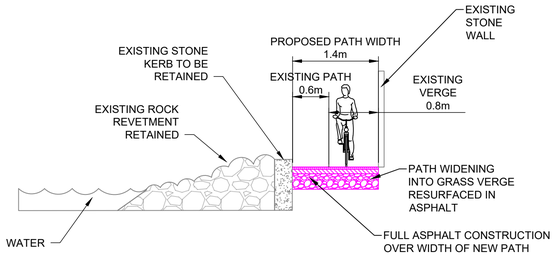

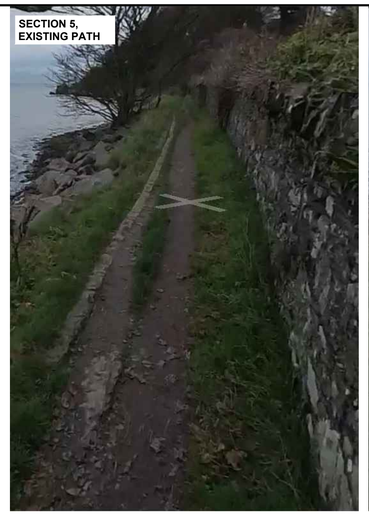

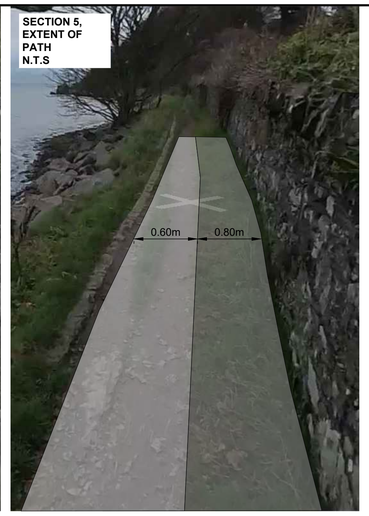

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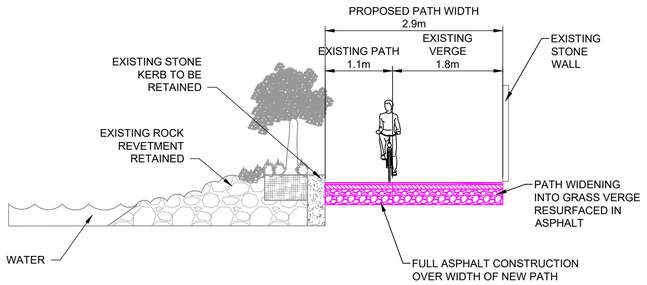

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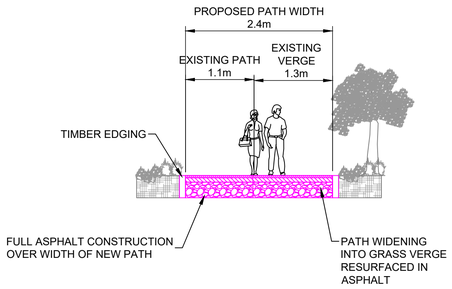

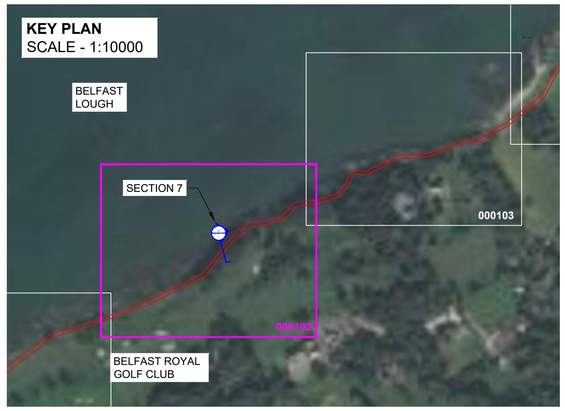

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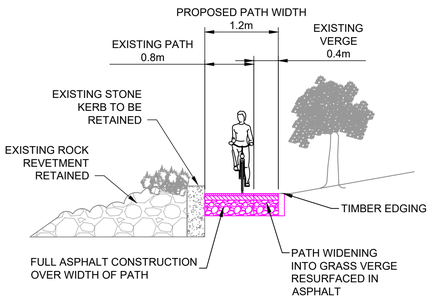

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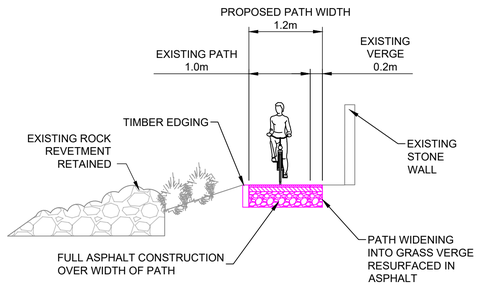

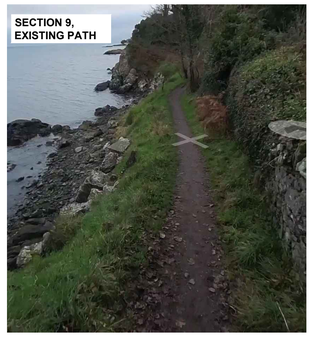

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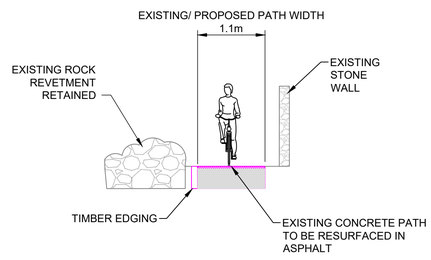

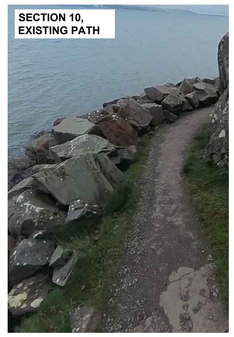

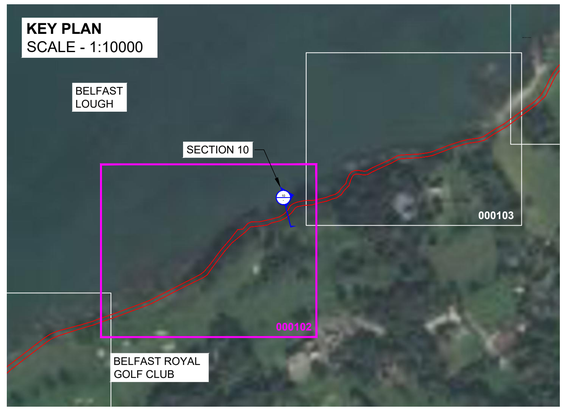

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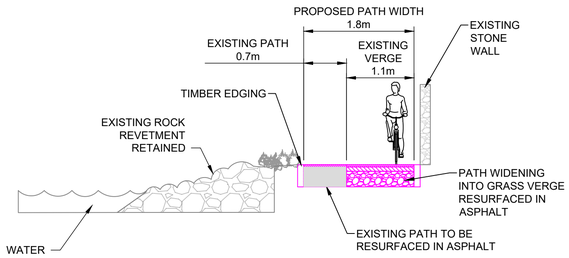

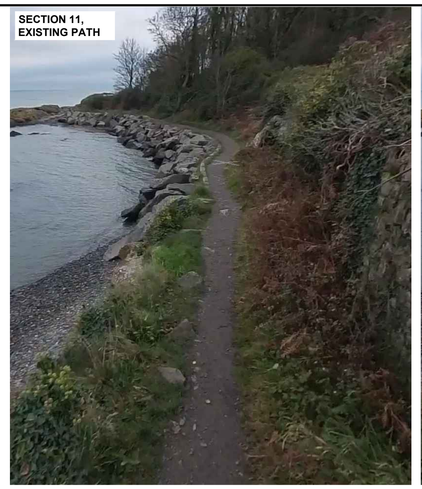

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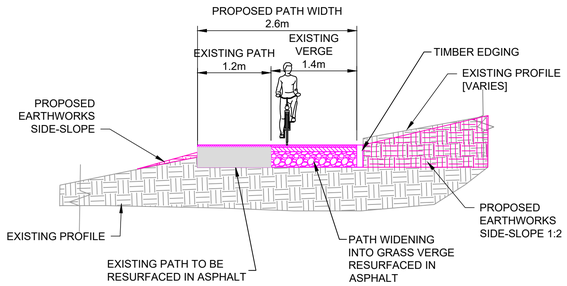

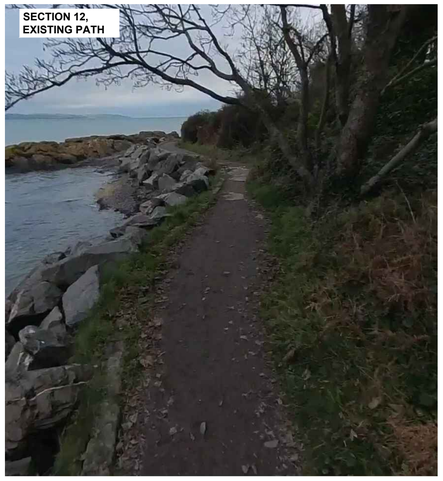

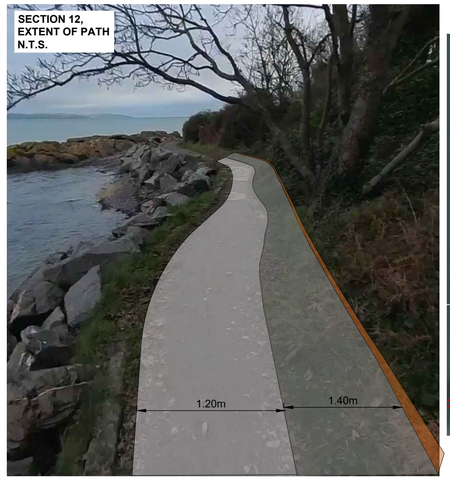

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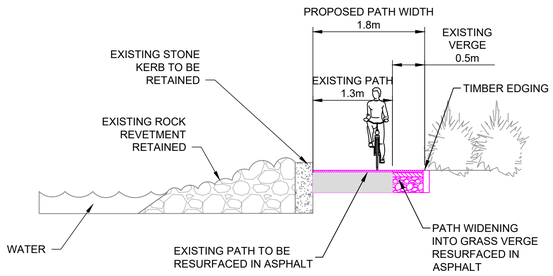

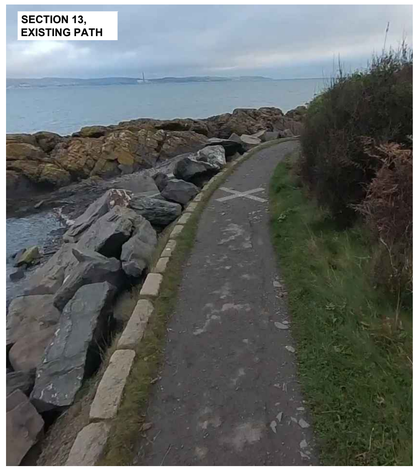

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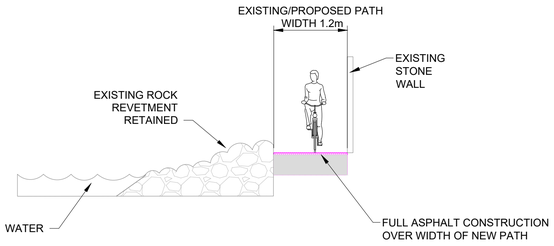

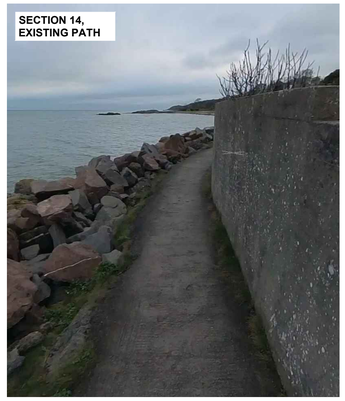

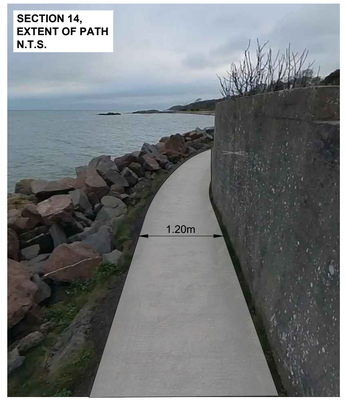

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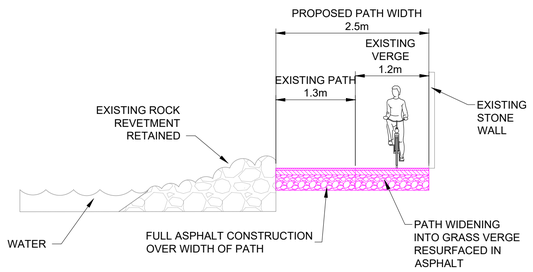

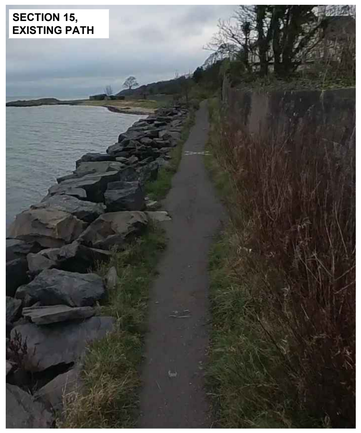

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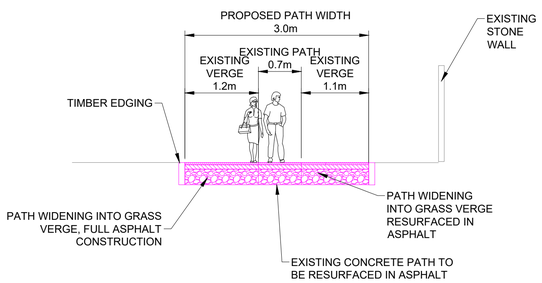

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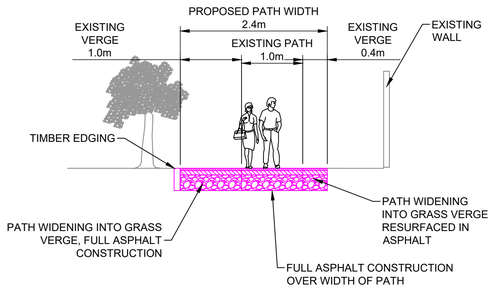

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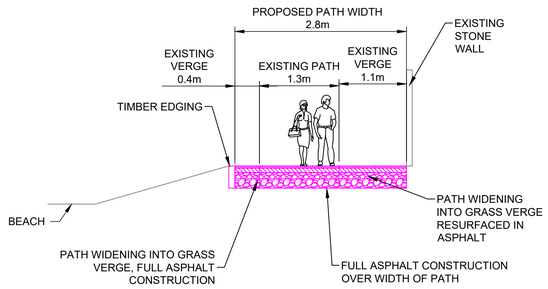

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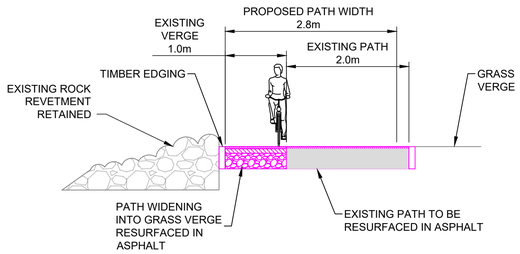

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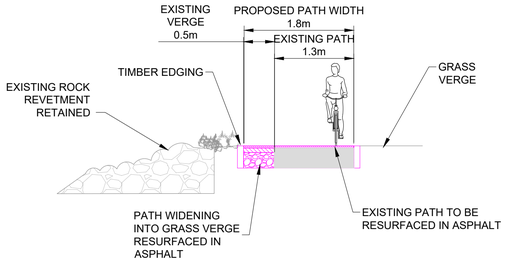

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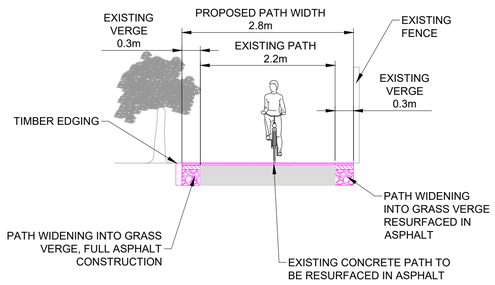

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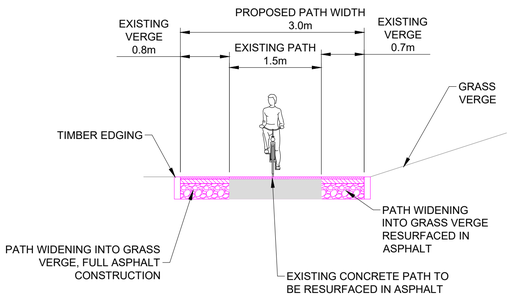

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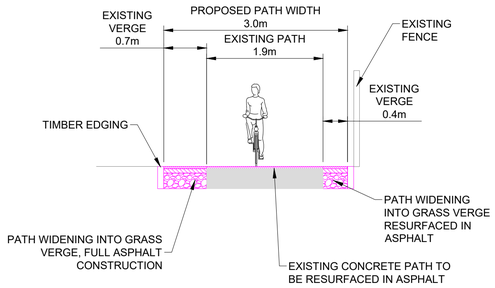

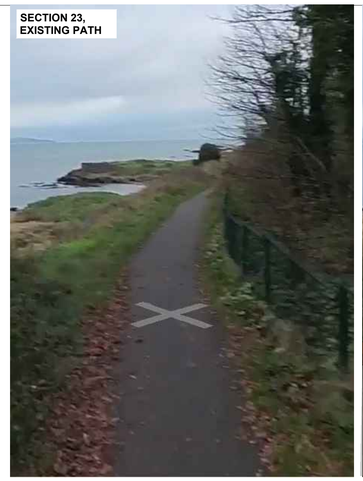

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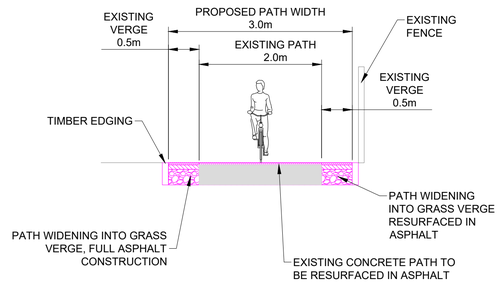

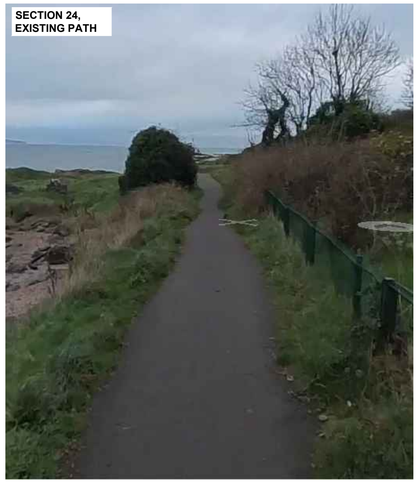

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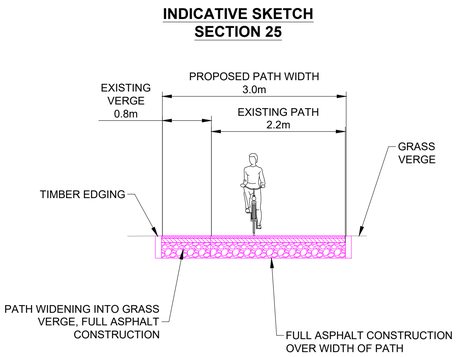

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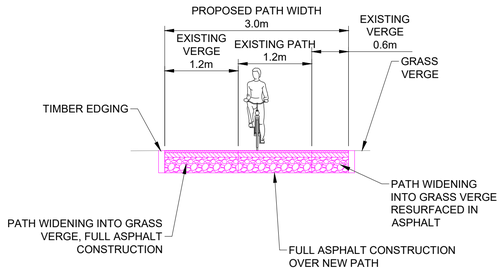

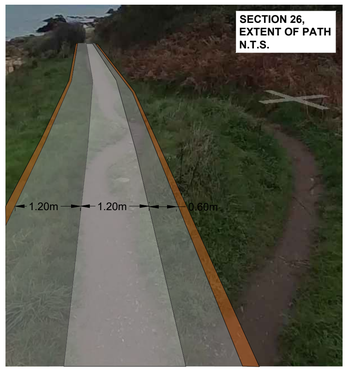

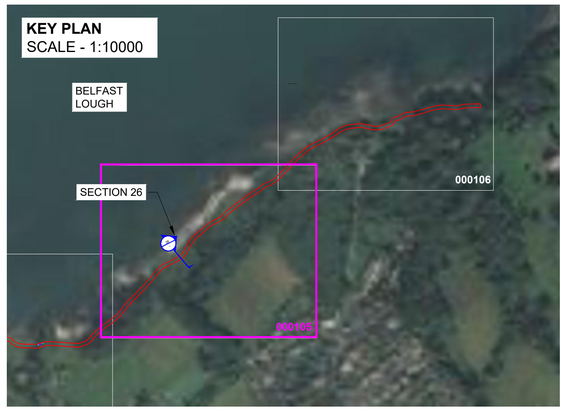

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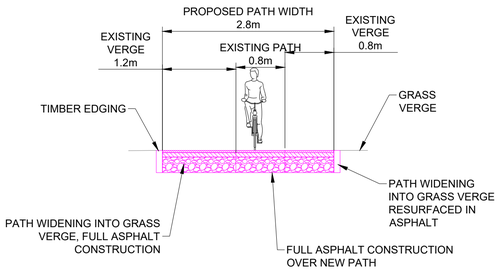

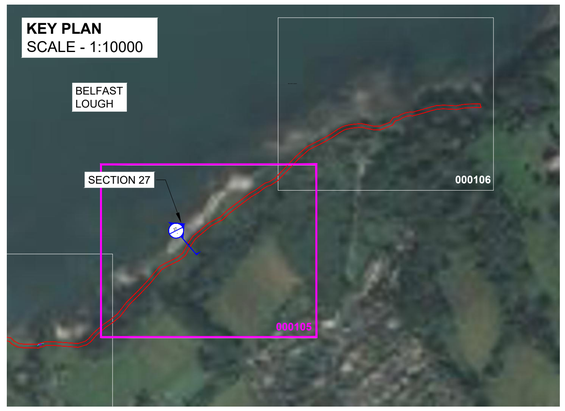

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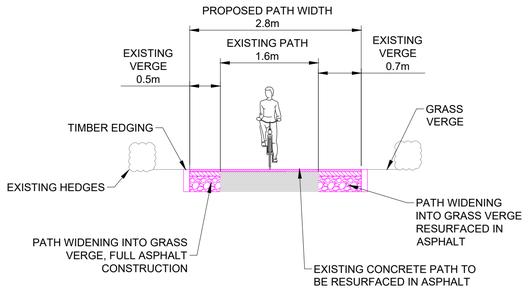

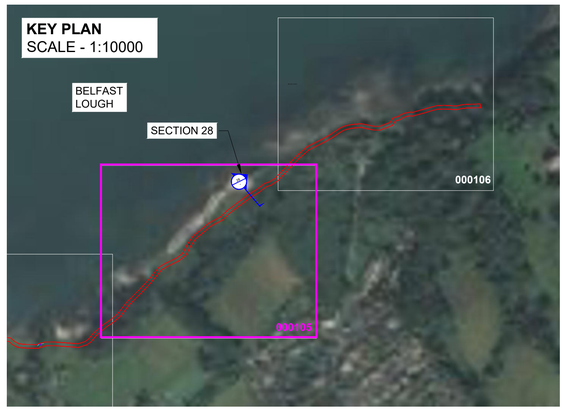

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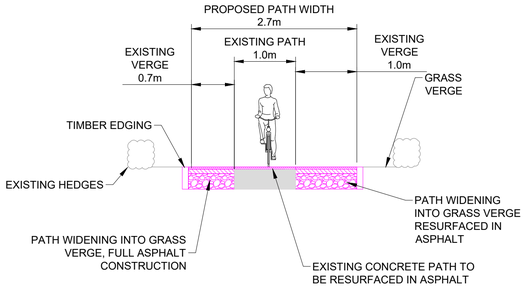

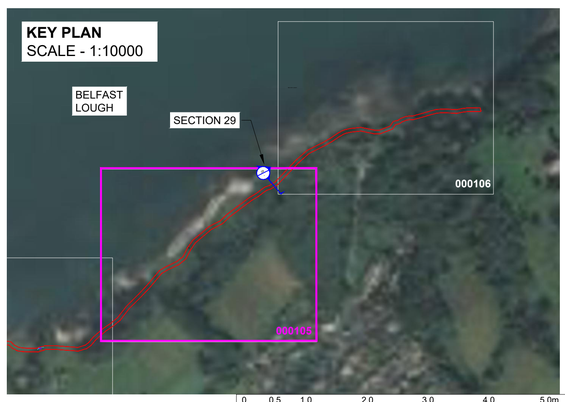

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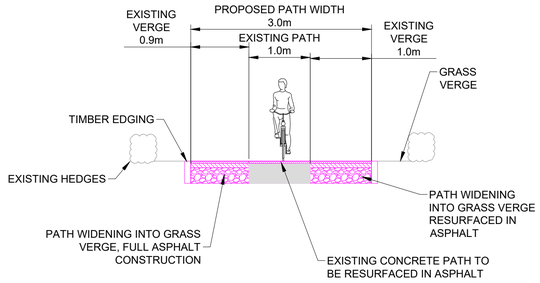

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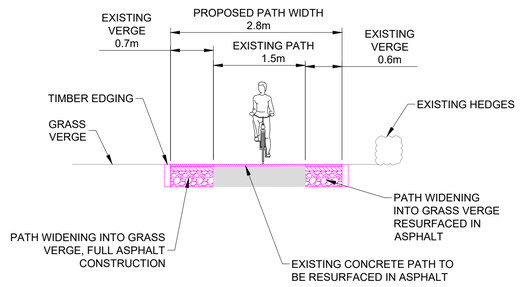

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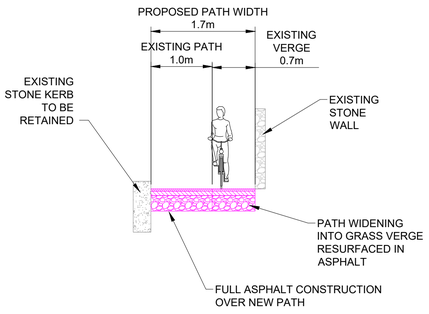

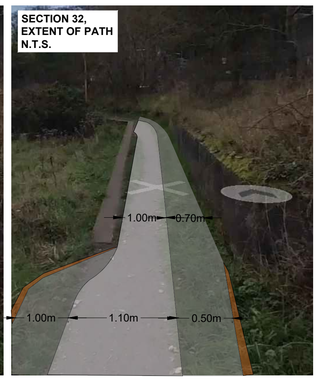

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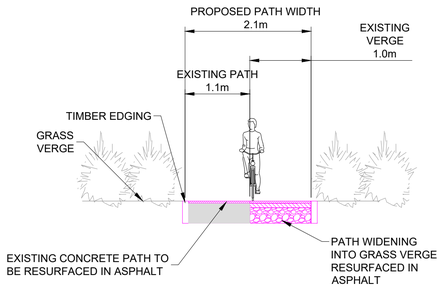

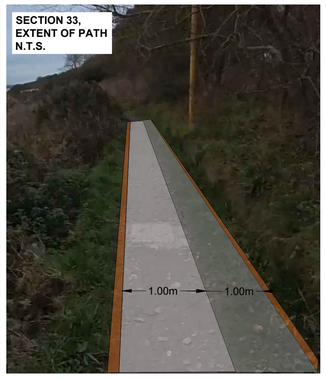

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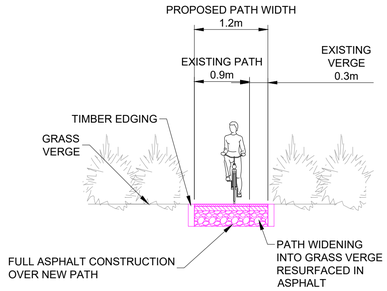

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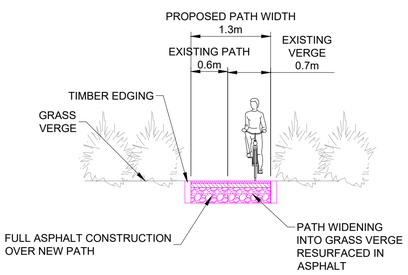

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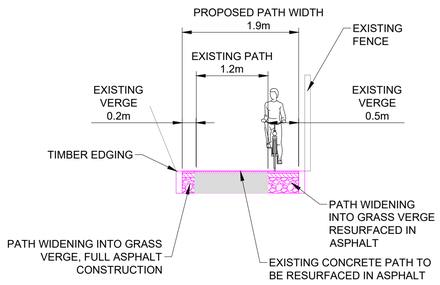

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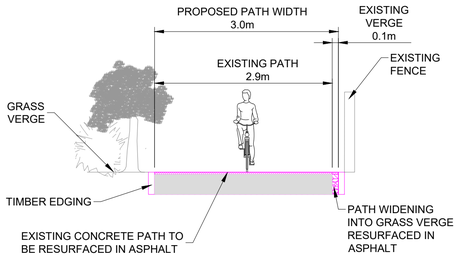

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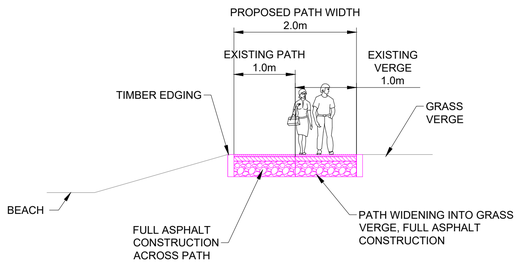

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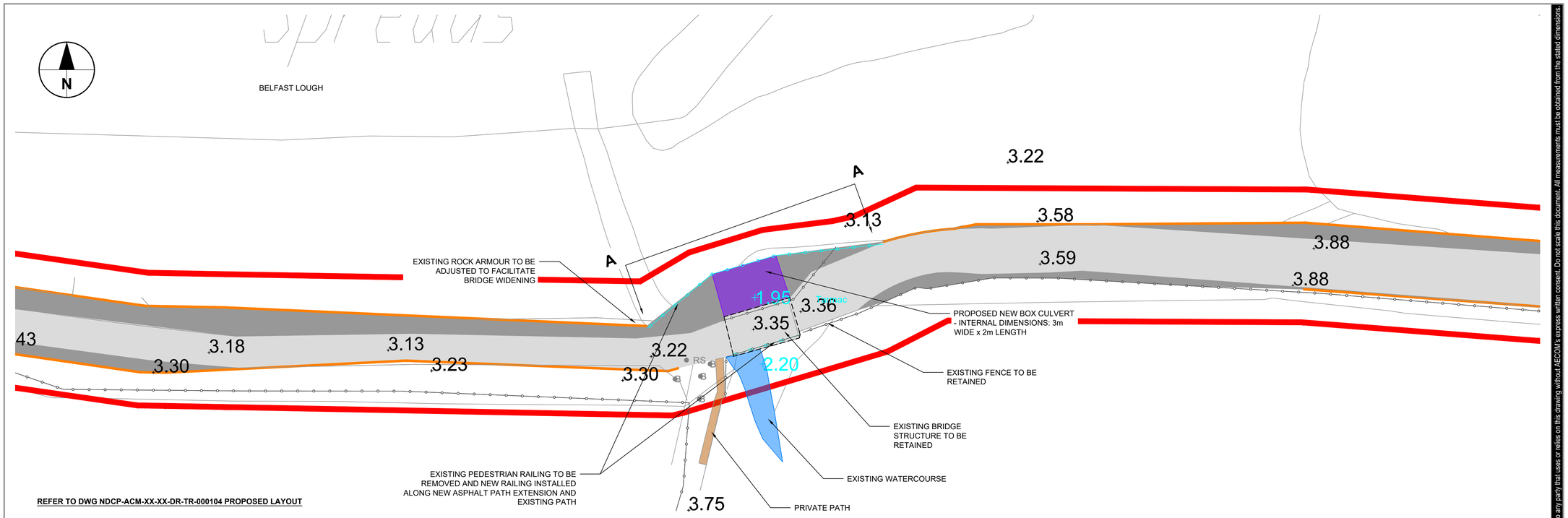

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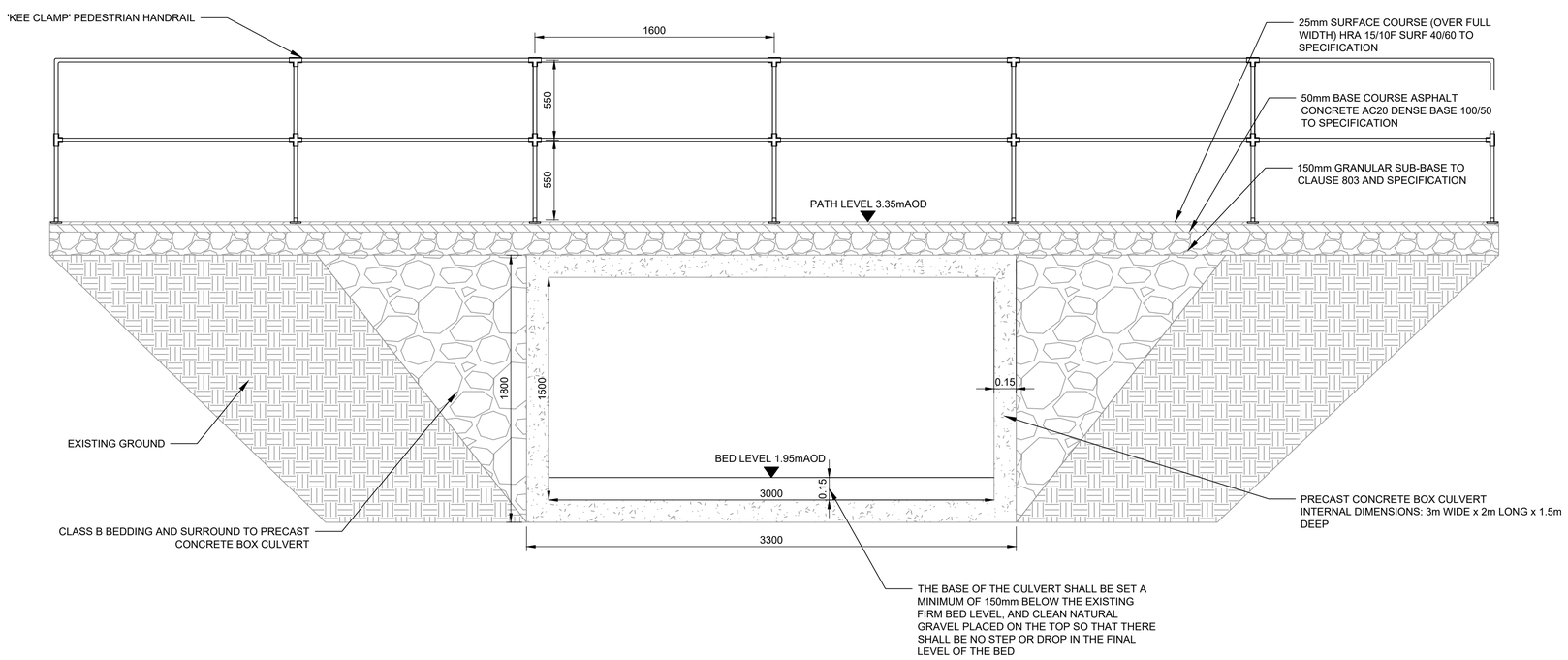

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ITEM 7

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Community and Wellbeing Committee
Date of Meeting	10 September 2025
Responsible Director	Director of Community and Wellbeing
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Parks & Cemeteries
Date of Report	15 August 2025
File Reference	PCA121
Legislation	Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014
Section 75 Compliant	Yes ☒ No ☐ Other ☐ If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Britain in Bloom Awards 2025
Attachments	None

Members will be aware that Donaghadee is representing Northern Ireland in the Small-Town category of the 2025 Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Britain in Bloom competition.

Britain in Bloom is one of the largest horticultural campaigns in Europe, is run by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) and works year-round to create a cleaner and greener Britain through community action. As well as celebrating horticultural excellence, Britain in Bloom promotes cleanliness, sustainability and community participation.

As such the campaign compliments several council initiatives and strategies aimed at enhancing the visual appearance and sustainability of the Borough.

In preparation for the RHS Britain in Bloom judging visit, Officers from the Parks and Cemeteries Service worked in close partnership with Donaghadee Community Development Committee and local volunteer groups to present the town befitting of the Britain in Bloom campaign criteria.

Not Applicable

Judging took place on Monday 1st August 2025 when the judges were taken on a guided tour of the town to assess under the marking criteria of Horticultural Achievement, Environmental Responsibility, and Community Participation.

The announcement of the results is to be held at a ceremony in the Royal Horticultural Society in Brighton on 31st October 2025 between 12pm and 5pm. An invitation has been received for up to 5 persons to attend the Award Ceremony and it is proposed that the Mayor, one Council Officer and three members of Donaghadee Community Development Committee attend the ceremony. It is envisaged that the cost for five persons to attend this prestigious event will be approximately £600 for flights.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council approves attendance at the Britain in Bloom Awards ceremony in London of the Mayor, one Council Officer and three members of Donaghadee Community Development Committee.

ITEM 8

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Community and Wellbeing Committee
Date of Meeting	10 September 2025
Responsible Director	Director of Community and Wellbeing
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Leisure Services
Date of Report	19 August 2025
File Reference	LEI23
Legislation	n/a
Section 75 Compliant	Yes ☐ No ☐ Other ☒ If other, please add comment below: n/a
Subject	The Hygiene Bank at Ards and North Down Borough Council Leisure Sites
Attachments	None

Background

The Hygiene Bank (THB) is a registered UK Charity, (1181267) who state they are a grassroots people-powered charity grounded in their community and totally managed in Northern Ireland by dedicated volunteers. They believe that everyone deserves to be able to care for themselves and their family and they believe that access to hygiene products are critical for people to maintain their health and wellbeing. Their purpose is to ensure no one is held back from participating in society because of hygiene poverty. They believe in building stronger, resilient communities by working together to shape a more just society.

The charity place collection points for hygiene products in locations that the public have access to. These locations include shops, pharmacies etc. throughout Northern Ireland. The donated products are then collected and distributed by partner foodbanks, charities and some schools.

Not Applicable

There are currently fourteen similar schemes throughout Northern Ireland run by volunteers and project coordinators. These are proving a success, and it is proposed that a scheme coming to the Borough would expand this provision for residents within the Ards and North Down Borough. This proposal however would be unique in Northern Ireland in that it would involve a collaboration between a local authority and the charity with local authority sites being utilised as potential collection locations for the charity.

Proposal to establish collection points within the Borough
The Hygiene Bank NI are proposing to enter into a collaboration with Ards and North Down Borough Council. They have proposed establishing collection points at the Councils centres where members of the public can leave hygiene products. These products will then be collected by THB NI volunteers and donated to distribution partners within the community. All donated products will remain within the Borough.

The Community Partners who are currently registered with THB NI within the Borough are:

Newtownards Foodbank
Belfast Central Mission based in Newtownards
Bowtown Community Development Group Newtownards
The Warehouse ND Community Works) Newtownards
The Storehouse Bangor
Bangor Foodbank and Community Support
Bangor Sure Start
Belfast Central Mission based in Bangor
St Mary's PS Comber
St Malachy's PS Bangor
Kilcooley Women's Centre Bangor
Holywood Family Trust Holywood
Kiltonga Christian Centre, Conlig

Operationally, their local volunteers will call regularly to collect any donations. Initially, they intend to visit sites and empty donation boxes every 2-3 weeks. At the time of collection, the volunteers take a note as to how full our boxes are in case the frequency of collections need to increase. In addition, THB NI also will have their mobile number written on the inside of the box if it is filling up quickly and Council colleagues can call the local coordinators to prompt a pickup.

It is proposed that initially a few facilities will be selected by THB NI and donation points will be established at those sites by way of a trial. Over time, the scheme, if successful at these sites, will be extended to other sites across the Borough to facilitate more access to donation points and ultimately more support for those in our community who would benefit from this support.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council engages with The Hygiene Bank to provide collection points at some Council facilities throughout the Borough and if an initial trial period

Not Applicable

proves successful Officers and THB NI would expand the scheme across other suitable Council sites across the Borough.

ITEM 9

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Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Community and Wellbeing Committee
Date of Meeting	10 September 2025
Responsible Director	Director of Community and Wellbeing
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Community and Culture
Date of Report	08 August 2025
File Reference	ART 14 2026/27, ART 06 2026/28, ART 14 2026/27, ART 14 2026/27 and HER 01 2026/27
Legislation	The Local Government Act (NI) 2014
Section 75 Compliant	Yes ☒ No ☐ Other ☐ If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Arts and Heritage Grants Schemes
Attachments	Appendix 1 - Arts Project Grants Scheme Appendix 2 - Multi Annual Grants Scheme Appendix 3. Youth Art Training Grants Criteria and Application 2026 Appendix 4 - Individual Artists Criteria and Guidance Notes Appendix 5 - Heritage Grants Criteria and Application

The Arts and Heritage Service operates a number of grants programmes. Attached are application form and guidance criteria for five of these programmes.

Arts Project Grant Application and Criteria 2026-27. Appendix 1
The aim of the Grant is to support community-based arts projects, events or activities taking place in the Ards and North Down Borough Council area. A maximum of £1,000 can be awarded to support groups undertake creative activities per annum.

Not Applicable

Multi Annual Arts Grant Application and Criteria. Appendix 2.
The Multi-annual Arts Grant scheme is open to constituted arts organisations in the Borough who meet the eligibility criteria. The scheme opens every two years and awards a grant of up to £5,000 for Core funding or up to £4,000 for an annual one off Arts Festival.

Youth Art Training Grants 2026-27. Appendix 3.
The aim of Ards and North Down Borough Council's Youth Arts Training Grant is to help support young people (aged 11 – 21 years) in their artistic development through training and development opportunities. The Fund is for available for training and residencies up to £250

Individual Artist Grants 2026-27. Appendix 4.
The annual Individual Artist Grant scheme is open to professional artists working and living in the Borough to apply for support towards training costs and artistic residencies. The Fund is for available for training and residencies up to £250.

Heritage Project Grants 2026-27. Appendix 5.
The annual Individual Artist Grant scheme is open to professional artists working and living in the Borough to apply for support towards training costs and artistic residencies. The Fund is for available for training and residencies up to £250.

Under the new Grants Policy these schemes require approval from Council prior to launching.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council approves the schemes for the listed grants programmes and as detailed in the appendices to this report.

APPENDIX 1

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Arts Project Grant
1 April 2026 – 31 March 2027

Application Criteria and Guidance Notes

Deadline for applications: XXXXX

General Conditions of Application:

- All applications must be: completed in full, submitted with all necessary supporting information and received by the closing date set out in the advertisement and application form.
- Late / incomplete / retrospective applications will not be considered.
- Applications to the Arts Project Grant will open annually.
- Grants awarded are subject to budget approval.

Applications must be submitted to:
artsgrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk or to Ards Arts Centre, Town Hall, Conway Square, Newtownards, BT23 4NP

Please read these guidance notes carefully before submitting an application

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Ards and North Down Borough Council

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
ARTS PROJECT GRANT CRITERIA 2026/2027

GUIDANCE NOTES

For community-based arts projects, events or activities taking place in the Ards and North Down Borough Council area between 1 April 2026 – 31 March 2027

Completed Applications are to be submitted by XXXXXX at 12 noon

Please note: Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered. Please ensure the correct application form (2026/2027) is submitted, incorrect application versions will unfortunately be deemed as ineligible.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The strategic objectives of Ards and North Down Borough Council's Arts Project Grants are:

- **To improve access to the arts**
- **To promote and encourage artistic development and skills in the community**
- **To encourage participation in the arts**
- **To support wellbeing through creative activity**
- **To ensure quality arts experiences**

All projects must address a minimum of 4 strategic objectives of Ards and North Down Borough Council's Arts Grants Scheme

THE APPLICATION PROCESS – GUIDANCE

This funding scheme is being administered in line with Council's updated Grants Policy. Applications will be assessed by a scoring panel that comprises of at least 3 officers.

Calls for Arts Project Grant applications will be advertised in the local press and on the Council's website and social media.

Applications to the 2026-2027 Arts Project Grant scheme will open on **XXXX. The Closing date is XXXX at 12 noon.**

Applications are welcome from not-for-profit organisations and constituted community and voluntary groups delivering activity in the Ards and North Down Borough.

Applications for Arts Project Grant should be completed in line with this guidance and criteria. Awards are subject to budget approval and availability. The maximum award per application is £1,000.

Application forms, guidance notes and criteria will be made available on the Council's website Link to Ards and North Down Council Website - Grants as well as AND Culture website Arts Project Grant | AND Culture

Application to the Arts Project Grant 2026/2027 is by an online application form available via our website: https://andculture.org.uk/funding

If you require special assistance with this application process, please contact us before the deadline so this can be arranged. Email: artsgrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk for more information.

NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS:

We will only accept one application per group/organisation. Answers will only be scored up to the maximum word count. Scoring is based on content of answers. Answers do not need to use the full word count.

Confirmation of receipt of an application will be sent within 3 working days.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

What supporting documentation is required?

- Signed governing document such as a constitution (in the name of the applicant organisation)
- Signed accounts or Income and Expenditure Statement.
- Current Account Bank statement (in the name of the applicant organisation, and in credit) – which must be dated within the last three months

Failure to supply the requested essential documentation at time of application may result in your application not being assessed.

If you are emailing your application and documents, we advise you to password protect emails that contain sensitive data in order to keep you and your personal information safe and if requested we can forward you instructions on how to do this. Council also now use Zivver for safe transfer of information and we can assist applicants with doing this.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Who is eligible?

- Not-for-profit-making organisations and constituted groups whose proposed arts activity is taking place within Ards and North Down Borough Council boundaries.

Who is not eligible?

- Statutory organisations
- Individuals or sole traders - *Individuals should apply to the Ards and North Down Individual Artist Grant*
- *Projects, events, activities undertaken or equipment purchased outside the specified award period.*
- *Projects, events, and activities where the primary benefit is outside the Borough.*
- *Events, projects or activities which conflict with any Council run project, event, or activity.*
- *Organisations not legally established in the UK.*
- *Projects, events, activities not compliant with the Council's aims and objectives.*

The Applicant must:

- Demonstrate sufficient experience to carry out the project.
- Demonstrate a need and demand for the project.
- Allow, at least, an **8-week** lead-in-time from the deadline for submission of the application and the date of the commencement of the project.

The Project must:

- Address a minimum of 4 strategic objectives of Ards and North Down Borough Council's Arts Project Grants Scheme – See page 1
- Be effectively planned, budgeted and have clear objectives and outcomes.
- Provide match funding of at least 20% (either cash or in-kind)
- Be accessible to the public, where appropriate.
- Be adequately marketed and publicised throughout the Borough.
- Represent value for money.
- Be non-party political, non-religious and non-sectarian.

What type of project is suitable?
The following are for example only:

- An arts group could invite a professional practitioner to lead a series of creative workshops to develop new skills in the group.
- A residents' association could work with an artist to design an artwork for a community venue.
- A youth group could work on a project with a drama/art tutor, resulting in an end performance or exhibition.
- A community group organising a special event/performance that encourages engagement in creative activities.

The table below lists eligible and ineligible costs. Please note this list is not exhaustive.

Eligible Costs	Ineligible Costs
• Facilitator/performer/speaker fees • Equipment hire • Venue hire • Expendable materials • Marketing– Advertising / PR • Prize Awards and Trophies (Not cash prizes) • Administration Costs (excluding wages) • Relevant Insurance costs • Participants and volunteers' refreshments (No alcohol) • Adjudicators Fees, Accommodation and Travel	• Bank Fees/Charges • Tax and VAT Payments • Accountancy Fees /Corporation Tax • Staff salaries / Consultancy fees • Capital Expenditure e.g. equipment such as cameras or computers etc • Hospitality (such as sponsors dinners etc) Alcohol cannot be claimed in any context. • Cash Payments/Transactions including Petty Cash • Legal Fees/ Membership Fees • Charitable Donations • Liquor Licences • Prize Fund - Cash • Management Fees • Rates/Fuel/Electricity/Rent/Phone Bills

APPLICATION SCORING

Section 1

Failure to answer yes to all the criteria in Section 1 will result in the application being removed from the process without being scored in section 2.

	Yes	No
Has the group provided a signed constitution?		
Does the project meet the strategic aims of the Arts Service?		
Is the project based in the Ards and North Down Borough Council area?		

Section 2

Applications will be scored on the following criteria:

2.1 **Quality of proposed project; with regards to the project description, the aims and objectives, activities to be undertaken, the outcomes and value for money.** Max word count 1000 words. (scored 0-10 x 2)

Keep it simple but detailed. Clearly explain the aims and objectives of the project. Be specific about what you plan to do. Include dates, times, numbers and activity details. Identify the project outcomes.

2.2 **Quality and experience of artists/facilitators** – Max word count 500 words. (scored 0-10)

CV's or Biog's MUST be provided. If an individual facilitator has not been identified applicants must give an example of the type/quality of artist you aim to work with. If no facilitator or artist is involved in the project, explain in detail how artistic quality can be achieved through the skills of the group.

2.3 **Applicant demonstrates good project management and administration.** Max word count 500 words. (scored 0-10)

Tell us about all the personnel managing the project, their project management experience and how they will ensure effective management systems are in place. Include Health and Safety and Safeguarding measures.

2.4 **Applicant demonstrates demand for the project.** Max word count 500 words (scored 0-10)

Clearly explain why this project and funding is needed. Who will benefit from it, what their needs are and how you are addressing these needs

The answers to each of the questions will be given a score out of 10 using the matrix detailed in the Table below. NB: weighting x 2 will be applied to question 2.1. This is done to reflect the importance of the question but is still aligned with the scoring matrix below:

Score	Measure
10	Exceptional response that fully meets and exceeds all criteria.
9	Excellent. Very strong response that meets all criteria with only minor, non-critical gaps.
8	Very Good. A solid application that meets most criteria well, though there may be some areas for clarification or development.
7	Good. Generally good response, meeting the majority of the criteria. Some aspects may be underdeveloped, unclear, or require further detail.
6	Satisfactory. Acceptable application with some strengths, but key elements are missing or inadequately addressed.
5	Fair. Meets some basic criteria but lacks depth, clarity, or cohesion. Shows some potential, but significant development needed.
4	Weak. Does not adequately meet several criteria. Application lacks coherence or clear rationale. Limited potential demonstrated.
3	Poor. Major gaps in response. Application fails to address core requirements and lacks clarity or focus.
2	Very Poor. Severely lacking across all areas. No clear artistic rationale, feasibility, or impact.

1	Inadequate. Completely fails to address the criteria. No artistic merit or relevance apparent. Application may be incomplete or off-topic.
0	Not Applicable. No response provided to relevant criteria, or application is ineligible or disqualified.

FINANCE

Section 3

3.1 Detail the cost of the project and the amount requested from Ards and North Down Borough Council. Please ensure you include sufficient detail and breakdown. Also include in-kind contribution.

In-kind contributions can include:

- Volunteer time: You can calculate this by using the minimum wage and multiplying by the number of hours worked.
- Donated equipment/goods: How much the equipment or goods would cost to purchase or hire
- Services donated from other companies or organisations: How much this service would cost if you were to pay for it
- Use of premises or office space for the festival

You will need to calculate the value of the volunteer time as this is benefit in kind and it shows value for money.

3.2 Detail projected income.

Please ensure you include sufficient detail and breakdown Please indicate where you intend to secure the income from e.g. your own funds, sponsorship, other grants income from ticket sales.

- Offered/Awaiting Confirmation – for each source of income please advise if the funding is secured, awarded or if you are awaiting confirmation and if so when do you to expect confirmation.

FURTHER GUIDANCE

- Grants of up to a total of £1,000 maximum are available per group, per financial year.
- Funding will not be given to groups that have a currently open arts project grant.
- All grants require match funding of at least 20% (either cash or in-kind)
- Grants must be used to undertake new and/or developmental activities or events.
- Grants can be used in conjunction with other schemes, such as the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, but must show how they will be used for different elements.
- Grants are not given for capital expenditure on facilities or revenue costs such as rent or organisation overheads.
- Grants may not be used for profit making opportunities (EG: ticketing for events may be used for cost recovery, but not for profit).
- As per Ards and North Down Grants Policy, provision of funds to organisations to host fundraising / donation-led activities is not permitted.
- Grants are designed to support one-off projects, successful applications will not automatically lead to repeat funding.
- Grants can be given for expendable materials but not equipment or instruments.
- Retrospective funding is not available.
- Applications received after the stated deadline will **not** be assessed.
- All money must be spent by 31 March 2027.

- All funding from Ards and North Down Borough Council must be used for the purpose for which the application was initially made, and in circumstances where this stipulation is not adhered to satisfactorily, Ards and North Down Borough Council may insist on full repayment of the funding allocated. If any change is to occur in relation to any of the projects for which funding has been received Ards and North Down Borough Council's Arts Department must be informed immediately.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

EVALUATION

Following the closing date, applications will be assessed and scored according to the weighted criteria.

The application will be assessed by an assessment panel that will comprise of at least 3 officers of which one should be from the service delivering the grant. At least 2 other officers that have experience in administering grants will make up the panel.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION TO THE FUND

Where the amount of grant funding requested exceeds the available grant budget, allocation of funds will be awarded to successful applicants based on ranked scores, until the maximum available funding is reached.

DEADLINE

The Arts Project Fund will close at on **XXX at 12noon.** Incomplete applications or those received after this time unfortunately will not be considered. Please ensure that you have completed and are submitting the 2026/27 version of the application, incorrect versions unfortunately cannot be accepted.

GRANT TIMELINE

Scheme advertised	January 2026
Scheme open	January 2025
Scheme close	February 2026
Date of Assessment	February 2026 TBC
Award and regret letters issued	March 2026 TBC
Letter of acceptance received	4 weeks from the date of letter of offer
Completion of grant period	31st March 2027
Final Claim to be submitted	Before 31st March 2027
Monitoring & Evaluation to be Submitted	6 weeks after your project has completed

UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

If the application is **unsuccessful**, you will be notified via email with the reasons clearly stated. You will be sent a copy of Council appeals procedure. Feedback on the application can be provided on written request. However, an appeal can only be made where an

applicant can evidence that the process of assessment was not followed in accordance with the criteria detailed in the Guidance Notes.

The aim of the appeals process is to ensure a fair and transparent process for the assessment of grant applications. Grants will be assessed based on the criteria set out in the Guidance Notes.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

If the Application is **successful**, we will:

- send you a Letter of offer (LoO) confirming the amount of the award and detailing the conditions attached to the award. The Form of Acceptance within the LoO must be signed and returned within 4 weeks of the date printed on the LoO.
- In the LoO you will be asked to provide relevant insurance documentation and safeguarding policies before the grant can be released.
- Along with the LoO you will receive a claim form and a copy of the evaluation documents (this is in line with the level of the grant) to be completed after the project has taken place.

CONDITIONS OF GRANT

- Successful applicants must accept in writing any award given within 4 weeks of the letter of offer being received in order to draw down 50% of the grant. In the event of this deadline not being adhered to, the offer will be withdrawn.
- The remaining 50% can be drawn down on completion of project by producing a Grant Evaluation Form, Claims Form, and original receipts/invoices.
- Ards and North Down Borough Council must be acknowledged on all project promotional material.
- Organisations must ensure suitable insurance/public liability cover is in place for all activities.
- Successful applicants are required to invite a representative of Ards and North Down Borough Council to the event/activity/exhibition to which the grant is awarded.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SAFEGUARDING

Individuals and organisations working with children, young people and/or adults who may be vulnerable must have an existing policy that ensures good practice guidelines are followed.

You can adopt the Council's Safeguarding policy if the organisation does not have a policy in place by signing and returning the **Confirmation of Safeguarding arrangements** form at Appendix 1 of the Council's Safeguarding Policy.
This is available to download at: www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/about-the-Council/safeguarding

DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION

The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA) aims to ensure that disabled people are not treated less favourably than people who are not disabled. It covers access to goods, services, facilities, education and transport. This means that you have a duty to anticipate that disabled people will want to use the services and you should make changes accordingly to increase accessibility.

The DDA also requires employers not to discriminate against disabled people and to make reasonable adjustments for applications and in the workplace.

We expect all applicants to be familiar with the DDA and have made reasonable adjustments that aim to provide equality of access, dignity and choice.

Section 75, Freedom of Information and Data Protection

Equality of Opportunity, Section 75 and Good Relations, Freedom of Information, Data Protection and the Funding Declaration are included in section 4 of the application. Applicants are required to tick the statement confirm that these have been read. The application declaration also needs to be completed and signed by 2 committee members

DATA PROTECTION

Ards and North Down Borough Council values your right to personal privacy. Personal information provided to the Council is processed in order to fulfil its obligations under the Arts and Heritage Strategy. Personal information will not be shared with any other organisation, unless there is a legal requirement to do so, and will be held for a period of seven years. All information will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Principles.

You have a right to see and review the personal information held on you. If you wish to request your personal information or have a data protection query, please contact the Council's Data Protection Officer), stating clearly who you are and the nature of your query to:

Data Protection Officer,
Ards and North Down Borough Council,
City Hall
The Castle
Bangor,
BT20 4BT
Email: dataprotection@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk
or tel: 0330 013 3333

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Arts Project Grant Application Form 26/27

For projects taking place between 1 April 2026 – 31 March 2027

Available to arts, community and special interest groups throughout the Ards and North Down Borough area for arts events, projects or activities up to a maximum of £1,000 per financial year. **Grants will be awarded subject to budget being secured.**

Deadline for application: XXXXXXXXX, 12 noon (sharp)

Please read the guidance notes carefully before completing this form and remember to keep a copy of the completed application form for your own records.

Completed applications should be returned:
by email to artsgrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

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or

by post by the deadline to Ards and North Down Borough Council Arts Service at:

Ards Arts Centre
Conway Square
Newtownards
BT23 4NP

Please write on your envelope: Arts Project Grant Application

SECTION 1 – ABOUT YOUR GROUP

Name of Organisation

_____

Address of Organisation _____

_____

City/town _____ Post Code _____

Name of contact person _____

Contact Person's address _____

_____

City/town _____ Post Code _____

Daytime Tel: _____ Evening Tel_____

E-mail _____

In what year did your organisation start? ☐

What type of organisation are you? (√)
If you are a company AND a recognised charity, please tick both boxes.

Unincorporated club or association	☐
Company limited by guarantee	☐
Company limited by shares	☐
Recognised charity	☐
Trust	☐
Other: Please specify _____	☐

Recognised Charity Number (if applicable) _____

VAT Registration Number (if applicable) _____

What are the main aims and current activities of your organisation?

(400 words max – not scored)

What geographical area is covered by your organisation/project?

SECTION 2 – PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Title of project for which you are requesting funding.

When will your project start?
Must be at least 2 months from the deadline of submission of application.

Day _____ *Month* _____ *Year* _____

How long will the project last? _____

How many people will benefit from the grant?

Audience members _____ *Participants* _____

2.1 Please describe your project in detail, explaining the following:

- **aims and objectives of the project**
- **detailed plan of activities that will take place during the project**
- **what the outcomes will be from the project**

(1000 words max – scored 0 – 10 x 2)

2.2 Tell us about the artists/facilitators involved in the project. *You **must** provide information on the artists involved – for example a CV or a DETAILED description of their artistic experience and qualifications*

(500 words max – scored 0 – 10)

2.3 Please explain how your project will be managed. *Provide information on the person(s) who will be responsible for the management of the project and how the project will be publicised*

(500 words max – scored 0 – 10)

2.4 Please explain what the demand/need is for this project. *Include who will benefit from it and how they will benefit*

(500 words max – scored 0 – 10)

APPENDIX 1

SECTION 3 – FINANCE

3.1 Project Costs

How much will your project cost and how much do you need from us? Include in-kind costs. The budget will be scored as part of the Project Description Question 2.1

Item or Activity	Total Cost	Requested Amount from AND
Total Expenditure ***Please check all financial information supplied is correct and totaled accurately***		

3.2 Project Income

Please tell us your expected income below.
All projects require at least 20% match funding, this can be in-kind. If you are expecting income from ticket/book/publication/DVD sales you should tell us how much you are charging.

Source of funding/Income	£	Cash or in-kind
Requested grant from AND Borough Council		
Total Income (should be same as total expenditure) ***Please check all financial information supplied is correct and totaled accurately***		

Organisations Current Financial Position

Please give details of your most recent annual accounts *(no more than one year old).*

Accounts for the year ending:	**Day**		**Month**		**Year**	
Total (gross) income	£					
Total expenditure	£					
Profit or loss for the year	£					
Savings (reserves, cash or investments)	£					

Please list all cheque/withdrawal signatories (as required by your constitution)

Name	Position in Group

SECTION 4 – ANDBC POLICY

Equality of Opportunity, Section 75 and Good Relations

Ards and North Down Borough Council is required to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between

- persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation
- men and women generally
- persons with a disability or without
- persons with dependants or without.

In addition, without prejudice to the obligations above, Council is required to have regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group.

Council is committed to fulfilling the Section 75 statutory duties across all functions (including service provision, employment and procurement)

Freedom of Information

Ards and North Down Borough Council is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This Act came into operation on 1st January 2005. Applicants should be aware that the information provided in the completed application document could be disclosed in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

The Council will proceed on the basis of disclosure unless an appropriate exemption applies. No information provided by applicants will be accepted “in confidence” and Ards and North Down Borough Council will not accept liability for loss as a result of any information disclosed in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Ards and North Down Borough Council does not have a discretion regarding whether or not to disclose information in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act, unless an exemption applies. Decisions in relation to disclosure will be taken by appropriate individuals in Ards and North Down Borough Council having due regard to the exemptions available and the Public Interest. Applicants should be aware that despite the availability of some exemptions, information may still be disclosed if the Public Interest in its disclosure outweighs the Public Interest in maintaining the exemption. Applicants are required to highlight information included in the application documents which they consider to be commercially sensitive or confidential in nature, and should state the precise reasons, why that view is taken. In particular, issues concerning trade secrets and commercial sensitivity should be highlighted. Applicants are advised against recording unnecessary information.

In accordance with the Lord Chancellors Code of Practice on the discharge of public functions, Ards and North Down Borough Council will **not** accept any contractual term that purports to restrict the disclosure of information held by the Council in respect of the contract or grant process save as permitted by the Freedom of Information Act. The decision whether to disclose information rests solely with Ards and North Down Borough Council.

Ards and North Down Borough Council will consult with applicants, where it is considered appropriate, in relation to the release of controversial information.

Data Protection

Ards and North Down Borough Council values the right to personal privacy. We collect this information solely for the purposes of this application and do not share it with anyone. We comply with the DPA (Data Protection Act) 2018 and UK GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation), ensuring that information is collected fairly and lawfully, is accurate, adequate, secure, up to date and not held any longer than necessary**.**
For further information our Privacy Statement can be viewed at
https://www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/privacy-and-cookies

Please tick the box to confirm you have read the Freedom of Information, Data Protection and Equality statements above ☐

Fundraising Declaration

As per Ards and North Down Grants Policy, provision of funds to organisations to host fundraising / donation-led activities is not permitted. Therefore, if the activity would not go ahead without the collection of donations intended for retention by the organisation or distribution to third parties, you should not accept any grant offered.

I confirm the activity applied for is not a fundraising event as defined in the guidelines. ☐

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SECTION 5 - ENCLOSURES, CHECKLIST AND SIGNIATURES

I have enclosed the following ESSENTIAL documents	YES/ NO	Comment
CVs and information on artist/s, groups, technical staff, other personnel we propose to employ as part of the project		
A signed copy of our constitution		
Signed accounts or Income and Expenditure Statement.		
Current Account Bank statement		

We declare that this application is made with the authority and consent of the above organisation and that the information provided is true, accurate and complete.

Name (in capitals):
Position held:
Signature (on behalf of the applicant):
Date:

Name (in capitals):
Position held:
Signature (on behalf of the applicant):
Date:

Completed application forms and supporting documentation should be forwarded by no later than: 12 noon on xxx 2026. Where possible completed applications should be emailed as a pdf to:artsgrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

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Return to: Email (preferable) artsgrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

Hand delivery or post to:
Ards Arts Centre
Conway Square
Newtownards
BT23 4NP

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Multi-annual Arts Grant 2026 - 2028

Application Criteria and Guidance Notes

Deadline for applications: XXXXX

General Conditions of Application:

- All applications must be: completed in full, submitted with all necessary supporting information and received by the closing date set out in the advertisement and application form.
- Late / incomplete / retrospective applications will not be considered.
- Applications to the Arts Multi-Annual Fund will open every two years.
- Grants awarded are subject to budget approval.

Applications must be submitted to:

artsgrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk or to Ards Arts Centre, Town Hall, Conway Square, Newtownards, BT23 4NP

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Please read these guidance notes carefully before submitting an application

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Ards and North Down Borough Council

Multi-Annual Arts Funding 2026-28 Criteria and Guidance Notes

Multi-Annual funding for Arts is used to help arts organisations in the Ards and North Down Borough Council area to carry out their work, and to create annual programmes which benefit people in the borough. Arts organisations, in all recognised artforms and practices, can apply for funding for their core and programming costs.

The aim of the Multi-Annual Arts Fund is to support non-profit making arts organisations for overheads and to deliver arts programmes:

- To improve access to the arts
- To contribute to the thriving arts sector in the borough
- To promote and encourage artistic development and skills in the community
- To encourage participation in the arts
- To support wellbeing through creative activity
- To ensure quality arts experiences

The Multi-Annual Arts Funding stream will be open for applications from xxxx and will close on xxxx.

Timescales

Scheme advertised	< insert date >
Scheme open	< insert date >
Date of Assessment	< insert date >
Award and regret letters issued	< insert date >
Letter of acceptance received	< insert date >
Completion of grant period	< insert date >
Claim to be submitted	< insert date >
Monitoring Form to be submitted	< insert date >
Close of Scheme	< insert date >

Who is eligible?

This grant stream is open to:

- Non-profit making arts organisations[1] in all recognised artforms[2] that are based in the borough of Ards and North Down.
- The core purpose of the arts organisation and an 80% majority of their annual programming must be arts specific. See Appendix 2.

To determine eligiblity, applicants must answer the eligibility Section 2 of the application form and are required to provide the following information:

- A copy of the arts organisation's Constitution or Articles of Association
- Most up-to-date accounts with the application.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for Multi-Annual Arts funding, the applicant must meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

- Be an established arts organisation as defined in Appendix 1
- Be located within the Ards and North Down Borough
- The core purpose of the arts organisation and an 80% majority of their annual programming must be arts focused within the recognised artforms
- Contribute to the thriving arts sector in the borough
- Have been in operation as a constituted arts organisation for a minimum of three years
- Have a demonstrated record of regular, ongoing arts programming
- Have a viable administrative structure
- Demonstrate effective governance by a Board of Directors or other body responsible for the arts organisation
- Demonstrate good financial management and balanced budgets

The above will be reviewed by the assessment panel to determine if eligibility criteria have been met by the applicant.

Who is not eligible / exclusions?

Examples of applicants who are not eligible for the Multi-Annual Arts Fund:

- Individuals or sole traders

[1] See Appendix 1 for definition of an Arts Organisation for the purpose of this funding stream

[2] See Appendix 2 for definition of recognised artforms for the purpose of this funding stream

- Organisations which do not meet the eligibility criteria and do not have arts as the core purpose of the organisation
- Organisations which cannot demonstrate an 80% majority of their annual programming is arts focused within the recognised artforms
- Community groups
- Umbrella organisations *(eg: those that fall under / are governed by another main organisation)*
- Statutory bodies for activities which fall within their statutory remit
- Broadcasters
- Commercial trading companies
- Companies that exist to distribute a profit
- Applicants who have broken the terms of a previous Ards and North Down Borough Council letter of offer in the previous 4 years or who remain in breach of previous terms
- Grants will not be given for charity fundraising / donation-led activities
- Grants will not be given for profit making activities
- Grants will not be given for gifts and prizes
- Retrospective funding is not available

Community organisations undertaking arts related events/projects are not eligible for this funding stream as other community and arts project funding is provided by Ards and North Down Borough Council to support these needs.

Funding

There are two types of Multi-annual Arts Funding:

Multi-Annual Arts Fund: CORE

This is for Arts Organisations who are providing a year long programme of arts activity. Their costs will reflect having premises from where they administer and/or deliver the annual arts programme.

Arts Organisations can apply for up to £5,000 per annum.

- Administrative salaries
- Rent and Rates
- Light and Heat
- Maintenance, security, etc.
- Telephone and Fax
- Printing, postage, stationery
- Financial costs e.g.: accountancy
- Insurance

Multi-Annual Arts Fund: PROGRAMMING

This multi-annual arts funding is for arts organisations who deliver an annual, large-scale, quality arts project to a high standard.

Arts Organisations can apply for up to £4,000 per annum.

- Artists' costs
- Volunteer expenses
- Publicity/Marketing (excluding catering/merchandising)
- Transportation
- Travel, accommodation, subsistence
- Equipment/Materials

What type of grant is available?

- Maximum grants of up to £4,000 (Programming) or £5,000 (Core) are available for each year of the award - April 2026 to March 2028.
- Grants can represent up to 50% maximum of overall programme/expenditure.
- Grants can be used in conjunction with other funding sources, such as the Arts Council of Northern Ireland. Applicants must clearly demonstrate that other funding will be used for different elements of their programme(s).
- Each recipient of Programming funding cannot receive funding for the same festival/event activity from other Ards and North Down Borough Council funds.
- **Grants awarded are subject to budget approval.**

Successful applications will not automatically lead to repeat funding.

Scoring

1. **Eligibility (Yes / No)**
   Assessed under Qs 1 - 8 of the application form, plus constitution
   In this section, the applicant must clearly demonstrate:
   - That they meet the eligibility criteria as stated on pages 2 – 3 of the guidance notes

If applicants do not meet the eligibility criteria, the application will not be scored further.

Scoring Matrix

On meeting the above eligibility criteria, applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. **Artistic Merit / Quality and Programming (40%)**
   Assessed under Q11, Q12, Q14, Q15 of the application form
   In this section, the applicant must clearly demonstrate:
   - a strong artistic vision delivered through the proposed annual programme and linked to the arts organisation's core aims and objectives or strategic plan

- a programme that demonstrates artistic merit and quality

2. **Organisational Management, Governance, and Finances (25%)**
   Assessed under Q10, Q16, Q17, Q20, Q21 of the application form
   In this section the applicant must clearly demonstrate:
   - capacity to deliver the proposed programme
   - good practice in terms of governance
   - good practice in terms of financial management

3. **Audience Benefit (35%)**
   Assessed under Q13.i. – Q13.iv. of the application form
   In this section, the applicant must clearly demonstrate:
   - who the audiences and participants were and who/how many you engaged with
   - how you engaged with your audiences/participants
   - specific activities used to promote greater access and participation to the arts
   - how the arts organisation contributes to the development of the arts sector in the borough

Applications will be scored based on a Scoring Matrix.[3]

A pass mark will be agreed and set before applications are assessed. Those who do not reach the pass mark will not be awarded.

In the event of the grant stream being oversubscribed against maximum funding available, allocation of funds will be awarded to successful applicants based on ranked scores, until the maximum available funding is reached.

Assessment Process

- All grant applications received by email (to artsgrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk) will receive an auto-reply to confirm that the email has been received.
- All grant applications will receive an acknowledgement email after the date of the deadline from the Arts Service of Ards and North Down Borough Council, along with information on the next steps.
- Fully completed and submitted applications received by the closing date and time will be assessed against the criteria detailed in the Criteria and Guidance Notes by an assessment panel comprising Council Officers.
- Assessment panels will apply a minimum pass mark; scoring criteria will be detailed in the grant Criteria and Guidance Notes; details of a situation where the amount of grant funding exceeds the available grant budget will be outlined in the grant criteria and supporting guidance notes.
- All applicants will be informed by email of the outcome of the assessments once this process has been completed.
- A Letter of Offer and Form of Acceptance will be issued to successful applicants.

[3] See Appendix 3 for details on the Scoring Matrix

How to draw down the grant:

- Successful applicants must accept in writing any award given within 4 weeks of the letter of offer being received in order to draw down 80% of year 1 of the grant in **April 2026**. In the event of this deadline not being adhered to, the offer will be withdrawn.
- In order to draw down the remaining 20% of year 1 of the grant, applicants must complete an evaluation report before the end of each financial year. No funding will be paid out for Year 2 until this evaluation report has been received for Year 1.
- Ards and North Down Borough Council must be acknowledged on all promotional material in accordance with branding guidelines.
- Organisations must ensure suitable insurance/public liability cover is in place for all activities.
- Where appropriate, recipients must produce a current safeguarding policy.
- Successful applicants are required to invite a representative of Ards and North Down Borough Council to public events or activities.
- Arts funding must be used for the purpose for which the application was initially made. If any change is to occur in relation to the use of funding Ards and North Down Borough Council's Arts section must be informed immediately.
- In circumstances where the conditions of grant are not adhered to satisfactorily, Ards and North Down Borough Council may request claw back of the funding allocated.
- Any money not utilised or accounted for must be returned to Ards and North Down Borough Council.
- **Grants awarded are subject to budget approval.**

What happens to your Application?

- Applications to the Multi-Annual Arts Fund are assessed after each deadline by a panel made of Ards and North Down Borough Council Officers.
- You will be notified by email of the outcome of your application once this assessment process is complete.
- The deadlines for receipt of applications are published on the cover of the application form. Completed applications should be submitted to Ards Arts Centre via the contact details given, and by the relevant deadline.
- A pass mark will be agreed and set before applications are assessed. In the event of the grant stream being oversubscribed against maximum funding available, allocation of funds will be awarded to successful applicants based on ranked scores, until the maximum available funding is reached.
- Please refer the Council website regarding appeals procedure. www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

ANDBC Policy: Equality of Opportunity, Section 75 and Good Relations

Ards and North Down Borough Council is required to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between

- persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation
- men and women generally
- persons with a disability or without
- persons with dependants or without

In addition, without prejudice to the obligations above, Council is required to have regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group.

Council is committed to fulfilling the Section 75 statutory duties across all functions (including service provision, employment and procurement)

Freedom of Information

Ards and North Down Borough Council is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This Act came into operation on 1st January 2005. Applicants should be aware that the information provided in the completed application document could be disclosed in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

The Council will proceed on the basis of disclosure unless an appropriate exemption applies. No information provided by applicants will be accepted "in confidence" and Ards and North Down Borough Council will not accept liability for loss as a result of any information disclosed in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Ards and North Down Borough Council does not have a discretion regarding whether or not to disclose information in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act, unless an exemption applies. Decisions in relation to disclosure will be taken by appropriate individuals in Ards and North Down Borough Council having due regard to the exemptions available and the Public Interest. Applicants should be aware that despite the availability of some exemptions, information may still be disclosed if the Public Interest in its disclosure outweighs the Public Interest in maintaining the exemption. Applicants are required to highlight information included in the application documents which they consider

to be commercially sensitive or confidential in nature, and should state the precise reasons, why that view is taken. In particular, issues concerning trade secrets and commercial sensitivity should be highlighted. Applicants are advised against recording unnecessary information.

In accordance with the Lord Chancellors Code of Practice on the discharge of public functions, Ards and North Down Borough Council will not accept any contractual term that purports to restrict the disclosure of information held by the Council in respect of the contract or grant process save as permitted by the Freedom of Information Act. The decision whether to disclose information rests solely with Ards and North Down Borough Council.

Ards and North Down Borough Council will consult with applicants, where it is considered appropriate, in relation to the release of controversial information.

Data Protection

Ards and North Down Borough Council values the right to personal privacy. We collect this information solely for the purposes of this application and do not share it with anyone. We comply with the DPA (Data Protection Act) 2018 and UK GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation), ensuring that information is collected fairly and lawfully, is accurate, adequate, secure, up to date and not held any longer than necessary.

For further information our Privacy Statement can be viewed at https://www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/privacy-and-cookies

How to Apply:

Applications for Multi-Annual Arts Funding are available from:

1. Download online at www.andculture.org.uk or www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/resident/grants
2. Request by email to: artsgrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk
3. Contact the Arts Service on 028 9181 0803
4. In person at Ards Arts Centre, Conway Square, Newtownards, BT23 4NP during opening hours

DEADLINE

Completed applications should be returned by email* by the closing date of **xxxx** along with the required documentation to:

Email: artsgrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

Please type the subject line: Multi Annual Arts Fund Application

If you would prefer to hand deliver your application to Ards Arts Centre, please contact us **in advance to arrange a delivery date and time before the deadline to ensure staff will be in the building to receive your application and issue you with a receipt of delivery. Please note that Ards Arts Centre is closed on Sundays, Mondays, and Bank Holidays.*

If you are emailing your application and documents we advise you to password protect emails that contain sensitive data in order to keep you and your personal information safe and if requested we can forward you instructions on how to do this. Council also now use Zivver for safe transfer of information and we can assist applicants with doing this.

Appendix 1

Definition of an 'Arts Organisation'

The following is a definition of an arts organisation to be eligible for the purpose of this funding stream:

An arts organisation is a non-profit organisation, whose core objective is to create art, support artistic development or share artistic experiences with the public and our local communities.

Their activities can include curating exhibitions, staging performances, providing arts education and outreach arts programmes, supporting artists, and fostering public engagement with the arts. They contribute to enriching cultural life within our borough, presenting artistic quality, merit and making the arts accessible to diverse audiences.

Appendix 2

Definition of 'Recognised Art Form'

The core purpose of the arts organisation, and their annual programming, must be arts focused within the recognised art forms as stated.

The following are examples of recognised art forms for the purpose of this funding stream:

Visual Arts:

This includes traditional painting, drawing, printmaking, illustration, sculpture, photography, and more contemporary forms such as lens-based, installation art and digital art.

Craft:

Craft is considered as those disciplines defined by the Design and Crafts Council of Ireland (https://www.dcci.ie/). This can include ceramics, textiles and fashion, woodworking, silver/goldsmithing, glasswork, stonework. *Please note that in this instance for this grant scheme, 'Upcycling', candle making / work containing candles or wax melts, cosmetics / soaps / skin care, and electrical goods will not be eligible.*

Literary Arts:

This includes poetry, prose, creative writing, and other forms such as screenwriting and songwriting.

Performing Arts:

This includes music, theatre, dance, and other forms of live performance.

Digital Art:

This refers to artwork created exclusively in the digital space, including online artwork, digital installations, and digital applications that deliver artistic content. It can either exist in the digital space or be translated into a physical object or tangible experience through technology.

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Scoring Matrix

The following scoring matrix will be applied when assessing applications:

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5	Fair. Meets some basic criteria but lacks depth, clarity, or cohesion. Shows some potential, but significant development needed.
4	Weak. Does not adequately meet several criteria. Application lacks coherence or clear rationale. Limited potential demonstrated.
3	Poor. Major gaps in response. Application fails to address core requirements and lacks clarity or focus.

2	Very Poor. Severely lacking across all areas. No clear artistic rationale, feasibility, or impact.
1	Inadequate. Completely fails to address the criteria. No artistic merit or relevance apparent. Application may be incomplete or off-topic.
0	Not Applicable. No response provided to relevant criteria, or application is ineligible or disqualified.

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Multi Annual Arts Funding Application Form 2026 - 2028

Deadline for application:

XXXX

Please read the Funding Criteria document carefully before completing this form and remember to keep a copy of the completed application form for your own records.

Please also note that where a maximum word count is stated, any words over the word limit will not be considered or assessed.

SECTION 1 – CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of arts organisation (*This should be the same as the name on your constitution*)

Name of contact person

Contact person's address (please include town and postcode)

Daytime Tel

Evening Tel

E-mail

SECTION 2 – ELIGIBILITY

In this section you will be asked questions that will determine your eligibility for this funding stream.

1. Address of arts organisation (please include town and postcode)

2. Please tell us which best describes your arts organisation currently, and arts programming (tick all that apply):

- Visual arts programming (eg: exhibitions, studio space, arts workshops)
- Performing arts programming (eg; music, dance, drama, arts festival)
- Arts venue (eg: performance venue, studio spaces, gallery)

3. Please tell us how long your arts organisation has been in operation / when it was founded:

4. Please provide evidence of your organisations overall programming / activity from the past year (April 2024 – Mar 2025):

5. Does your organisation programme other activity / events that are not arts related / not on the list of recognised artforms? Yes / No

6. If yes, please provide details of these activities and the percentage of your overall programming that these represent:

7. Please tell us which of the below applies to your arts organisation?

If you are a company AND a recognised charity, please tick both boxes

Unincorporated club or association	
Company limited by guarantee	
Company limited by shares	
Recognised charity	
Trust	
Other: Please specify _____	

Recognised charity number (if applicable)

VAT registration number (if applicable)

8. Does your organisation have either a Constitution or a Memorandum and Articles of Association? (required)

Yes ☐ No ☐ If so, please attach a signed copy.

9. Does your organisation require Safeguarding (Child Protection) policies and procedures?

Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, a copy will be requested

SECTION 3 – ORGANISATIONAL MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

10. Please describe the structure of your organisation and demonstrate how you ensure good organisational governance, financial management and organisational management.
Please also attach experience statements of key personnel involved in your organisation.

Maximum 400 words

SECTION 4 – ARTISTIC MERIT / QUALITY AND ARTS PROGRAMMING

11. What are the main aims of your arts organisation?

Maximum 200 words

12. Please describe in brief, your activities over the past three years to show a track record of delivering a successful arts programme(s).
Please include: Types of activity, types of groups/participants engaged with, and participant/project numbers.

Maximum 400 words

SECTION 5 – PROJECTED PROGRAMME

13.
13. Please describe the benefit to your audience that you engaged with through your programme over the past three years;

i. Who the audiences and participants were and who/how many you engaged with, including a breakdown of the demographics of audience (300 words max)

ii. How you engaged with your audiences/participants (300 words max)

iii. Specific activities you used to promote greater access and participation to the arts (300 words max)

iv. How the arts organisation contributes to the development of the arts sector in the borough (300 words max)

14. Please give an overview (in bullet pointed format) of the main elements of your proposed arts programme, including intended audiences, for each year of activities for 2026 - 2028.

Maximum 400 words

15. Please describe how you plan to promote the different elements of your programme to maximize engagement.

Maximum 200 words

16. Please describe how you plan to monitor and evaluate the different elements of your programme.

Maximum 200 words

SECTION 6 – COSTS

17. What is your total anticipated expenditure in 2026 - 2027?

£

18. Please tick which grant you are you applying for *(please only tick ONE option):*

☐ **CORE Funding (max £5,000)**

☐ **PROGRAMME Funding (max £4,000)**

19. How much are you asking Ards and North Down Borough Council's Arts Section for? *Grants can represent up to 50% maximum of overall programme / expenditure.*

£

20. Please detail in the table below your anticipated expenditure for 2026 - 2027

Expenditure Item or Activity	2026-27

	£
Core costs:	
Administrative salaries	
Rent and Rates	
Light and Heat	
Maintenance, security, etc.	
Telephone and Fax	
Printing, postage, stationery	
Financial costs *e.g. accountancy*	
Insurance	
Other *(please detail)*	
Programming costs:	
Artists' costs	
Volunteer expenses	
Publicity/Marketing	
Catering, merchandising	
Transportation	
Travel, Accommodation, Subsistence	
Equipment/Materials	
Other *(please detail)*	
TOTAL COSTS	

21. What is your anticipated total overall income for your organisation in 2025 – 2026, including the amount you are requesting in this application?

Please also include any other anticipated grant monies/sponsorship stating the name of the funding body or sponsor.

If you are expecting income from ticket/book/publication/DVD sales, you should tell us how much you are charging (see example below).

Anticipated Income	2026/27 £

Please note that we will only pay awards into an organisational account that requires at least two unrelated people to sign each cheque or withdrawal from the account.

Please provide details of your most recent completed annual accounts*:*

Accounts for the year ending:	Day		Month		Year	
Total (gross) income	£					
Total expenditure	£					
Profit or loss for the year						
Savings (reserves, cash or investments)						

SECTION 7 – ENCLOSURES & CHECKLIST

I have enclosed the following essential documents	**YES/ NO**	**Comment**
A signed copy of your arts organisation's constitution.		
Most recent audited accounts		
Experience statements of key personnel involved in your organisation		

SECTION 8 – DECLARATION

TWO SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED ON THIS FORM:

(A) the designated contact person identified in Section 1 of this form,
AND
(B) the Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary or Treasurer

NOTE: (A) & (B) CANNOT BE THE SAME PERSON

(A) The contact person should sign this section

☐ I confirm that by submitting my application that I have read, understood, and agree to the Criteria and Conditions of Application.

☐ I confirm that I have read the Freedom of Information, Data Protection and Equality statements.

Fundraising Declaration
As per Ards and North Down Grants Policy, provision of funds to organisations to host fundraising / donation-led activities is not permitted. Therefore, if the activity would not go ahead without the collection of donations intended for retention by the organisation or distribution to third parties, you should not accept any grant offered.

☐ **I confirm the activity applied for is not a fundraising event as defined in the guidelines.**

☐ I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information in this application form is true and correct. I understand that you may ask for more information at any stage of the application process.

Signed: _____ Date _____

(B) The Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary or Treasurer must complete and sign this section.

Title _____ First Name _____ Surname _____

I agree, on behalf of _____ (insert group's name) that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information in this application form is true and correct. I understand that you may ask for more information at any stage of the application process.

I understand that if any of the information in this application form is found to be false or misleading, that this application form will be null and void and not eligible for this funding stream.

Signed: Date

Please remember to keep a copy of this application form for your own records.

CLOSING DATE: XXXX

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE / TIME WILL NOT BE ASSESSED

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO PROVIDE SUFFICENT INFORMATION TO ALLOW FULL CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATION FORMS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Applications for Multi-Annual Arts Funding are available from:

1. Download online at www.andculture.org.uk or www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/resident/grants
2. Request by email to: artsgrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk
3. Contact the Arts Service on: 028 9181 0803
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   Completed applications should be returned by email* by the closing date along with the required documentation to:

   artsgrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

   Please type the subject line: Multi Annual Arts Fund Application

If you would prefer to hand deliver your application to Ards Arts Centre, please contact us **in advance to arrange a delivery date and time before the deadline to ensure staff will be in the building to receive your application.*

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Ards and North Down Borough Council

Youth Arts Training Grant
1 April 2026 – 31 March 2027

Application Criteria and Guidance Notes

Deadline for applications: XXXXX

General Conditions of Application:

- All applications must be: completed in full, submitted with all necessary supporting information and received by the closing date set out in the advertisement and application form.
- Late / incomplete / retrospective applications will not be considered.
- Applications to the Youth Arts Training Grant will open annually.
- Grants awarded are subject to budget approval.

Applications must be submitted to:
artsgrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk or to Ards Arts Centre, Town Hall, Conway Square, Newtownards, BT23 4NP

Please read these guidance notes carefully before submitting an application

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Youth Arts Training Grant Criteria 2026/27

For opportunities taking place between 1 April 2026– 31 March 2027

Application Deadline: XXXX, at 12pm

Failure to meet the criteria as listed below in this document will result in your application not being assessed.

The aim of Ards and North Down Borough Council's Youth Arts Training Grant to help support young people (aged 11 – 21 years) in their artistic development through training and development opportunities.

Grants of up to a total of £250 are available per applicant per financial year, subject to budget approval.

Application to the Youth Arts Training Grant 2026/2027 is by an online application form available via our website: https://andculture.org.uk/funding

If you require special assistance with this application process, or would prefer to complete a Word version of this application, please contact us before the deadline (no later than 12 noon on 10 February 2026) so this can be arranged. Email: artsgrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk for more information.

GRANT TIMELINE

Scheme advertised	
Scheme open	
Scheme close	
Date of Assessment	
Award and regret letters issued	
Letter of acceptance received	4 weeks from the date of letter of offer
Completion of grant period	31st March 2027
Final Claim to be submitted	Before 31st March 2027
Monitoring & Evaluation to be Submitted	6 weeks after your project has completed

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Who is eligible?

- To be eligible you must meet all the following criteria:
- Resident within the Ards and North Down Borough Council Area.
- Aged 11 – 21 years.
- Applying to, or have been accepted or invited onto, a youth arts training course or youth arts development opportunity.

The applicant must be able to:

- Demonstrate a commitment to the creative art form to which they are requesting the grant.
- Can demonstrate sufficient experience in the creative art form.
- Demonstrate how the training or development opportunity will be of benefit to them.
- Clearly show what the training or development opportunity is by producing course programme, details of facilitators etc.
- Training/development opportunity cannot commence before 1 April 2026 and must be completed before 31 March 2027.

Please provide the following <u>essential</u> documentation with your application:

- Evidence of the course/training/activity programme or publication (EG: Course programme information, residency information pack, etc).
- Receipts/invoices/evidence of costs.
- A letter of acceptance or invite onto course/training/activity (where applicable).

It is recommended that you compile the essential documentation in the following formats <u>before</u> completing your application online, ready to be uploaded:

- Evidence of the course/training/activity programme or publication (PDF document is preferable).
- Receipts/invoices/evidence of costs (PDF document is preferable).
- A letter of acceptance or invite onto course/training/activity if applicable (PDF document is preferable).

Failure to supply the requested essential documentation at time of application, or in the formats as requested, may result in your application not being assessed.

What type of training/development opportunity is suitable?

Those:

- That promote and encourage artistic development and skills in young people.
- That ensure quality arts experiences.
- That support wellbeing through creative activity.

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Some examples of what we will consider are:

- A young person undertaking a summer residential youth theatre, orchestra or choir training programme.
- A young person undertaking a visual arts or crafts training programme or residency.
- Short-term or one-off courses, residencies and development opportunities.
- Accredited or non-accredited training.

Scoring

The answers to each of the questions will be given a score out of 10 using the matrix detailed in the Table below. NB: weighting x 2 will be applied to question 8. This is done to reflect the importance of the question but is still aligned with the scoring matrix below:

Applications will be scored on the following criteria:

- Experience of applicant and commitment to artistic development *(scoring 0-10)*
- Quality of course/residency/training opportunity, including value for money *(scoring 0-10)*
- Applicant demonstrates how the course/residency or training opportunity will benefit their artistic skills/development *(scoring 0-10 x 2)*

A pass mark will be agreed and set before applications are assessed. Those who do not reach the pass mark will not be awarded.

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0	Not Applicable. No response provided to relevant criteria, or application is ineligible or disqualified.

Grant Guidelines

- Grants of up to a total of £250 are available per applicant per financial year. The Youth Arts Training Grant can represent up to 90% of the total course/residency/training opportunity costs.
- Applications are welcome irrespective of an individual's religious belief, political opinion, racial group, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, whether they have dependents or not, or whether they have a disability or not. Please be advised that those applicants who have indicated that they have a disability or a physical or mental impairment will be required to provide more detail if their application is successful to ensure their needs may be met through putting in place reasonable adjustments (if applicable).
- Grants awarded are subject to budget approval.
- **This grant is for short term courses/residencies/development opportunities. Short term courses are deemed to be those which are no longer than 3 months in length and must take place within the grant financial year (1 April 2026– 31 March 2027).**
- Grants will not be given for costs relating to courses/residencies/development opportunities that form part of the curriculum for long term or full-term opportunities.
- An application can cover any aspect of the cost of a training programme or course in a related subject.
- Up to 20% of the requested grant aid may be used towards payment of travel and accommodation of the applicant only but must not form the core content of the course/residency/development opportunity. Payments towards costs of a guardian to accompany the applicant (for travel, etc) will not be covered. Receipts/invoices/evidence of costs must be provided at the time of application.
- Applicants should note that while careful consideration will be given to each application, it may not be possible to assist every applicant even if all the criteria are met.
- A condition of the Award is that successful applicants will be required to provide Ards and North Down Borough Council's Arts Section with a short evaluation on how they used their award and the benefit they gained from it.
- Ards and North Down Borough Council cannot accept applications for training or activity already undertaken (retrospective funding).
- Applications received after the stated deadline will **not** be assessed.

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- Training/development opportunity cannot commence before 1 April 2026 and must be completed before 31 March 2027.
- All money must be spent before 31 March 2027.

What Happens Next?

- All grant applications will receive an automatic email as soon as your online application has been completed and successfully submitted. A receipt for your response will be emailed to you from the address **no-reply@mail1.citizenspace.com** with the subject "**Response received - Response ID: XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-X**". If it doesn't appear in your inbox within a couple of minutes after submitting your application, please check your "spam" or "junk" folder.
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Ards and North Down Borough Council

YOUTH ARTS TRAINING GRANT 2026/27

APPLICATION FORM

For opportunities taking place between 1 April 2026 – 31 March 2027.

The aim of Ards and North Down Borough Council's Youth Arts Training Grant to help support young people (aged 11 – 21 years) in their artistic development through training and development opportunities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible you must meet all the following criteria:

- Resident within the Ards and North Down Borough Council Area.
- Aged 11 – 21 years*.
- Applying to, or have been accepted or invited onto, a youth arts training course or youth arts development opportunity.

**Artists aged over 21 years should apply to the Individual Artists Grant.*

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

A maximum grant of £250 is available subject to budget approval.

CRITERIA

Please read the full Youth Arts Training Grant Criteria document below before completing your application. You may also download the Criteria which is linked at the bottom of this page (under the headline "Related").

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SUPPORT MATERIAL

It is recommended that you compile the essential documentation in the following formats before completing your application online, ready to be uploaded:

- Evidence of the course/training/activity programme or publication (PDF document is preferable).
- Receipts/invoices/evidence of costs (PDF document is preferable).
- A letter of acceptance or invite onto course/training/activity if applicable (PDF document is preferable).

APPLICATION DEADLINE

24 February 2026, 11:59pm (sharp)

Please Note: Application form will shut at 11:59pm sharp and incomplete applications will be lost.

We encourage applications to be completed by the youth applying for the Youth Arts Training Grant as this demonstrates the commitment of the applicant.

Please allow plenty of time to complete your application ahead of the date of the deadline.

IMPORTANT

It is recommended that before submitting your application that you click the 'save and come back later' button at the bottom left of each page. This will save your work allowing you to return to it. You will need to complete each question on that page before you can save the work or move on to the next page. If you submit your application without saving your work, and you experience an IT issue or loss of internet connection, your work will be lost and you will have to start again.

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If you require special assistance with this application process, require a one-to-one telephone/video meeting for advice, or would prefer to complete a Word version of this application, please contact us before the deadline (**no later than 12 noon, 10 February 2026)** so this can be arranged.

Email: artsgrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk **for more information.**

Once applicants have successfully submitted their proposal on the system, they will receive an automated acknowledgement email with their unique reference number. Please check your junk folder. If you do not receive this email, then your application has not been submitted.

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About You

1. Name:
(Required)

2. Date of Birth:
Please note this grant is for youths aged 11 - 21 years.
(Required)

Age

3. Address:
***Please note**: to be eligible, applicants must be resident in Ards and North Down Borough*
(Required)

4. Email address:
If you enter your email address then you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your application.
(Required)

If under 18 years of age, please provide an email address of a parent / guardian:

5. Telephone number:
(Required)

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About your Artistic Experience

6. Please give details of any experience, training, qualifications or awards gained in your chosen arts activity.
For example: one-off training courses, graded examinations, GCSE, A Level, third level education, etc.
(Required)

About the Course / Residency / Training Opportunity

7. Please describe the course/residency/training opportunity you wish to participate in.
(Required)

What are the dates and duration of your course / residency / training opportunity?
Please provide exact dates and times.
Must be between 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026
(Required)

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8. Please outline how your course / residency / training opportunity will meet the following:

To promote and encourage artistic development and skills in young people. (State how this course will benefit your skills)
(Required)

To ensure quality arts experiences. (State the level of quality of the course and your experience and the quality of the organisation running the course)
(Required)

To support wellbeing through creative activity. (State how the course will improve your confidence, happiness, friendships, etc)
(Required)

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9. Please provide evidence of the course / residency / training opportunity.
EG: Course programme information, residency information pack, etc
It is preferable that you upload one PDF outlining all additional information if possible.

It is essential that you provide at least one form of evidence of the course / residency / training opportunity here:

File 1 (Required)
Please make sure your file is under 25MB
Choose file:

File 2
Please make sure your file is under 25MB
Choose file:

File 3
Please make sure your file is under 25MB
Choose file:

10. Only if applicable, please include a Letter of Acceptance or Invitation onto the course / residency / training opportunity.

Letter of Offer / Invitation
Please make sure your file is under 25MB

Choose file:

Costs
11. How much will your course/residency/training opportunity cost and how much grant aid are you requesting?
EG: fees, materials, travel, etc*.

If you are claiming for more than one cost, then please list and outline the total cost for each activity/item in the fields below, plus the amount that you will be requesting for each.

**Up to 20% of the requested grant aid may be used towards payment of travel and accommodation of the applicant only, but must not form the core content of the course/residency/development opportunity.*

Please note, a maximum grant of £250 is available, and grants can only represent 90% of total costs.

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EXAMPLE OF HOW TO COMPLETE COSTS

1.a Item or Activity and total cost (Required)

1.b Requested grant aid amount (Required)

2.a Item or Activity and total cost

2.b Requested grant aid amount

3.a Item or Activity and total cost

3.b Requested grant aid amount

If you have more activities / items, please list them below and ensure to include total costs, and requested grant aid amount for each.

12. Total requested grant aid amount
Please check all financial information supplied is correct and totaled accurately.
(Required)

13. Grants can represent up to 90% of the total cost of your course/residency/training opportunity. How will you meet the remaining costs?
(Required)

1. Evidence of costs. Please provide receipts / invoices / evidence of costs to support your application.

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It is preferable that you upload one PDF document with evidence of all costs.

File 1 (Required)
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File 5
Please make sure your file is under 25MB
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File 6
Please make sure your file is under 25MB
Choose file:

Checklist

14. I confirm that I have uploaded the following essential supporting documents:
    - Evidence of course / residency / training opportunity
    - Receipts / invoices / evidence of costs
    - *Letter of Acceptance / Invitation (only if applicable)*

☐ Yes (Required)

15. I confirm that by submitting my application that I have read, understood, and agree to the Criteria and Conditions of Application.

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Criteria and Conditions of Application

☐Yes (Required)

16. I understand that applications are assessed based solely on the information supplied in this application form and support material. I confirm that I have included all information requested and required, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information in this application form is true and correct. I understand that you may ask for more information at any stage of the application process.

☐Yes (Required)

17. For those applying who are under 18 years of age, please confirm that a parent or guardian has checked and approved the application.
Parents full name to confirm:

Almost done…

You are about to submit your response. By clicking 'Submit Response' you give us permission to analyse and include your response in our results. After you click Submit, you will no longer be able to go back and change any of your responses.
If you provide an email address you will be sent a receipt and a link to a PDF copy of your response.

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Thank you for completing the online application to Ards and North Down Borough Council's Youth Arts Training Grant 2026/27.

You will be contacted by **email** to inform you of the outcome of your application. This usually takes four weeks from the application deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact: artsgrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Individual Artist Grant

dates xxxx - xxxx

For opportunities taking place from xxxx - xxxx

Application Criteria and Guidance Notes

Deadline for applications: XXXXX

General Conditions of Application:

- All applications must be: completed in full, submitted with all necessary supporting information and received by the closing date set out in the advertisement and application form.
- Late / incomplete / retrospective applications will not be considered.
- Applications to the Individual Artist Grant will open every year.
- Grants awarded are subject to budget approval.

Applications can be submitted via:

Online via: https://andculture.org.uk/funding/individual-artist-grant

If you require this application form in a different format, please email artsgrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk or phone 028 9181 0803 before the deadline date.

Please read these guidance notes carefully before submitting an application

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Individual Artist Grant Criteria and Guidance Notes xxxx

For opportunities taking place between xxxx – xxxx

The aim of Ards and North Down Borough Council's Individual Artists Grant is to enhance professional development across all artforms through funding for short term courses/residencies/development opportunities.

This is an annual grant scheme. If in the event that there is remaining budget for this scheme, it may open for a second round of applications in the summer *(dates xxxx)* for activity taking place from the autumn *(dates xxxx)*. Funding is only available to successful applicants once per financial year. Therefore, if the applicant has r an award for this grant scheme in Round 1, they are not eligible to apply for Round 2.

Application to the Individual Artist Grant xxxx is by an online application form available via our website: https://andculture.org.uk/funding

If you require special assistance with this application process, or would prefer to complete a Word version of this application, please contact us before the deadline (date xxxx) so this can be arranged.

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Timescales

Scheme advertised	< insert date >
Scheme open	< insert date >
Date of Assessment	< insert date >
Award and regret letters issued	< insert date >
Letter of acceptance received	< insert date >
Completion of grant period	< insert date >
Claim to be submitted	< insert date >
Monitoring Form to be submitted	< insert date >
Close of Scheme	< insert date >

Who is eligible?

To be eligible you must meet all the following:

- Resident within the Ards and North Down Borough
- A practicing professional artist[1] in any recognised art form[2] including; visual art, applied art, multi-media, music, dance, drama, literature.
- Applying to, or have been accepted or invited onto, a course/residency/development opportunity to enhance professional development.

The applicant must be able to:

- Demonstrate a quality professional practice
- Have sufficient experience in their creative art form
- Be able to provide evidence of, and clearly show what the course/residency/development opportunity will involve, by providing relevant information relating to the opportunity, details of facilitators, and its benefits to the applicant.
- The course/residency/development opportunity cannot start before xxxx and must be completed by xxxx.

Please provide the following <u>essential</u> documentation with your application:

- Up-to-date Artist's CV
- Support materials of your artistic practice (Images* and other supporting materials where applicable: publications/examples of writing, audio recordings for examples of music, short video footage of performances, etc).
- Evidence of course/residency/development opportunity (EG: course programme/information, residency facilities, activity timetables, facilitator CV, etc).
- Receipts/invoices/evidence of costs
- Further information relating to the course/residency/development opportunity (EG: course facilitator biography, venue information, advertisement, acceptance letter, or invitation)

It is recommended that you compile the essential documentation in the following formats before completing your application online, ready to be uploaded:

- Up-to-date CV (PDF or Word document ONLY)
- Supporting materials* in the following formats where applicable (Images [JPEG or PNG ONLY] no less than 1MB, audio files no more than 60 seconds in length and under 25MB, video files no more than 60 seconds in length and under 25MB, publications / examples of writing as one PDF or Word document only)
- Evidence of course/residency/development opportunity programme/information (PDF or Word document ONLY)
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[1] See Appendix 1 for definition of *practicing professional artist*
[2] See Appendix 2 for definition of *recognised art form*

- Further information relating to the course/residency/development opportunity (PDF or Word document ONLY)

*Supporting Materials:

Visual Artists/Craftspeople may provide up to 6 high quality images of their work which should be of high quality/resolution and clearly demonstrate the work.[3]

Performing artists may provide up to 6 audio or video files no more than 60 seconds in length each, and under 25MB.

Writers may provide up to 6 examples of writing no more than one page in length per example.

Failure to supply the requested essential documentation at time of application will result in your application not being assessed.

What type of course/training or residency* is suitable?

*This grant is for **short term** courses/residencies/development opportunities. Short term course are deemed to be those which are **no longer than 3 months in length** and must take place within the grant financial year (dates xxxx).*

Those:

- that improve technical skills which relate to the artist's professional art practice
- that improve the artist's ability to manage their professional art practice
- that develop new skills which support the artist's professional art practice

Please Note:** If the opportunity that you are applying to is an artist's residency, please be advised that we have an Arts Residency Bursary Programme to the **Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Ballinglen Arts Foundation, and the John Hewitt Summer School.** If you wish to apply to any of the residencies listed, please apply through Ards and North Down Borough Council's Arts Bursary Programme** (linked below) as your application will not be considered through the Individual Artist funding stream. Please note the bursary application deadline of **XXXX.

**Arts Bursary Programme: andculture.org.uk/funding/bursaries

Grant Guidelines

- Individual Artist Grants of up to a total of £250 max. are available to individual artists per financial year. The Individual Artists Grant can represent up to 90% of the total course/residency/development opportunity costs.
- Applications are welcome irrespective of an individual's religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, whether they have dependents or not, or whether they have a disability or not. Please be advised that those applicants who have indicated that they have a disability or a physical or mental impairment will be required to provide more detail if their application is successful to ensure their needs may be met through putting in place reasonable adjustments (if applicable).
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- Grants are designed to be one-off payments; successful applications will not automatically lead to repeat funding in future financial years.
- Grants are not available for equipment.
- Up to 20% of the requested grant aid may be used towards payment of travel/accommodation, and must not form the core content of the course/residency/development opportunity.
- Receipts/invoices/evidence of costs must be provided at the time of application.
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- Retrospective funding is not available.
- Applications received after the stated deadline will not be assessed.
- The course/residency/development opportunity cannot start before date xxxx and must be completed, and all money must be spent by date xxxx.

Scoring

Applications will be scored on the following criteria:

- Is the applicant resident within the Ards and North Down Borough Council area? *(Yes – Eligible / No – Ineligible)*
- Quality of applicant's current professional artistic practice and experience of applicant ***(25%) Assessed under Q6, Q7, Q8 of the application form***
- Quality of course/residency/development opportunity, including value for money ***(25%) Assessed under Q9, Q11, Q12, Q13, Q14, Q15, Q16, & Q17 of the application form***
- Applicant demonstrates how the course/residency/development opportunity will benefit their artist's professional practice/skills ***(50%) Assessed under Q10 of the application form***

Applications will be scored based on a Scoring Matrix.[4]

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Appendix 1

Definition of 'Professional Practicing Artist'

An Artists CV, and up to 6 support materials of examples of work must be included with the application, plus other supporting evidence that demonstrates that you meet the required level of professional experience as listed in the criteria.

Applicants must have a demonstrable high standard of original, quality, consistent body of work with a specialist skill set within their art form AND be working consistently on a full time or part time basis within the arts sectors.

Those who do not meet at least one of the listed criteria will be considered on an individual basis on merit, for example: a recent graduate who has not yet had a solo exhibition or a self-taught artist with a high-quality body of work who does not hold a professional qualification.

A professionally practicing artist is defined as someone who meets at least one of the following (see relevant art form):

Visual Arts / Applied Arts / Craft / Digital Art:

- Degree or Diploma from a recognised third level college in your arts specialism
- Hold Professional Level membership to a recognised arts body (eg: Visual Artists Ireland, Crafts Council Ireland)
- One-person / solo exhibition (including time-based events) in a recognised gallery or exhibition space (EG: Local Authority gallery/arts centre, publicly funded art gallery). Please note any commercial gallery solo exhibitions will only be considered if selected on merit as part of the gallery's visual arts programme.
- Participation in an exhibition/visual art event which was selected by a jury in which professional artists or recognised curators participated (EG: Royal Ulster Academy)
- Participated in a national/international craft/trade show (EG: Gifted-The Contemporary Craft & Design Fair)
- Work is sold at a reputable retail outlet / craft design retail specialist outlet (EG: CRAFT NI)
- Work has been purchased by Government, local authority, museum or corporate client
- Work has been commissioned by Government, local authority, museum or corporate client
- Have been awarded a bursary, residency, materials grant or otherwise grant aided by the Arts Council/Arts Council of Northern Ireland/local authority or other funding body
- Have been awarded tax-exempt status by the Revenue Commissioners, or are on schedule D as a self-employed artist in Northern Ireland

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Performing Arts:

- Degree or Diploma from a recognised third level college in your arts specialism
- Hold Professional Level membership to a recognised arts body (eg: Musicians Union, The Actor's Guild)
- One-person / lead performance in a recognised performing arts venue (EG: Local Authority venue/arts centre, publicly funded performance venue).
- Participation in an arts festival or performed at an event programmed by a recognised arts body (eg: local authority arts festival, Grand Opera House, Lyric Theatre, etc)
- Work has been purchased by Government, local authority, museum or corporate client
- Work has been commissioned by Government, local authority, museum or corporate client
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- Have been awarded tax-exempt status by the Revenue Commissioners, or are on schedule D as a self-employed artist in Northern Ireland

Literary Arts:

- Degree or Diploma from a recognised third level college in your arts specialism
- Hold Professional Level membership to a recognised arts body (eg: The Society of Authors, etc)
- Work has been published by a recognised publisher.
- Participation in an arts festival or performed at an event programmed by a recognised arts body (eg: local authority arts festival, Grand Opera House, Lyric Theatre, etc)
- Work has been purchased by Government, local authority, museum or corporate client
- Work has been commissioned by Government, local authority, museum or corporate client
- Have been awarded a bursary, residency, materials grant or otherwise grant aided by the Arts Council/Arts Council of Northern Ireland/local authority or other funding body
- Have been awarded tax-exempt status by the Revenue Commissioners, or are on schedule D as a self-employed artist in Northern Ireland

Appendix 2

Definition of 'Recognised Art Form'

The following are examples of recognised art forms:

Visual Arts:
This includes traditional painting, drawing, printmaking, illustration, sculpture, photography, and more contemporary forms such as lens-based, installation art and digital art.

Craft:
Craft is considered as those disciplines defined by the Design and Crafts Council of Ireland (https://www.dcci.ie/). This can include ceramics, textiles and fashion, woodworking, silver/goldsmithing, glasswork, stonework. *Please note that in this instance for this grant scheme, 'Upcycling', candle making / work containing candles or wax melts, cosmetics / soaps / skin care, and electrical goods will not be eligible.*

Literary Arts:
This includes poetry, prose, creative writing, and other forms such as screenwriting and songwriting.

Performing Arts:
This includes music, theatre, dance, and other forms of live performance.

Digital Art:
This refers to artwork created exclusively in the digital space, including online artwork, digital installations, and digital applications that deliver artistic content. It can either exist in the digital space or be translated into a physical object or tangible experience through technology.

Appendix 3

Tips for photographing your artworks

- Position the artwork on a plain flat surface or hang on a wall, and position the camera looking straight at the artwork.
- Ensure the full artwork is shown in the photograph and not cropped.
- You may provide a detail/close up image of artwork if you have included a photograph of the full artwork as well.
- You may provide scale for the artwork by taking a distance photograph showing the work in situ in a gallery setting.
- Use bright, indirect, natural light avoiding glare/reflections on the artwork or on glass of framed work.
- Do not use your camera flash.
- Do not include other objects in the photograph other than the artwork unless providing a high quality photograph of the artwork in situ in a gallery space.
- Ensure that the photograph is clear (not blurred or too dark) and an accurate depiction of your artwork.
- Please ensure the photograph is of high quality and resolution.

Appendix 4

Scoring Matrix

The following scoring matrix will be applied when assessing applications:

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0	Not Applicable. No response provided to relevant criteria, or application is ineligible or disqualified.

APPENDIX 4

QUESTIONS

Individual Artist Grant xxxx (Ards and North Down Borough Council)

About You

1. Name:

2. Professional name (if different):

3. Home Address (include post code):
Applicants must be resident within the Ards and North Down Borough Council area.

4. Email address:
If you enter your email address then you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your application.

5. Telephone number:

About your Professional Artistic Practice and Experience

In this section you will be asked to demonstrate your professional artistic practice and experience.

6. Please describe your current professional practice. (500 words / 3,000 characters max)

7. Please provide an up-to-date Artist's CV:
What should I include in an Artist's CV? – link will appear on Citizen Space when application is live
Please provide in PDF or Word document format ONLY.
Please make sure your file is under 25MB
[Choose file]

8. Support Material: Please provide examples of your work.
IMPORTANT: Please refer to the Individual Artist Grant Criteria document for the required document formats BEFORE uploading your supporting materials.
Applicants must provide at least one example of their work in a format that is best suited to their practice.

Examples of supporting materials:
- High res images* for visual artists / craftspeople (JPEG/PNG accepted only)
- Publications/examples of writing for writers (PDF/Word documents accepted only)
- Audio files for examples of music for musicians / sound artists
- Short video footage of performances for actors, musicians, filmmakers, etc

A maximum of 6 supporting materials can be provided.

**Images which show examples of artists' work should be of high quality/resolution and clearly demonstrate the work. If you require further information on photographing your artwork, see below.*

Failure to supply the requested essential documentation at time of application, and in the formats as requested, will result in your application not being assessed.

Tips for photographing your artwork
Support Materials
File 1(Required)
Please make sure your file is under 25MB
[Choose files]

About the Course / Residency / Development Opportunity and Benefit

In this section you will be asked questions about the course/residency/development opportunity, and how this will benefit your professional artistic practice and skills.

9. Please describe the course / residency / development opportunity. (500 words / 3,000 characters max)

WHAT TYPE OF COURSE/TRAINING OR RESIDENCY* IS SUITABLE?
Those:

- that improve technical skills which relate to the artist's professional art practice
- that improve the artist's ability to manage their professional art practice
- that develop new skills which support the artist's professional art practice
- that enable the artist to understand or incorporate more sustainable and ethical practices in their work

Please Note: If the opportunity that you are applying to is an artist's residency, please be advised that we have an Arts Residency Bursary Programme to the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Ballinglen Arts Foundation, and the John Hewitt Summer School. If you wish to apply to any of the residencies listed, please apply through Ards and North Down Borough Council's Arts Bursary Programme (linked below) as your application will not be considered through the Individual Artist funding stream. Please note the deadline of xxxx*

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10. i) Please tell us how the course/residency/development opportunity will develop and benefit your artistic professional practice, including any new skills. (1,000 words / 6,000 characters max)

ii) If applicable, please tell us if this course/residency/development opportunity will result in a tangible outcome. (100 words / 600 characters max)

11. What are the dates and duration of your course / residency / development opportunity? Please provide exact dates and times.
Must be at least four weeks after the deadline of submission of application, and within the financial year of xxxx.

12. Please provide evidence of the course / residency / development opportunity.
EG: Course programme information, residency information pack, etc

It is preferable that you upload one PDF outlining all additional information.
Files (Required)
Please make sure your file is under 25MB
[Choose files]

13. Please provide further information relating to the course / residency / development opportunity.
EG: Course facilitator biography, venue information, advertisement, acceptance letter or invitation, etc

It is preferable that you upload one PDF document outlining all information
Files (Required)
Please make sure your file is under 25MB
[Choose files]

Costs

In this section you will be asked to tell us how much the course/residency/development opportunity will cost, and the total amount of funding you are requesting.

14. How much will your course/residency/development opportunity cost and how much do you need from us?

EG: fees, travel/accomodation*, etc.
If you are claiming for more than one cost, then please itemise and outline the total cost for each activity/item in the fields below, plus the amount that you will be requesting for each.
*Up to 20% of the requested grant aid may be used towards payment of travel and accommodation, but must not form the core content of the course/residency/development opportunity.

APPENDIX 4

Please note, a maximum grant of £250 is available, and grants can only represent up to 90% of total costs.
EG: If the total cost of the opportunity is £250, the requested grant amount can only total £225 which is 90% of £250.

EXAMPLE OF HOW TO COMPLETE COSTS

EXAMPLE
1.a Item or Activity and Total Cost
Two day training course "COURSE NAME" in Dublin, "VENUE NAME", facilitated by "FACILITATOR NAME". Total cost: £260
1.b Requested Amount
£234 (90% of total activity cost)
2.a Item or Activity and Total Cost
1 night accommodation in Dublin. Total cost: £200
2.b Requested Amount
£16 (Remaining amount to maximum grant award of £250)

Total Requested Support Amount
£250

1.a Item or Activity and total cost (Required)

1.b Requested amount (Required)

2.a Item or Activity and total cost

2.b Requested amount

3.a Item or Activity and total cost

3.b Requested amount

If you have more activities / items, please list them below and ensure to include total costs, and requested amount for each.

15. Total requested grant support amount
Please check all financial information supplied is correct and totalled accurately.

16. Grants can represent up to 90% of the total cost of your course/residency/development opportunity. How will you meet the remaining costs?

17. Evidence of costs. Please provide receipts / invoices / evidence of costs to support your application.

It is preferable that you upload one PDF document with evidence of all costs.
File
Please make sure your file is under 25MB
[Choose file]

APPENDIX 4

Checklist

Before you submit your application, please make sure you have answered all relevant and required questions, and have uploaded all of the relevant essential supporting documents and in the format as required.

18. I confirm that I have uploaded the following essential supporting documents:
- Artist CV
- Images and/or other support materials outlining my professional practice
- Evidence of course / residency / development opportunity
- Further information relating to the course / residency / development opportunity
- Receipts / invoices / evidence of costs

☐ Yes (Required)

19. I confirm that by submitting my application that I have read, understood, and agree to the Criteria and Conditions of Application.

☐ Yes (Required)

20. I confirm that I have read the Freedom of Information, Data Protection and Equality statements.

☐ Yes (Required)

21. I understand that applications are assessed based solely on the information supplied in this application form and support material. I confirm that I have included all information requested and required, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information in this application form is true and correct. I understand that you may ask for more information at any stage of the application process.

☐ Yes (Required)

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Heritage Project Grant
1 April 2026 – 31 March 2027

Application Criteria and Guidance Notes

Deadline for applications: XXXXX

General Conditions of Application:

- All applications must be: completed in full, submitted with all necessary supporting information and received by the closing date set out in the advertisement and application form.
- Late / incomplete / retrospective applications will not be considered.
- Applications to the Heritage Project Grant will open annually.
- Grants awarded are subject to budget approval.

Applications must be submitted to:
heritagegrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk or to North Down Museum, City Hall, Bangor, BT20 4BT

Please read these guidance notes carefully before submitting an application

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Ards and North Down Borough Council

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
HERITAGE PROJECT GRANT CRITERIA 2026/2027

GUIDANCE NOTES

For community-based heritage projects, events or activities taking place in the Ards and North Down Borough Council area between 1 April 2026 – 31 March 2027

Completed Applications are to be submitted by XXXXXX at 12 noon

Please note: Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered. Please ensure the correct application form (2026/2027) is submitted, incorrect application versions will unfortunately be deemed as ineligible.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The strategic objectives of Ards and North Down Borough Council's Heritage Project Grants are:

- **To improve access, understanding, knowledge and enjoyment of local heritage**
- **To disseminate information about local heritage**
- **To promote and encourage heritage development and skills in the community**
- **To support well-being through heritage-based activity**
- **To ensure quality heritage experiences and best practice.**

All projects must address a minimum of 4 strategic objectives of Ards and North Down Borough Council's Heritage Grants Scheme

THE APPLICATION PROCESS – GUIDANCE

This funding scheme is being administered in line with Council's updated Grants Policy. Applications will be assessed by a scoring panel that comprises of at least 3 officers.

Calls for Heritage Project Grant applications will be advertised in the local press and on the Council's website and social media.

Applications to the 2026-2027 Heritage Project Grant scheme will open on **XXXX. The Closing date is XXXX at 12 noon.**

Applications are welcome from not-for-profit organisations and constituted community and voluntary groups in the Ards and North Down Borough.

Applications for Heritage Project Grant should be completed in line with this guidance and criteria. Awards are subject to budget availability. The maximum award per application is £500.

Application forms, guidance notes and criteria will be made available on the Council's website Link to Ards and North Down Council Website - Grants as well as AND Culture website Heritage Project Grants | AND Culture

Application to the Heritage Project Grant 2026/2027 is by an online application form available via our website: https://andculture.org.uk/funding

If you require special assistance with this application process, please contact us before the deadline so this can be arranged. Email: heritagegrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk for more information.

NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS:

We will only accept one application per group/organisation. Answers will only be scored up to the maximum word count. Scoring is based on content of answers. Answers do not need to use the full word count.

Confirmation of receipt of an application will be sent within 3 working days.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

What supporting documentation is required?

- Signed governing document such as a constitution (in the name of the applicant organisation)
- Signed accounts or Income and Expenditure Statement.
- Current Account Bank statement (in the name of the applicant organisation, and in credit) – which must be dated within the last three months

Failure to supply the requested essential documentation at time of application will result in your application not being assessed.

If you are emailing your application and documents, we advise you to password protect emails that contain sensitive data in order to keep you and your personal information safe and if requested we can forward you instructions on how to do this. Council also now use Zivver for safe transfer of information and we can assist applicants with doing this.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Who is eligible?

- Not-for-profit making organisations and constituted groups whose proposed heritage activity is taking place within Ards and North Down Borough Council Borough boundaries.

What we will not fund:

- Statutory organisations
- Individuals
- Capital projects
- Acquisition of artefacts
- Acquisition of materials for research purposes
- Ecological heritage or biodiversity
- Projects, events, activities undertaken or equipment purchased outside the specified award period.
- Projects, events, and activities where the primary benefit is outside the Borough.
- Events, projects or activities which conflict with any Council run project, event, or activity.
- Organisations not legally established in the UK.
- Projects, events, activities not compliant with the Council's aims and objectives.

The Applicant must:

- Demonstrate sufficient experience to carry out the project.
- Demonstrate a need and demand for the project.
- Allow, at least, an **8-week** lead-in-time from the deadline for submission of the application and the date of the commencement of the project.

The Project must:

- Address a minimum of 4 strategic objectives of Ards and North Down Borough Council's Heritage Grants Scheme – See page 3
- Be effectively planned, budgeted and have clear objectives and outcomes
- Provide match funding of at least 20% (either cash or in-kind)
- Be accessible to the general public, where appropriate
- Be adequately marketed and publicised throughout the Borough
- Represent value for money
- Be non-party political, non-religious and non-sectarian.

What type of project is suitable?
Examples of projects are grouped under the following headings to reflect the Council's current priorities for funding heritage projects.

Buildings and monuments
While funding for capital projects is not covered under this grant scheme, projects which interpret and share the history and heritage of buildings and monuments are.

Here are some examples of what we could fund:

- Conservation of a church memorial plaque
- Celebrate the lives of people commemorated on a war memorial
- Community involvement in learning about built heritage

Community heritage
We support projects that explore the heritage of your community, bring people together and increase their pride in the local area. Community heritage is anything that makes your area unique and worth celebrating. It is often in danger of being forgotten or lost, and with it our sense of belonging and pride in where we live.

Here are just some of the things you could do to celebrate the heritage of your community:

- revive a long-lost tradition or craft
- share forgotten folk tales
- reveal the stories of the area's diverse groups
- discover the origins of the place where you live
- explore the events that helped to shape it.

Cultures and memories
Our traditions, memories and family histories all make us who we are. They are as much part of our heritage as archaeology, historic buildings or natural landscapes. Projects that delve into our diverse cultures and memories can bring people closer together, help them discover each other's heritage and create a sense of local pride.

Here are just some examples of what we could fund:

- explore the history of family and place names
- record accounts of traditional farming methods
- reveal the history of care for people with disabilities
- bring people from different backgrounds to learn about their rich histories, faiths and customs, as well as share them with new audiences
- give a voice to ordinary people – by recording their memories (oral history)
- help people learn about local traditions and crafts and the skills needed to preserve them

Industrial, maritime and transport

Printing presses, pumping engines, windmills, historic ships, landscapes transformed by industry…

We want to help more groups and organisations to celebrate their local industrial heritage.

What you could achieve with our funding:

- Uncover and record people's memories of our industrial past
- Reveal the history of the textile and mining industries
- Help young people to explore their maritime heritage.

Project Outputs
For the purposes of this grant, it is expected that projects will have produced materials in order to share their results with their local communities. These outputs could be:

- An exhibition
- A publication
- A video or sound recording that could be shared on social media
- A restored artefact
- Posters, flyers or brochures
- Speakers
- Equipment for public speakers.

What type of grant is available?

- Grants of up to £500 are available
- All grants require match funding of 20% (either cash or in-kind)
- The number of applications received and the resources available at the time of assessment will be taken into account in the assessment process. Please note that priority may be given to applications from currently under-represented areas.
- Grants must be used to undertake new and/or additional activities or special events
- Grants can be used in conjunction with other schemes, such as the Heritage Lottery Fund, but must show how they will be used for different elements of the project
- Grants are not given for capital expenditure on facilities or revenue costs such as rent or organisation overheads
- Grants will not be given for charity fundraising events
- Grants are designed to support one-off projects, successful applications will not automatically lead to repeat funding
- Grants can be given for expendable materials but will not normally be given for equipment unless the application proves a specific need for it
- Retrospective funding is not available.

APPLICATION SCORING

Section 1

Failure to answer yes to all the criteria in Section 1 will result in the application being removed from the process without being scored in section 2.

	Yes	No
Has the group provided a signed constitution?		
Does the project meet the strategic aims of the Heritage Service?		
Is the project based in the Ards and North Down Borough Council area?		

Section 2

Applications will be scored on the following criteria:

2.1 **Quality of proposed project; with regards to the project description, the aims and objectives, activities to be undertaken, the outcomes and value for money.** Max word count 1000 words. (scored 0-10 x 2)

Keep it simple but detailed. Clearly explain aims and objectives of the project. Be specific about what you plan to do. Include dates, times, numbers and activity details. Identify the project outcomes.

2.2 **Quality and experience of expertise involved** – Max word count 500 words. (scored 0-10)

CV's or Biog's MUST be provided. If an individual expert has not been identified applicants must give an example of the type/quality of expertise you aim to work with. If no expertise or facilitator is involved in the project explain in detail how heritage quality can be achieved through the skills of the group.

2.3 **Applicant demonstrates good project management and administration.** Max word count 500 words. (scored 0-10)

Tell us about all the personnel managing the project, their project management experience and how they will ensure effective management systems are in place. Include Health and Safety and Safeguarding measures.

2.4 **Applicant demonstrates demand for the project?** Max word count 500 words (scored 0-10)

Clearly explain why this project and funding is needed. Who will benefit from it, what their needs are and how you are addressing these needs

The answers to each of the questions will be given a score out of 10 using the matrix detailed in the Table below. NB: weighting x 2 will be applied to question 2.1. This is done to reflect the importance of the question but is still aligned with the scoring matrix below:

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FINANCE

Section 3

3.1 Detail the cost of the project and the amount requested from Ards and North Down Borough Council. Please ensure you include sufficient detail and breakdown. Also include in-kind contribution.

In-kind contributions can include:

- Volunteer time: You can calculate this by using the minimum wage and multiplying by the number of hours worked.
- Donated equipment/goods: How much the equipment or goods would cost to purchase or hire
- Services donated from other companies or organisations: How much this service would cost if you were to pay for it
- Use of premises or office space for the festival

You will need to calculate the value of the volunteer time as this is benefit in kind and it shows value for money.

3.2 Detail projected income.

Please ensure you include sufficient detail and breakdown Please indicate where you intend to secure the income from e.g. your own funds, sponsorship, other grants, income from ticket sales.

- Offered/Awaiting Confirmation – for each source of income please advise if the funding is secured, awarded or if you are awaiting confirmation and if so when do you to expect confirmation.

FURTHER GUIDANCE

- Grants of up to a total of £500 maximum are available per group, per financial year.
- Funding will not be given to groups that have a currently open heritage project grant.
- All grants require match funding of at least 20% (either cash or in-kind).
- Grants must be used to undertake new and/or developmental activities or events.
- Grants can be used in conjunction with other schemes, such as the National Lottery Heritage Fund, but must show how they will be used for different elements of the project.
- Grants are not given for capital expenditure on facilities or revenue costs such as rent or organisation overheads.
- Grants may not be used for profit making opportunities (EG: ticketing for events may be used for cost recovery, but not for profit).
- As per Ards and North Down Grants Policy, provision of funds to organisations to host fundraising / donation-led activities is not permitted.
- Grants are designed to support one-off projects, successful applications will not automatically lead to repeat funding.
- Retrospective funding is not available.
- Applications received after the stated deadline will **not** be assessed.
- All money must be spent by 31 March 2027.
- All funding from Ards and North Down Borough Council must be used for the purpose for which the application was initially made, and in circumstances where this stipulation is not adhered to satisfactorily, Ards and North Down Borough Council may insist on full repayment of the funding allocated. If any change is to occur in relation to any of the projects for which funding has been received Ards and North Down Borough Council's Museum Department must be informed immediately.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

EVALUATION

Following the closing date, applications will be assessed and scored according to the weighted criteria.

The application will be assessed by an assessment panel that will comprise of at least 3 officers of which one should be from the service delivering the grant. At least 2 other officers that have experience in administering grants will make up the panel.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION TO THE FUND

Where the amount of grant funding requested exceeds the available grant budget, allocation of funds will be awarded to successful applicants based on ranked scores, until the maximum available funding is reached.

DEADLINE

The Heritage Project Fund will close at on **XXX at 12noon.** Incomplete applications or those received after this time unfortunately will not be considered. Please ensure that you have completed and are submitting the 2026/27 version of the application, incorrect versions unfortunately cannot be accepted.

GRANT TIMELINE

Scheme advertised	January 2026
Scheme open	January 2025
Scheme close	February 2026
Date of Assessment	February 2026 TBC
Award and regret letters issued	March 2026 TBC
Letter of acceptance received	4 weeks from the date of letter of offer
Completion of grant period	31st March 2027
Final Claim to be submitted	Before 31st March 2027
Monitoring & Evaluation to be Submitted	6 weeks after your project has completed

UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

If the application is **unsuccessful**, you will be notified via email with the reasons clearly stated. You will be sent a copy of Council appeal procedure. Feedback on the application can be provided on written request. However, an appeal can only be made where an applicant can evidence that the process of assessment was not followed in accordance with the criteria detailed in the Guidance Notes.

The aim of the appeals process is to ensure a fair and transparent process for the assessment of grant applications. Grants will be assessed based on the criteria set out in the Guidance Notes.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

If the Application is **successful**, we will:

- send you a Letter of offer (LoO) confirming the amount of the award and detailing the conditions attached to the award. The Form of Acceptance within the LoO must be signed and returned within 4 weeks of the date printed on the LoO.
- In the LoO you will be asked to provide relevant insurance documentation and safeguarding policies before the grant can be released.
- Along with the LoO you will receive a claim form and a copy of the evaluation documents (this is in line with the level of the grant) to be completed after the project has taken place.

CONDITIONS OF GRANT

- Successful applicants must accept in writing any award given within 4 weeks of the letter of offer being received in order to draw down 50% of the grant. In the event of this deadline not being adhered to, the offer will be withdrawn.
- The remaining 50% can be drawn down on completion of project by producing a Grant Evaluation Form, Claims Form, and original receipts/invoices.
- Ards and North Down Borough Council must be acknowledged on all project promotional material.
- Organisations must ensure suitable insurance/public liability cover is in place for all activities.

- Successful applicants are required to invite a representative of Ards and North Down Borough Council to the event/activity/exhibition to which the grant is awarded.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SAFEGUARDING

Individuals and organisations working with children, young people and/or adults who may be vulnerable must have an existing policy that ensures good practice guidelines are followed.

You can adopt the Council's Safeguarding policy if the organisation does not have a policy in place by signing and returning the **Confirmation of Safeguarding arrangements** form at Appendix 1 of the Council's Safeguarding Policy.

This is available to download at: www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/about-the-Council/safeguarding

DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION

The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA) aims to ensure that disabled people are not treated less favourably than people who are not disabled. It covers access to goods, services, facilities, education and transport. This means that you have a duty to anticipate that disabled people will want to use the services and you should make changes accordingly to increase accessibility.

The DDA also requires employers not to discriminate against disabled people and to make reasonable adjustments for applications and in the workplace.

We expect all applicants to be familiar with the DDA and have made reasonable adjustments that aim to provide equality of access, dignity and choice.

Section 75, Freedom of Information and Data Protection

Equality of Opportunity, Section 75 and Good Relations, Freedom of Information, Data Protection and the Funding Declaration are included in section 4 of the application. Applicants are required to tick the statement confirm that these have been read. The application declaration also needs to be completed and signed by 2 committee members

DATA PROTECTION

Ards and North Down Borough Council values your right to personal privacy. Personal information provided to the Council is processed in order to fulfil its obligations under the Arts and Heritage Strategy. Personal information will not be shared with any other organisation, unless there is a legal requirement to do so, and will be held for a period of seven years. All information will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Principles.

You have a right to see and review the personal information held on you. If you wish to request your personal information or have a data protection query, please contact the Council's Data Protection Officer), stating clearly who you are and the nature of your query to:

Data Protection Officer,
Ards and North Down Borough Council,
City Hall
The Castle
Bangor,
BT20 4BT
Email: dataprotection@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk
or tel: 0330 013 3333

APPENDIX 5

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Ards and North Down Borough Council
Heritage Project Grant Application Form 26/27

For projects taking place between 1 April 2026 – 31 March 2027

Available to heritage, community and special interest groups throughout the Ards and North Down Borough area for heritage events, projects or activities up to a maximum of £500 per financial year. **Grants will be awarded subject to budget being secured.**

Deadline for application: XXXXXXXXX, 12 noon (sharp)

Please read the guidance notes carefully before completing this form and remember to keep a copy of the completed application form for your own records.

Completed applications should be returned:
by email to heritagegrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

If you are emailing your application and documents, we advise you to password protect emails that contain sensitive data in order to keep you and your personal information safe and if requested we can forward you instructions on how to do this. Council also now use Zivver for safe transfer of information and we can assist applicants with doing this.

or

by post by the deadline to Ards and North Down Borough Council Museum Service at:

North Down Museum
City Hall
Bangor
BT20 4BT

Please write on your envelope: Heritage Project Grant Application

SECTION 1 – ABOUT YOUR GROUP

Name of Organisation

_____

Address of Organisation _____

_____

City/town _____ Post Code _____

Name of contact person _____

Contact Person's address _____

_____

City/town _____ Post Code _____

Daytime Tel: _____ Evening Tel_____

E-mail _____

In what year was your organisation started? ☐

What type of organisation are you? (√)
If you are a company AND a recognised charity, please tick both boxes

Unincorporated club or association	☐
Company limited by guarantee	☐
Company limited by shares	☐
Recognised charity	☐
Trust	☐
Other: Please specify	☐
_____	

Recognised Charity Number (if applicable) _____

VAT Registration Number (if applicable) _____

What are the main aims and current activities of your organisation?

(400 words max – not scored)

What geographical area is covered by your organisation/project?

SECTION 2 – PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Title of project for which you are requesting funding

When will your project start?
Must be at least 6 weeks from the deadline of submission of application

Day _____ *Month* _____ *Year* _____

How long will the project last? _____

How many people will benefit from the grant?

*Public*____ _____ *Participants* _____

2.1 Please describe your project in detail, explaining the following:

- **aims and objectives of the project**
- **detailed plan of activities that will take place during the project**
- **what the outcomes will be from the project**

1000 words max – scored 0 – 10 x 2)

2.2 Tell us about the any expertise (professional or amateur) involved in the project if applicable. *You **must** provide information on those involved – for example a CV or a DETAILED description of their heritage experience and qualifications*

(500 words max – scored 0 – 10)

2.3 Please explain how your project will be managed. *Provide information on the person(s) who will be responsible for the management of the project and how the project will be publicised*

(500 words max – scored 0 – 10)

2.4 Please explain what the demand/need is for this project. *Include who will benefit from it and how they will benefit*

(500 words max – scored 0 – 10)

SECTION 3 –PROJECT COSTS

3.1 Project Costs

How much will your project cost and how much do you need from us? Include in-kind costs. The budget will be scored as part of the Project Description Question 2.1

Item or Activity	Total Cost	Requested Amount from AND
Total Expenditure ***Please check all financial information supplied is correct and totaled accurately***		

3.2 Project Income

Please tell us your expected income below.
All projects require at least 20% match funding, this can be in-kind. If you are expecting income from ticket/book/publication/DVD sales you should tell us how much you are charging.

Source of funding/Income	£	Cash or in-kind
Requested grant from AND Borough Council		
Total Income (should be same as total expenditure) ***Please check all financial information supplied is correct and totaled accurately***		

Organisations Current Financial Position

Please give details of your most recent annual accounts *(no more than one year old).*

Accounts for the year ending:	Day		Month		Year	
Total (gross) income	£					
Total expenditure	£					
Profit or loss for the year	£					
Savings (reserves, cash or investments)	£					

Please list all cheque/withdrawal signatories (as required by your constitution)

Name	Position in Group

SECTION 4 – ANDBC POLICY

Equality of Opportunity, Section 75 and Good Relations

Ards and North Down Borough Council is required to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between

- persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation
- men and women generally
- persons with a disability or without
- persons with dependants or without.

In addition, without prejudice to the obligations above, Council is required to have regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group.

Council is committed to fulfilling the Section 75 statutory duties across all functions (including service provision, employment and procurement)

Freedom of Information

Ards and North Down Borough Council is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This Act came into operation on 1st January 2005. Applicants should be aware that the information provided in the completed application document could be disclosed in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

The Council will proceed on the basis of disclosure unless an appropriate exemption applies. No information provided by applicants will be accepted "in confidence" and Ards and North Down Borough Council will not accept liability for loss as a result of any information disclosed in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Ards and North Down Borough Council does not have a discretion regarding whether or not to disclose information in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act, unless an exemption applies. Decisions in relation to disclosure will be taken by appropriate individuals in Ards and North Down Borough Council having due regard to the exemptions available and the Public Interest. Applicants should be aware that despite the availability of some exemptions, information may still be disclosed if the Public Interest in its disclosure outweighs the Public Interest in maintaining the exemption. Applicants are required to highlight information included in the application documents which they consider to be commercially sensitive or confidential in nature, and should state the precise reasons, why that view is taken. In particular, issues concerning trade secrets and commercial sensitivity should be highlighted. Applicants are advised against recording unnecessary information.

In accordance with the Lord Chancellors Code of Practice on the discharge of public functions, Ards and North Down Borough Council will **not** accept any contractual term that purports to restrict the disclosure of information held by the Council in respect of the contract or grant process save as permitted by the Freedom of Information Act. The decision whether to disclose information rests solely with Ards and North Down Borough Council.

Ards and North Down Borough Council will consult with applicants, where it is considered appropriate, in relation to the release of controversial information.

Data Protection

Ards and North Down Borough Council values the right to personal privacy. We collect this information solely for the purposes of this application and do not share it with anyone. We comply with the DPA (Data Protection Act) 2018 and UK GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation), ensuring that information is collected fairly and lawfully, is accurate, adequate, secure, up to date and not held any longer than necessary**.**
For further information our Privacy Statement can be viewed at
https://www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/privacy-and-cookies

Please tick the box to confirm you have read the Freedom of Information, Data Protection and Equality statements above ☐

Fundraising Declaration

As per Ards and North Down Grants Policy, provision of funds to organisations to host fundraising / donation-led activities is not permitted. Therefore, if the activity would not go ahead without the collection of donations intended for retention by the organisation or distribution to third parties, you should not accept any grant offered.

I confirm the activity applied for is not a fundraising event as defined in the guidelines. ☐

APPENDIX 5

SECTION 5 - ENCLOSURES, CHECKLIST AND SIGNIATURES

I have enclosed the following ESSENTIAL documents	YES/ NO	Comment
CVs and information on heritage specialists, groups, technical staff, other personnel we propose to employ as part of the project		
A signed copy of our constitution		
Signed accounts or Income and Expenditure Statement.		
Current Account Bank statement		

We declare that this application is made with the authority and consent of the above organisation and that the information provided is true, accurate and complete.

Name (in capitals):
Position held:
Signature (on behalf of the applicant):
Date:

Name (in capitals):
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Signature (on behalf of the applicant):
Date:

Completed application forms and supporting documentation should be forwarded by no later than: 12 noon on xxx 2026. Where possible completed applications should be emailed as a pdf to:heritagegrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

If you are emailing your application and documents, we advise you to password protect emails that contain sensitive data in order to keep you and your personal information safe and if requested we can forward you instructions on how to do this. Council also now use Zivver for safe transfer of information and we can assist applicants with doing this.

Please note: Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Please ensure the correct application form (2026/2027) is submitted, incorrect application versions will be deemed as ineligible.

Return to: Email (preferable) heritagegrants@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

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City Hall
Bangor
BT20 4BT

ITEM 10

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Community and Wellbeing Committee
Date of Meeting	10 September 2025
Responsible Director	Director of Community and Wellbeing
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Community & Culture
Date of Report	08 August 2025
File Reference	HER 06 09/25
Legislation	The Local Government Act (NI) 2014
Section 75 Compliant	Yes ☒ No ☐ Other ☐ If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Request to support a Blue Plaque to honour William Sharman Crawford
Attachments	Appendix 1 - Biographical note on William Sharman Crawford

The Ulster History Circle has approached Officers to request that Ards and North Down Borough Council support the proposal of a Blue Plaque to William Sharman Crawford (1780-1861) of Crawfordsburn, a leading advocate of tenant-right land reform in the mid-1800s. The Ulster History Circle has identified a possible location in Crawfordsburn village as a site for the plaque and is seeking the approval from the owners.

A number of years ago an informal commitment was made by Ards and North Down Borough Council to support one blue plaque per annum in the borough. Most recently a plaque in honour of Viscount Castlereagh was unveiled in Newtownards in 2023. No request was made in 2024.

The cost to Council will be £1,300 to cover the fabrication and installation of the plaque and a small reception with catering to mark the unveiling.

Not Applicable

It is proposed that the plaque is unveiled in the autumn of 2025.

A biographical note on William Sharman Crawford is attached at Appendix 1.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council support the erection and unveiling of an Ulster History Circle Blue Plaque in honour of William Sharman Crawford.

Appendix 1 – Biographical information – William Sharman Crawford

William Sharman was born at Moira Castle, Co. Down, (no longer extant) in 1780, son of a father of the same name; a leading figure in the Volunteer movement and his wife Arminella. In 1803 he succeeded his father as owner of estates in Ulster (near Banbridge and Toome) and in Meath. In 1805 he married Mabel Crawford and in 1827 inherited her father's estates at Crawfordsburn and Rademon in County Down, changing his name to William Sharman Crawford.

He entered political life in 1829 as a supporter of Catholic emancipation and parliamentary reform, standing unsuccessfully for County Down in 1831 and Belfast in 1832 as a radical reformer. Attracted towards a 'federal' form of Irish self-government, he was elected MP for Dundalk in 1835 but fell out with Daniel O'Connell over the reform and an Irish poor law and was forced to stand down in 1837.

Turning towards British democratic radicalism, he signed the 'People's Charter' in 1838 and was elected as a Chartist-supported MP for Rochdale in Lancashire in 1841. As an MP he promoted democratic reform of parliament, and end to imperial wars, the abolition of slavery, legislation to regulate factory work, repeal of the corn laws and Irish land reform.

During the Great Famine of 1845-50 he was one of the leading critics of government failure to provide adequate relief and provided extensive assistance to tenants on his own land as well as promoting outdoor relief as chair of the Newtownards Board of Guardians. By the 1840s he was widely recognised as the leading advocate of 'tenant-right' land reform in Ireland, and proposed a number of parliamentary bills to introduce this. Active in the Ulster Tenant Right Association from 1847, by 1850 he had been identified as the parliamentary figurehead of the Irish Tenant League, which adopted his plan for the legalisation of the 'Ulster Custom'. Unsuccessful in contesting County Down against landlord control in 1852, and unable to prevent the disintegration of the Tenant League from 1853, he nevertheless remained an active campaigner for radical reforms through to his death at Crawfordsburn in 1861. Although unsuccessful in attaining his objectives during his lifetime, the democratic reforms he advocated were gradually conceded between 1867 and 1918, and his land reform proposals would eventually be enacted by W.E. Gladstone's governments in 1870 and 1881, and his federalist ideas revived by Isaac Butt in the 1870s under the name of 'Home Rule'.

Professor Peter Gray, Professor of Modern Irish History and Director of the Institute of Irish Studies at Queen's University provided the biography and initial proposal.
Professor Gray's bibliography:

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B.A. Kennedy, 'Sharman Crawford on the repeal question', *Irish Historical Studies,* 6 (1948-9)
Sidney Lee, revised by Alan O'Day, 'Crawford, William Sharman', *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (Oxford UP, 2004)
James Quinn, 'Crawford, William Sharman' in *Dictionary of Irish Biography* (Cambridge UP, 2009)
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ITEM 11

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Community and Wellbeing Committee
Date of Meeting	10 September 2025
Responsible Director	Director of Community and Wellbeing
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Environmental Health, Protection and Development
Date of Report	15 August 2025
File Reference	CW98
Legislation	Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017
Section 75 Compliant	Yes ☒ No ☐ Other ☐ If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Public Drinking Water Supply 2024
Attachments	Appendix 1 - Drinking Water Quality Report for Northern Ireland 2024 - Ards and North Down Borough Council

Attached is the Drinking Water Quality Report produced by Northern Ireland Water (NIW) for the Ards and North Down Borough Council area for 2024. The report indicates a 99.9% level of compliance with an extensive array of drinking water quality parameters as laid down in the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 as amended in 2018.

One serious water quality failure was recorded for the Borough during the year. This failure was caused by algal blooms in Lough Neagh, which provides a small proportion of the water supply for the Borough. The algal blooms caused a significant deterioration in the raw water quality in Lough Neagh. This was classed as a ‘taste and odour’ event, rather than a safety failure, as algae produce compounds detectable at very low limits, which can give water an earthy/musty flavour and odour. NIW has undertaken work at Castor Bay Water Treatment Works to help improve removal of these taste and odour related chemicals. An enhanced sampling and monitoring

programme for these compounds, in both the raw and treated drinking water, is in place.

There were 5 significant drinking water quality events that impacted the Borough, all relating to raised levels of aluminium in the water supply at Drumaroad Water Treatment Works. Aluminium can occur naturally in water within certain catchments. However, aluminium compounds are used in the treatment process to help remove impurities. Any aluminium compounds added during the treatment process are removed before the final treated water leaves the treatment works. The Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) has enforcement measures in place to deal with aluminium contraventions at Drumaroad WTW by September 2025. The Environmental Health, Protection and Development Service will write to DWI in September to ask for an update on progress on this matter.

A number of minor water quality events impacting the Borough are contained within the report, broken down by water supply zone.

The map below shows the various supply zones for Ards and North Down, as well as compliance levels from 2019 onwards.

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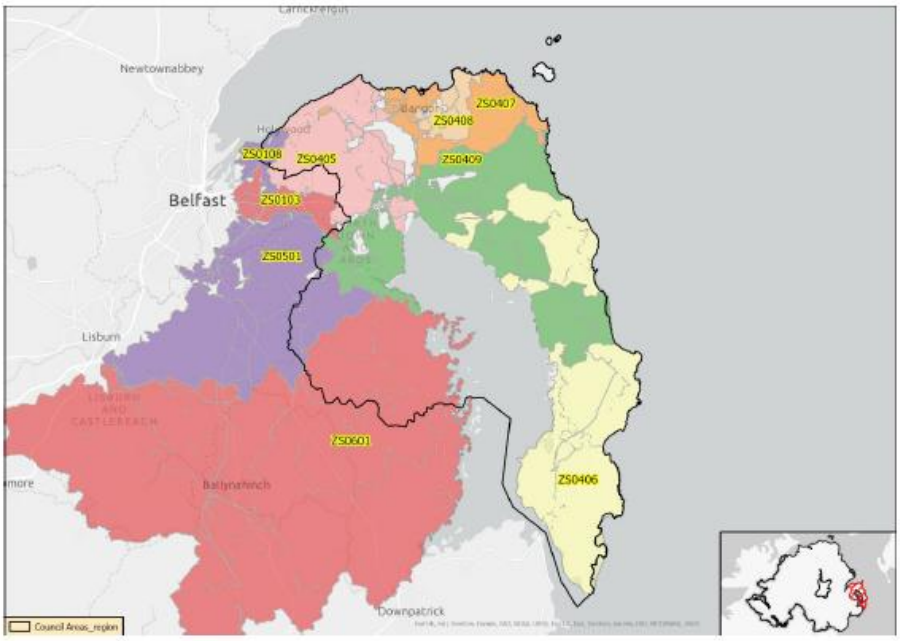

Percentage Compliance at Customer Tap (including Supply Points)

	Target	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Northern Ireland Compliance	99.7%	99.8%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%
Ards and North Down Compliance	99.7%	99.9%	99.9%	100.0%	99.9%	100.0%	99.9%

2024 water supply zones wholly or partially within the council area:

Zone Code	Zone Name	Zone Code	Zone Name
ZS0108	Belfast Purdysburn	ZS0408	Drumaroad Bangor East
ZS0405	Drumaroad Ards West	ZS0409	Drumaroad Ards East
ZS0406	Drumaroad Portaferry	ZS0501	Drumaroad Lisburn
ZS0407	Drumaroad Bangor West	ZS0601	Drumaroad Ballynahinch

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council note the report.

Drinking Water Quality Report for Northern Ireland 2024

Ards and North Down Borough Council

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Water Quality by Northern Ireland Council Area

This local council report is designed to demonstrate water quality by individual council area based on the Percentage Compliance at Customer Tap (including Supply Points) over the water supply zones associated with that council area, as shown on the associated maps.

For monitoring purposes, NI Water's supply area is divided into water supply zones. These are areas serving not more than 100,000 people, each of which are normally supplied from a single water supply source or combination of sources. There are areas where owing to topography and dispersal of population, it is not practicable to provide a mains water supply. Currently over 99.9% of Northern Ireland's population receive public water supplies.

In a number of cases, water supply zones overlap council boundaries. The council reports indicate which water supply zones are wholly or partially contained within the council areas, including those zones that may have a relatively small area within the council area. Separation of data within these water supply zones across council boundaries is not practicable, therefore the information used in calculating the zonal and council compliance relates to the whole zone and not merely the part included within a council boundary. Following discussions with the Drinking Water Inspectorate, water supply zones with fewer than 40 properties within the council area have not been used to calculate the individual council compliance. The information is based on samples taken randomly from customer taps in each water supply zone and from planned samples at authorised supply points. Due to the nature of random sampling, there may be fluctuations in water quality across the water supply zones.

The report also details Capital Work Programmes affecting the council area, which directly related to water quality during the reporting period.

Small variations in water quality compliance performance occur across Northern Ireland. This reflects the need to continue to invest in and to maintain water treatment works, and to improve the water mains network.

NI Water has identified the need to deliver a significant volume of water mains rehabilitation and other works across its ageing network. The works are necessary to ensure the efficient and cost-effective operation of its water supply system in the immediate future and longer term as well as ensuring adequate levels of water quality and customer supply. To achieve this goal, NI Water has implemented a Water mains Rehabilitation Framework, within which it undertakes work on a Northern Ireland wide basis as identified by the zonal study programme of work.

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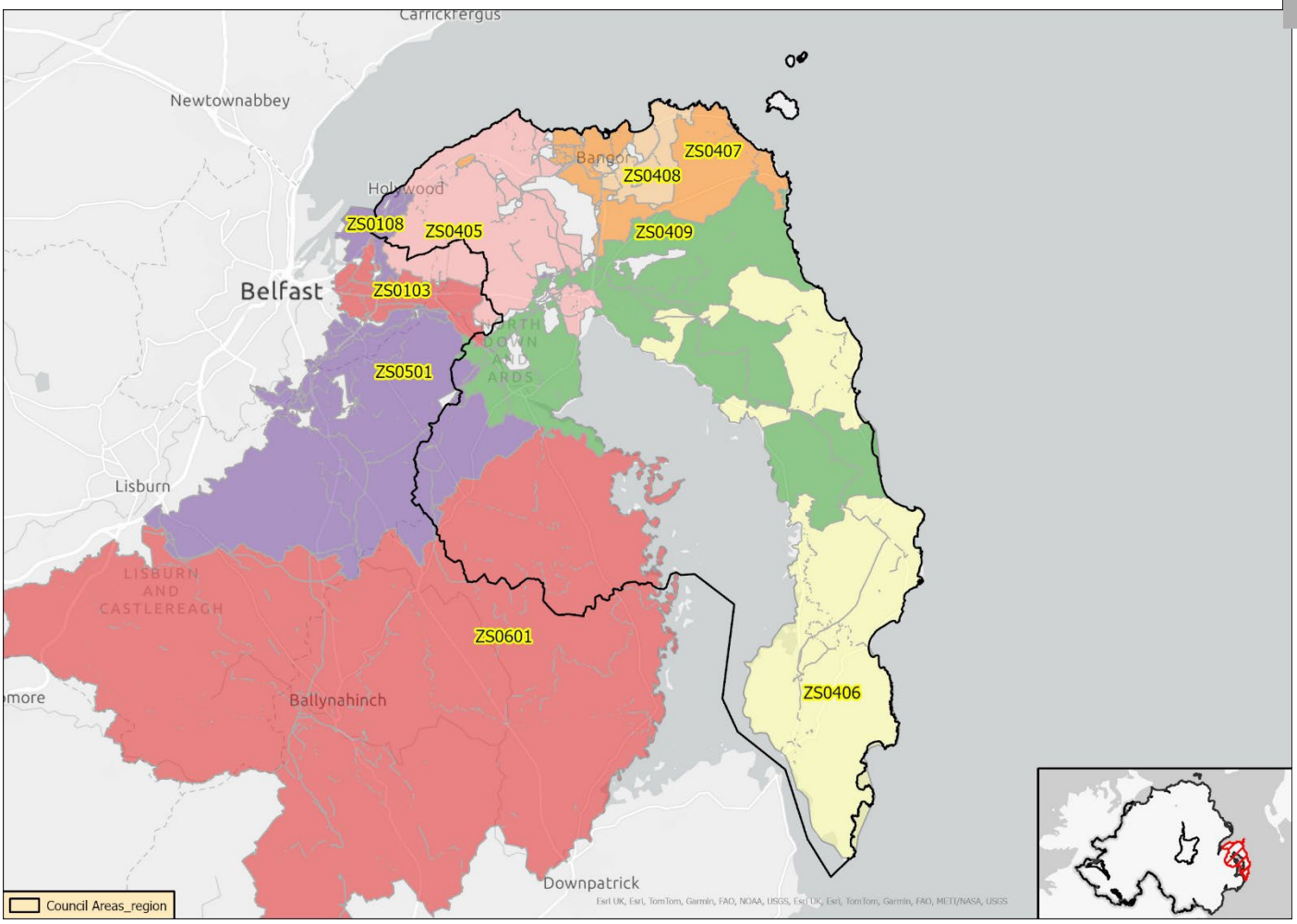

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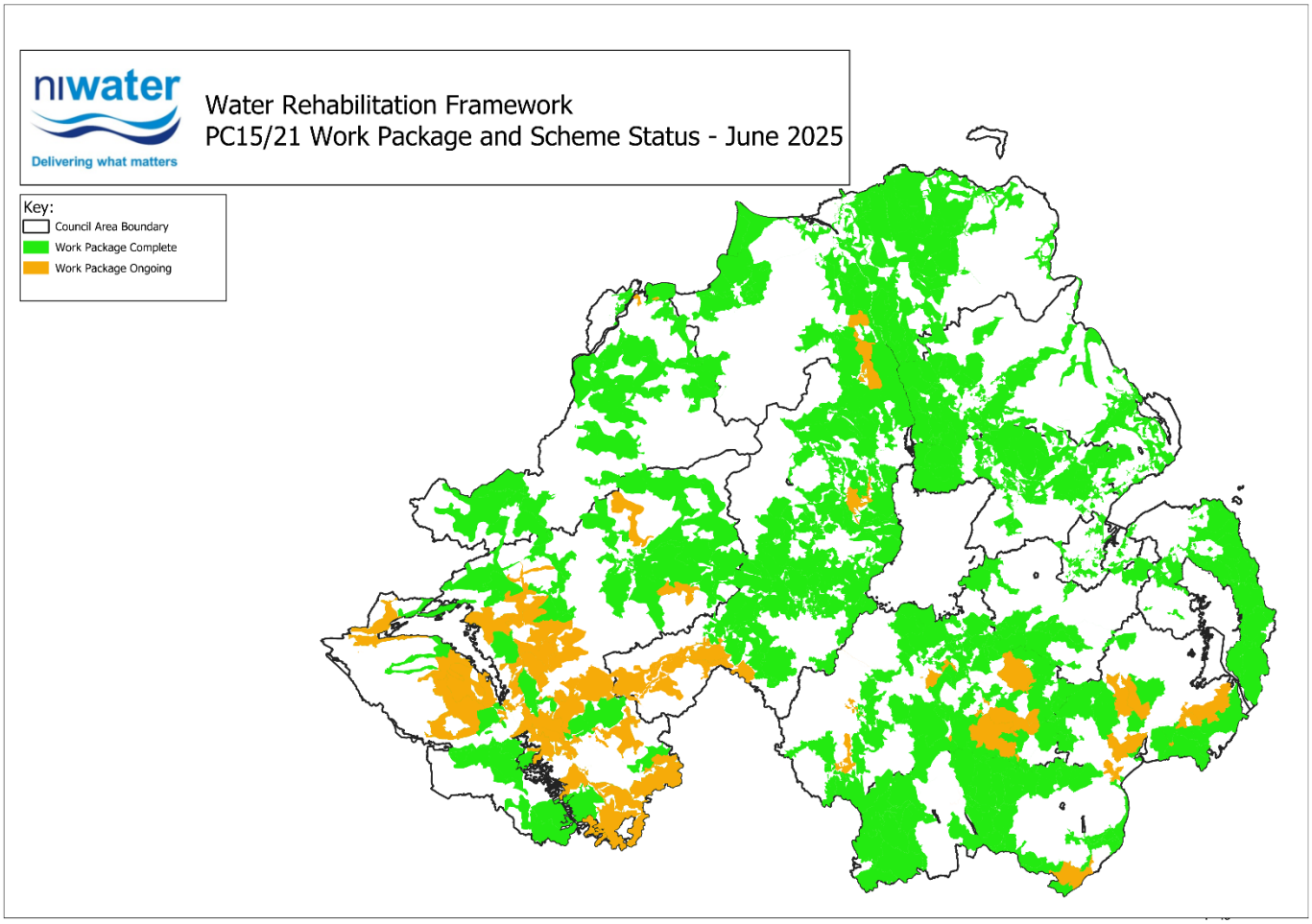
ZS0407	Drumaroad Bangor West	ZS0601	Drumaroad Ballynahinch

2024 water quality Capital Works Programmes affecting the council area:

2021 Drought Mitigation Project
Abstraction Monitoring
Back siphonage at WTW
Bangor Road, Holywood, Watermain Extension
Clean Water Network Modelling 2021 to 2024
Eastern Super work package Phase 2
Facilities Management Review
Feasibility Study for using Groundwater Abstraction
High Demand - External Modelling

MIMP East (Major Incident Mitigation Project East Region) Freeze Thaw Improvements
NIAMP5 Project Support
Owner Controlled Insurance Programme (OCIP)
PC15 Lead Communication Pipe Replacement Programme
PC15 Year 1 Base Maintenance - Chlorine Dosing Sites
PC27 Water Treatability optimisation pilot plant
Preparation of Initial Work packages for PC21
Professional Services - PC21 Watermain Rehabilitation, New and Replacement and First Time Services
Professional Services Framework Watermain Network PC15
SEMD Surveys PC10 Water
Service Reservoir Security Phase 1
Trunk main Rehab PC21 Year 1
Water Efficiency and Innovation Support Services
Water Resource & Supply Resilience Plan
Watermain New - Lead Pipe Replacement Programme
Watermain Rehabilitation, New & Replacement Incorporating First Time Services - Professional Fees
Whitespots Trunk main

Water Mains Rehabilitation Framework
Current Work Package Status



The map above shows the extent of the current Water Mains Rehabilitation Framework covering most of Northern Ireland. To assist clarity, whilst the council boundaries are shown, the individual councils are not named. Regions in white on the map are largely watercourses or upland areas that do not receive public water supply.

Water Quality Events

Serious Drinking Water Quality Events in 2024

Date of Serious Event	Area and Estimate of Population/ Properties Potentially Affected	Nature and Cause of Serious Event	Associated Council Area(s)
07/09/2024 – 04/10/2024	Moyola WTW (53,656 population)	Algal blooms in Lough Neagh resulted in a significant deterioration in the raw water quality in Lough Neagh. The algal blooms also resulted in an increased risk for the formation of the taste and odour compounds, Geosmin and 2-Methylisoborneol (MIB) in the raw water. The Taste and Odour event is ultimately due to the significant deterioration in raw water quality in Lough Neagh. Increased levels of various species of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) in the water also lead to an increase in the volatile metabolites they produce, in particular geosmin and MIB. These compounds produce earthy / musty tastes and odours that can be detected by humans at very low levels, measured in ng/l or parts per trillion. However, Geosmin & MIB are not a risk to human health at the extremely low concentrations at which organoleptic effects are caused; hence there is no health-based standard. The algal blooms, with associated increased levels of Geosmin and MIB compounds, led to a high level of consumer contacts regarding the taste and odour of the mains water supply and contraventions of the taste and odour parameters in the final water from Moyola WTW. NI Water has undertaken work at the WTW to help improve removal of these taste & odour related compounds. An enhanced sampling and monitoring programme for these compounds, in both the raw and treated drinking water, is in place. A similar event occurred in 2023. DWI issued questionnaires to consumers and	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough; Causeway Coast and Glens Borough & Mid-Ulster District

Date of Serious Event	Area and Estimate of Population/ Properties Potentially Affected	Nature and Cause of Serious Event	Associated Council Area(s)
		is considering appropriate enforcement action in relation to this event.	
12/09/2024 - 03/10/2024	Castor Bay WW (360,281 population)	Algal blooms in Lough Neagh resulted in a significant deterioration in the raw water quality in Lough Neagh. The algal blooms also resulted in an increased risk for the formation of the taste and odour compounds, Geosmin and 2-Methylisoborneol (MIB) in the raw water. The Taste and Odour event is ultimately due to the significant deterioration in raw water quality in Lough Neagh. Increased levels of various species of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) in the water also lead to an increase in the volatile metabolites they produce, in particular geosmin and MIB. These compounds produce earthy / musty tastes and odours that can be detected by humans at very low levels, measured in ng/l or parts per trillion. However, Geosmin & MIB are not a risk to human health at the extremely low concentrations at which organoleptic effects are caused; hence there is no health-based standard. The algal blooms, with associated increased levels of Geosmin and MIB compounds, led to a high level of consumer contacts regarding the taste and odour of the mains water supply and contraventions of the taste and odour parameters in the final water from Castor Bay WTW. NI Water has undertaken work at the WTW to help improve removal of these taste & odour related compounds. An enhanced sampling and monitoring programme for these compounds, in both the raw and treated drinking water, is in place. DWI issued questionnaires to consumers and is considering appropriate enforcement action in relation to this event.	Ards and North Down Borough; Belfast City; Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough; Lisburn and Castlereagh City; Newry, Mourne and Down District; Mid-Ulster District & Fermanagh and Omagh District

Significant Drinking Water Quality Events in 2024

Date of Significant Event	Area and Estimate of Population/ Properties Potentially Affected	Nature and Cause of Significant Event	Associated Council Area(s)
10/01/2024 – 12/01/2024	Killylane WTW (48,323 population)	Contraventions of the aluminium parameter in the works supply area. The most probable cause was the use of a chemical past its recommended shelf-life resulting in treatment difficulties at Killylane WTW. A technical audit of Killylane WTW was carried out by DWI on 16/01/2025.	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough & Mid and East Antrim Borough
16/01/2024 – 12/02/2024	Drumaroad WTW (436,350 population)	Contraventions of the aluminium parameter occurred in the works final water. There were no treatment issues at this time. An investigation by NI Water identified issues with the sample point as the most likely cause.	Belfast City; Lisburn and Castlereagh City; Ards and North Down Borough; Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon & Newry, Mourne and Down District
22/02/2024 – 23/02/2024	Killylane WTW (47,057 population)	A contravention of the aluminium parameter occurred in the works final water due to short lived treatment issues following a planned shutdown at Killylane WTW. A technical audit of Killylane WTW was carried out by DWI on 16/01/2025.	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough & Mid and East Antrim Borough
13/03/2024 – 22/03/2024	Drumaroad WTW (436,350 population)	Contraventions of the aluminium parameter occurred in the works supply area and elevated pH and aluminium occurred in the works final water. This was caused by a technical fault impacting the treatment process. DWI has enforcement in place to deal with aluminium contraventions at Drumaroad WTW by September 2025.	Belfast City; Lisburn and Castlereagh City; Ards and North Down Borough; Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon & Newry, Mourne and Down District
23/05/2024 – 24/05/2024	Altnahinch WTW (31,777 population)	A contravention of the coliform bacteria and *E. Coli* parameters occurred in the works final water. There were no treatment issues at the time. The precise cause of the bacteriological contravention was undetermined. however, it is likely that the exceedences were due to external contamination of the sample. The results are not considered to be reflective of the water quality going into supply. The sample point was replaced as a precaution as part of the investigation. Resamples taken were satisfactory.	Causeway Coast and Glens Borough & Mid and East Antrim Borough

Date of Significant Event	Area and Estimate of Population/ Properties Potentially Affected	Nature and Cause of Significant Event	Associated Council Area(s)
14/05/2024 – 26/06/2024	Carmoney WTW (56,390 population)	Contraventions of the individual pesticide standard for MCPA occurred in the works final water on five occasions. Carmoney WTW has pesticide removal treatment in place which is normally effective at reducing MCPA levels to below the regulatory limit. The risk for MCPA exceedances is due to the use of MCPA within the catchment area. A technical audit of Carmoney WTW was carried out by DWI on 13/02/2025. DWI intends issuing a Warning Letter to NI Water in relation to this event.	Causeway Coast and Glens Borough & Derry City and Strabane District
12/05/2024 – 05/06/2024	Killylane WTW & Killyglen SR (47,057 population)	Treatment difficulties following a shutdown at Killylane WTW resulted in elevated aluminium in the works final water. Additionally, planned maintenance at Killyglen SR resulted in contraventions of the aluminium, iron and manganese parameters when the SR was returned to service. A technical audit of Killylane WTW was carried out by DWI on 16/01/2025.	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough & Mid and East Antrim Borough
22/05/2024 – 28/05/2024	Derg WTW (40,125 population)	Contraventions of the individual pesticide standard for MCPA occurred in the works final water. NI Water completed a major upgrade to this works in 2023 following DWI issuing a Regulation 31(4) Notice in respect of pesticide contraventions. However, the new treatment process was not fully optimised at the time of the MCPA contravention to be fully effective at removing the elevated levels of MCPA which occurred in the raw water at the time of this event. The treatment process is now optimised to manage the pesticide risk. The risk for MCPA exceedances is due to the use of MCPA within the catchment area.	Derry City and Strabane District & Fermanagh and Omagh District
09/07/2024 – 16/07/2024	Killylane WTW (47,057 population)	A contravention of the aluminium parameter in the works final water. There were no treatment issue identified at this time. Following investigation, NI Water was unable to identify the cause of the contravention. A technical audit of Killylane WTW was carried out by DWI on 16/01/2025.	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough & Mid and East Antrim Borough
09/07/2024 – 25/07/2024	Rathlin WTW (246 population)	A contravention of the bromate standard occurred at a property in works supply area. There were no treatment issues identified at the time. Following investigation, NI Water was unable to identify a specific cause,	Causeway Coast and Glens Borough

Date of Significant Event	Area and Estimate of Population/ Properties Potentially Affected	Nature and Cause of Significant Event	Associated Council Area(s)
		however it was noted that the sample was taken at an outside tap at a property which was unoccupied at the time. Resamples were satisfactory.	
06/08/2024 – 09/08/2024	Ballinrees WTW (116,868 population)	A contravention of the odour parameter occurred in the works final water; the cause was undetermined. DWI has enforcement in place to deal with taste & odour contravention at Ballinrees WTW by December 2024. The new treatment process for taste & odour removal is now fully operational.	Causeway Coast and Glens Borough; Derry City and Strabane District & Mid-Ulster District
12/08/2024 – 02/10/2024	Killyhevlin WTW (73,516 population)	A Cryptosporidium oocyst was detected in the works final water on four occasions. The UV disinfection system for Cryptosporidium oocyst deactivation at the works was operational at the time of the detections. Therefore, there was no risk to the treated drinking water quality as the oocysts detected was not considered to be viable. Filter refurbishment work has been completed at the WTW. All subsequent samples were satisfactory.	Fermanagh and Omagh District & Mid-Ulster District
08/08/2024 – 11/09/2024	Altnahinch WTW (31,777 population)	Contraventions of the Total Trihalomethanes (THMs) parameter occurred in the works supply area due to insufficient organics removal. Improvement work in relation to THMs at Altnahinch WTW is included in the PC21 work plan.	Causeway Coast and Glens Borough & Mid and East Antrim Borough
31/10/2024 – 04/11/2024	Lough Bradan WTW (43,724 population)	A contravention of the odour parameter occurred in the works final water. There were no treatment issue identified at this time. Following investigation, NI Water was unable to identify a cause. There were no consumer complaints associated with this event and resamples were satisfactory.	Fermanagh and Omagh District; Derry City and Strabane District & Mid-Ulster District
31/10/2024 – 01/11/2024	Drumaroad WTW (436,350 population)	Elevated aluminium occurred in the works final water due to treatment difficulties caused by a chemical dosing failure. DWI has enforcement in place to deal with aluminium contraventions at Drumaroad WTW by September 2025.	Belfast City; Lisburn and Castlereagh City; Ards and North Down Borough; Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon & Newry, Mourne and Down District
15/11/2024 – 18/11/2024	Drumaroad WTW (436,350 population)	Elevated aluminium occurred in the works final water due to treatment difficulties caused by a chemical dosing failure. DWI has enforcement in place to deal with this issue by September 2025.	Belfast City; Lisburn and Castlereagh City; Ards and North Down Borough; Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon & Newry, Mourne and Down District

Date of Significant Event	Area and Estimate of Population/ Properties Potentially Affected	Nature and Cause of Significant Event	Associated Council Area(s)
25/11/2024 – 27/11/2024	Drumaroad WTW (436,350 population)	A contravention of the aluminium parameter occurred in the works final water due to treatment difficulties caused by a technical fault. DWI has enforcement in place to deal with aluminium contraventions at Drumaroad WTW by September 2025.	Belfast City; Lisburn and Castlereagh City; Ards and North Down Borough; Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon & Newry, Mourne and Down District
11/12/2024 – 20/12/2024	Caugh Hill WTW (77,183 population)	Contraventions of the turbidity, aluminium, iron, and manganese parameters in the works final water and related supply area caused by treatment difficulties. Rezoning of water in the distribution area was undertaken to reduce the impact to customers supply at the time.	Causeway Coast and Glens Borough & Derry City and Strabane District
15/04/2024 - 07/10/2024	Gelvin Grange Laboratory	An increase in bacteriological contraventions reported in 2024 led to an investigation of the microbiological analysis at the Gelvin Grange laboratory. Environmental contamination of microbiological samples was identified as the cause of the contraventions. Consequently, samples were transferred to the Westland House laboratory for analysis from 22/10/2024. Following completion of remedial work and satisfactory sterility testing microbiological analysis was transferred back to the Gelvin Grange laboratory from 18/11/2024.	Causeway Coast and Glens Borough; Mid-Ulster District; Mid and East Antrim Borough; Derry City and Strabane District & Fermanagh and Omagh District

After investigations during the reporting period, there were also three events categorised by DWI as “Minor”, and 24 events categorised as “Not Significant”.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR WATER QUALITY RESULTS

Where the water quality standards come from

The water we supply for domestic use or food production must comply with the standards in The Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (NI) 2017, which incorporate European Union standards and more stringent UK national standards. These Regulations detail the acceptable levels of certain characteristics, elements and substances allowed in drinking water. Usually, this is a maximum level; but, occasionally, a minimum is also set (e.g. pH). This permissible level is known as the Prescribed Concentration or Value (PCV). Some of the regulatory levels are set for aesthetic reasons and not for health (e.g. Colour).

Where we sample

Samples are taken from our service reservoirs, water treatment works and taps in customers' homes. Every year, our accredited laboratories carry out over 100,000 sophisticated tests to ensure quality standards are met. The Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) within the Northern Ireland Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) also independently audits these tests and issues a report each year on its findings. DWI ensures that NI Water meets more than 50 legal standards for drinking water quality to match water companies across the rest of the UK. The standards are strict and generally include wide safety margins. They cover: bacteria; chemicals, such as nitrates and pesticides; metals, such as lead; and how water looks and tastes.

What happens if a test fails?

If a sample fails a test, this does not necessarily mean the water is unsafe to drink. Sometimes, the water in our mains or pipes and in the neighbouring properties is good, but the failure is caused by the householder's own plumbing system. However, we take all failures of these standards very seriously and these are dealt with by a team of specialists. All failures are recorded, investigated and action is taken to resolve the problem. If the contamination is found to be due to the tap or internal plumbing, NI Water will inform the customer in writing of the reason for the failure so that they can take appropriate action. A copy of the letter is also provided to the Public Health Agency, the local Environmental Health Officer and the DWI.

All PCV failures are also reported externally to the DWI, respective health boards, Environmental Health departments, the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland (CCNI), DRD Water Policy Unit and the Utility Regulator (NAIUR).

Units of measurement
The units of measurement used in this factsheet are as follows:
• 1 milligram per litre (mg/l) is one part per million (ppm)
• 1 microgram per litre (µg/l) is 1 part per billion (or thousand million)
• NTU – Nephelometric turbidity units (for turbidity measurement)
• Pt/Co – Platinum-cobalt units Standard (for colour measurement)
• µS/cm – micro siemens per centimetre (for conductivity measurement)

Concentration or value
Shown in three ways:
• **Min**(imum), the lowest result during the period
• **Mean**, the average of the results
• **Max**(imum), the highest result during the period.
• A '<' symbol means a result was less than the value at which a parameter can be detected.
• A '>' symbol means a result was greater than the range within which a parameter is normally detected.

Number of samples
• Total taken – the number of samples tested for each parameter
• Contravening – shows the number of samples that exceeded the PCV
• % of samples contravening PCV – the number of samples that contravened the PCV compared to the total number of samples taken expressed as a percentage.

INDIVIDUAL PARAMETERS / SUBSTANCES

Hardness

Total Hardness is normally caused by dissolved calcium and, to a lesser extent, magnesium in rocks through which the water has passed. In Northern Ireland, our water is predominantly soft to moderately soft or slightly to moderately hard. Hardness means you may have to use more soap when washing as hard water lathers less than soft water. It has not been proven to have adverse effects on health and is safe to drink. There is no standard specified in the current regulations. Dependent upon the origin and manufacturer of your dishwasher, you may require a specific parameter, such as Clarke degrees (a.k.a. English degrees) or French or German degrees.
GH is general hardness, while KH is Carbonate, or temporary hardness.

pH (listed under 'Hydrogen Ion')

This is a scientific term used to describe the acidity or alkalinity of a fluid. We need to control the pH of water because:

- If water is too acidic, it may corrode metal pipes in the distribution system
- If water is too alkaline, it may cause deposits to form in the pipes. The standard is to keep water pH levels in the 6.5-9.5 range

Colour

The colour of drinking water is usually dependent on the presence of naturally- occurring dissolved organic matter. For example, the higher the peat content of a catchment, (e.g. the Mournes Catchment), the higher the level of colour in the raw water. However, colour may also be due to the presence of iron contributed by old cast-iron mains.

- PCV for colour is 20 mg/l Pt/Co.

Sometimes, the water coming out of the tap has a milky or cloudy appearance, which is usually caused by excess air dissolved in the water as micro bubbles. This is not harmful and, if the water is left to stand for a few minutes, it will clear from the bottom upwards (i.e. the bubbles of air rise to the top of the glass and escape).

Turbidity

Turbidity is caused by very fine insoluble materials that may be present in water. Levels are closely monitored during the treatment processes.

- PCV at the customer's tap is 4 NTU

Odour and taste

Customer complaints quite often relate to taste and odour. Quality control tests are carried out to measure the level of taste and odour and are performed by a specialist testing panel.

- PCV for each = Dilution Number >0

Conductivity

Conductivity is proportional to the dissolved solids content of the water and is often used as an indication of the presence of dissolved minerals, such as calcium, magnesium and sodium.

- PCV is 2500 µS/cm at 20°C

Chlorine (Cl - listed under Free-Residual disinfectant)

Chlorine is added to water to ensure water is free from bacteria. When chlorine is added, not all of it is used up in the process. Some remains as 'free chlorine' to make sure the water remains safe as it passes through the distribution system.
No PCV is prescribed for chlorine in the regulations and these levels are set to ensure that a small concentration remains at the end of the distribution system to maintain customer safety.

***E. coli* and enterococci**
If present, these indicate a possible breach in the integrity of the water supply system. An effective treatment process will kill any organisms present.
PCV standards are:
• 0 /100ml for *E. Coli*
• 0 /100ml for Enterococci

Coliform bacteria
These are naturally present in the environment. Their presence may indicate a possible breach in the integrity of the supply system or contamination from the kitchen sink or taps.

Nitrite and nitrate (NO_2 and NO_3)
Normally only trace amounts of these compounds are found in water.
• PCV for nitrite = 0.5 mg NO_2/l
• PCV for nitrate = 50 mg NO_3/l

Chloride (Cl)
Chloride in water originates from natural sources such as mineral deposits. It can contribute to taste that may be unacceptable to customers if the standard is exceeded.
• PCV = 250 mg Cl/l

Fluoride (F)
NI Water does not add fluoride to any water supply in Northern Ireland. Fluoride can occur naturally in some raw water supplies at low levels.
• PCV = 1.5 mg F/l

Sulphate (SO_4)
Sulphate occurs naturally in water and originates from mineral deposits. High concentrations may give rise to taste problems and, in the long-term, damage pipe work.
• PCV = 250 mg SO_4/l

Copper (Cu)
Copper can occur naturally in some water sources, and is normally found in low concentrations in drinking water.
• PCV = 2 mg Cu/l

Iron (Fe)
This is one of the most abundant metals found naturally in surface and ground waters. After treatment, it is normally reduced to trace concentrations in drinking water. Increased levels can occur due to the corrosion of old cast-iron water mains. There is no known health risk associated with high iron concentrations, but staining of clothing in washing machines can occur.
• PCV = 200 µg Fe/l

Manganese (Mn)
Manganese occurs naturally in water. High concentrations of manganese in tap water may cause discolouration and possible staining of clothing in washing machines.
• PCV = 50 µg Mn/l

Aluminium (Al)
Aluminium can occur naturally in water within certain catchments. However, aluminium compounds are used in the treatment process to help remove impurities. Any aluminium compounds added during the treatment process are removed before the final treated water leaves the treatment works.
• PCV = 200 µg Al/l

Sodium (Na)
Sodium occurs naturally in trace amounts in water. High concentrations may impart a level of taste that is unacceptable to customers.
• PCV = 200 mg Na/l

Lead (Pb)
Lead is not normally present in water sources, but significant concentrations may be present at customers' taps if lead or copper pipes with lead joints have been used in the plumbing system. More information is available here.
• PCV = 10 µg Pb/l

Trihalomethanes (THMs)
THMs occur in drinking water as by-products of the reaction of chlorine with naturally occurring dissolved organic materials. In drinking water, only four compounds out of the group of THMs have health significance, the most common of which is chloroform. The PCV is based on the sum of the concentrations of all four constituents.
• PCV = 100 µg/l

Other substances
In addition to those listed and explained above, we also test for substances such as hydrocarbons, pesticides and herbicides, phenols and organic carbon. We also carry out extensive monitoring of our supplies for cryptosporidium through sampling of raw and final treated water.
Home-brewers may be interested in the Calcium, Magnesium, Carbonate, Sodium, Sulphate, Chloride and pH levels of their water supply. If you cannot locate the information you require, please contact us at waterline@niwater.com

Zonal Commentaries and Public Registers

2024 WATER SUPPLY COMMENTARY

ZS0108 - Belfast Purdysburn

The water supplied in this zone within your council area complied with all the physical-chemical and microbiological standards laid down in the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017.

2024 Public Register

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							Min	Mean	Max
1,2 Dichloroethane	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.410	< 0.410	< 0.410
2,4-D	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
2,4-DB	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.016	< 0.016	< 0.016
Aluminium	ug Al/l	S	36	36	0	0.000	12.000	35.944	120.000
Ammonium	mg NH4/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Antimony	ug/l Sb	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.039	< 0.101	< 0.180
Arsenic	ug/l As	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.130	< 0.215	< 0.310
Asulam	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Bentazone	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.004	< 0.004	< 0.004
Benzene	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.150	< 0.150	< 0.150
Benzo(a)pyrene	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002
Boron	mg/l B	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.038	< 0.056	< 0.059
Bromate	ug BrO3/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.580	0.725	0.870
Bromoxynil	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Cadmium	ug/l Cd	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.042	< 0.119	< 0.300
Chloride	mg Cl/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	6.900	9.913	15.000
Chlorotoluron	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Chlorpyrifos	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Chromium	ug/l Cr	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.260	< 0.363	0.880
Clopyralid	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	0.010
Clostridium perfringens (sulph red)	CFU/100 ml	AS	50	50	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Colony Counts 22	CFU/1 ml	S	36	36	0	0.000	0.000	0.583	18.000
Colony Counts 37 (48hrs)	CFU/1 ml	S	36	36	0	0.000	0.000	0.028	1.000
Colour	mg/l Pt/Co	S	36	36	0	0.000	< 4.563	< 4.563	< 4.563
Conductivity	uS/cm 20 C	S	36	36	0	0.000	74.000	144.444	220.000
Copper	mg Cu/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.043	< 0.357	< 0.546
Cyanide	ug/l CN	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 5.500	< 5.500	< 5.500
Dicamba	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.028	< 0.028	< 0.028
Dichlorprop	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
Diflufenican	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Dimethenamid	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Diuron	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
E. coli	CFU/100 ml	S	96	96	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Enterococci	CFU/100ml	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Epoxiconazole	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.005	< 0.005	0.006
Fenpropimorph	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Flufenacet	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005
Fluoride	mg F/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.150	< 0.150	< 0.150
Fluroxypyr	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.007	0.013
Free - Residual disinfectant	mg Cl/l	S	96	96	0	0.000	0.100	0.524	0.870
Glyphosate	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	0.014
Hydrogen Ion	pH value	S	36	36	0	0.000	7.000	7.315	7.600
Iron	ug/l Fe	S	36	36	0	0.000	< 1.538	< 9.124	59.000
Isoproturon	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Lead	ug Pb/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.090	< 0.223	1.100
Linuron	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Manganese	ug Mn/l	S	36	36	0	0.000	< 0.642	< 1.743	14.000
MCPA	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.009	< 0.013	0.031
MCPB	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Mecoprop	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	0.012
Mercury	ug per l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.041	< 0.041	< 0.041
Metalaxyl	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Metamitron	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Metazachlor	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Metoxuron	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Metribuzin	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Nickel	ug Ni/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.260	< 0.715	1.300
Nitrate	mg/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	1.100	1.988	3.700
Nitrate/Nitrite Formula		S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.022	< 0.040	< 0.074
Nitrite	mg/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.030	< 0.030	< 0.030
Odour	Diln No	S	36	36	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Oxamyl	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002

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Delivering what matters

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							Min	Mean	Max
PAH - Sum of four substances	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Pendimethalin	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Pesticides - Total Substances	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	0.000	0.014	0.053
Phorate	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.009	< 0.009	< 0.009
Pirimicarb	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Propachlor	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Propiconazole	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Propyzamide	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.012	< 0.012	< 0.012
Prothioconazole	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002
Selenium	ug/l Se	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.057	< 0.132	< 0.410
Sodium	mg Na/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	5.500	7.088	11.000
Sulphate	mg SO4/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	13.000	23.125	43.000
Taste	Diln No	S	36	36	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Tebuconazole	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.004	< 0.004	< 0.004
Tetrachloroethene/Trichloroethene - Sum	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.770	< 0.770	< 0.770
Tetrachloromethane	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.410	< 0.410	< 0.410
Total - Residual disinfectant	mg Cl/l	S	96	96	0	0.000	0.120	0.601	0.910
Total coliforms	CFU/100 ml	S	96	96	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Indicative Dose	mSv/year	AS	2	2	0	0.000	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100
Total Organic Carbon	mg C/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.700	1.325	2.000
Total Trihalomethanes	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	19.000	39.500	57.000
Triclopyr	ug/l	AS	50	50	0	0.000	< 0.012	< 0.012	0.018
Tritium	Bq/l	AS	2	2	0	0.000	< 10.000	< 10.000	< 10.000
Turbidity	NTU	S	36	36	0	0.000	< 0.090	< 0.102	0.180

PCV Exceedances:
Water Quality was satisfactory

Notes:
PCV = Prescribed Concentration or Value
U = Undertaking
S = Standard Sampling Frequency
R = Reduced Sampling Frequency
A = Authorised Supply Point
Commentary on Water Quality:

A: Supply point authorisation for pesticides and related products.

Population of zone = 41303

This zone has a surface water source :R3301

2024 WATER SUPPLY COMMENTARY

ZS0405 - Drumaroad Ards West

The water supplied in this zone within the Ards and North Down council area complied with all the physical-chemical and microbiological standards laid down in the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 except for the following parameter(s):

Iron – Two exceedances

Investigations found that these exceedances were most likely caused by a localised disturbance of mains deposits, the cause of which was possibly due to shutting and opening of valves. Resamples were satisfactory.

NI Water has in place an extensive Mains Rehabilitation Programme, which favours mains replacement and zones are prioritised according to need. This programme will continue to maintain and improve the quality of water in your council area over the next few years.

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							Min	Mean	Max
1,2 Dichloroethane	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.410	< 0.410	< 0.410
2,4-D	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
2,4-DB	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.016	< 0.016	< 0.016
Aluminium	ug Al/l	S	24	24	0	0.000	12.000	36.958	82.000
Ammonium	mg NH4/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Antimony	ug/l Sb	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.044	< 0.127	< 0.180
Arsenic	ug/l As	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.130	< 0.249	< 0.310
Asulam	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Bentazone	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.004	< 0.004	< 0.004
Benzene	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.150	< 0.150	< 0.150
Benzo(a)pyrene	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002
Boron	mg/l B	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.038	< 0.053	< 0.059
Bromate	ug BrO3/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.700	0.762	0.850
Bromoxynil	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Cadmium	ug/l Cd	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.042	< 0.155	< 0.300
Chloride	mg Cl/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	7.600	8.100	8.400
Chlorotoluron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Chlorpyrifos	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Chromium	ug/l Cr	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.260	< 0.445	0.840
Clopyralid	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Clostridium perfringens (sulph red)	CFU/100 ml	AS	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Colony Counts 22	CFU/1 ml	S	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.167	3.000
Colony Counts 37 (48hrs)	CFU/1 ml	S	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.042	1.000
Colour	mg/l Pt/Co	S	24	24	0	0.000	< 4.563	< 4.563	< 4.563
Conductivity	uS/cm 20 C	S	24	24	0	0.000	72.000	95.042	180.000
Copper	mg Cu/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.043	< 0.420	< 0.546
Cyanide	ug/l CN	AS	24	23	0	0.000	< 5.500	< 5.500	< 5.500
Dicamba	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.028	< 0.028	< 0.028
Dichlorprop	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
Diflufenican	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Dimethenamid	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Diuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
E. coli	CFU/100 ml	S	72	72	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Enterococci	CFU/100ml	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Epoxiconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.005	< 0.005	0.006
Fenpropimorph	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Flufenacet	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005
Fluoride	mg F/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.150	< 0.150	< 0.150
Fluroxypyr	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Free - Residual disinfectant	mg Cl/l	S	72	72	0	0.000	0.100	0.580	1.030
Glyphosate	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Hydrogen Ion	pH value	S	24	24	0	0.000	6.900	7.298	8.230
Iron	ug/l Fe	S	24	24	2	8.333	< 1.538	< 37.278	270.000
Isoproturon	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Lead	ug Pb/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.090	< 0.094	< 0.095
Linuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Manganese	ug Mn/l	S	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.642	< 1.738	6.500
MCPA	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.009	< 0.009	< 0.009
MCPB	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Mecoprop	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
Mercury	ug per l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.041	< 0.041	< 0.041
Metalaxyl	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Metamitron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Metazachlor	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Metoxuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Metribuzin	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Nickel	ug Ni/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.260	< 0.503	< 0.625
Nitrate	mg/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	1.300	1.563	2.200
Nitrate/Nitrite Formula		S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.026	< 0.031	< 0.044
Nitrite	mg/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.030	< 0.030	< 0.030
Odour	Diln No	S	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Oxamyl	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002

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WATER SUPPLY ZONE - ZS0405 - Drumaroad Ards West

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Parameter	Units	Type	No samples planned for year	No samples taken in year	No samples contraven ing PCV	% samples contraven ing PCV	Concentration or value (all samples)		
							Min	Mean	Max
PAH - Sum of four substances	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.005
Pendimethalin	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Pesticides - Total Substances	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.006
Phorate	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.009	< 0.009	< 0.009
Pirimicarb	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Propachlor	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Propiconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Propyzamide	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.012	< 0.012	< 0.012
Prothioconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002
Selenium	ug/l Se	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.057	< 0.182	< 0.410
Sodium	mg Na/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	5.600	5.675	5.800
Sulphate	mg SO4/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	13.000	15.125	17.000
Taste	Diln No	S	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Tebuconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.004	< 0.004	< 0.004
Tetrachloroethene/Trichloroethene - Sum	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.770	< 0.770	< 0.770
Tetrachloromethane	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.410	< 0.410	< 0.410
Total - Residual disinfectant	mg Cl/l	S	72	72	0	0.000	0.360	0.658	1.150
Total coliforms	CFU/100 ml	S	72	72	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Indicative Dose	mSv/year	AS	1	1	0	0.000	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100
Total Organic Carbon	mg C/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.800	0.988	1.300
Total Trihalomethanes	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	12.000	30.625	54.000
Triclopyr	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.012	< 0.012	< 0.012
Tritium	Bq/l	AS	1	1	0	0.000	< 10.000	< 10.000	< 10.000
Turbidity	NTU	S	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.090	< 0.121	0.500

PCV Exceedances:
Sample failed 07-MAY-2024 (ZS0405AE) Iron = 270 ug/l F.
Sample failed 20-AUG-2024 (ZS0405AE) Iron = 230 ug/l F.

Notes:
PCV = Prescribed Concentration or Value
U = Undertaking
S = Standard Sampling Frequency
R = Reduced Sampling Frequency
Commentary on Water Quality:
A = Authorised Supply Point

A: Supply point authorisation for pesticides and related products.

Population of zone = 28250

This zone has a surface water source :R3302

2024 WATER SUPPLY COMMENTARY

ZS0406 - Drumaroad Portaferry

The water supplied in this zone within your council area complied with all the physical-chemical and microbiological standards laid down in the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017.

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WATER SUPPLY ZONE - ZS0406 - Drumaroad Portaferry

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							Min	Mean	Max
1,2 Dichloroethane	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.410	< 0.410	< 0.410
2,4-D	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
2,4-DB	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.016	< 0.016	< 0.016
Aluminium	ug Al/l	S	24	24	0	0.000	< 9.000	< 39.280	150.000
Ammonium	mg NH4/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Antimony	ug/l Sb	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.066	< 0.145	< 0.180
Arsenic	ug/l As	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.200	< 0.273	< 0.310
Asulam	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Bentazone	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.004	< 0.004	< 0.004
Benzene	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.150	< 0.150	< 0.150
Benzo(a)pyrene	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002
Boron	mg/l B	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.038	< 0.048	< 0.059
Bromate	ug BrO3/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.500	< 0.658	0.950
Bromoxynil	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Cadmium	ug/l Cd	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.042	< 0.188	< 0.300
Chloride	mg Cl/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	7.800	8.200	8.500
Chlorotoluron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Chlorpyrifos	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Chromium	ug/l Cr	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.260	< 0.456	0.860
Clopyralid	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Clostridium perfringens (sulph red)	CFU/100 ml	AS	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Colony Counts 22	CFU/1 ml	S	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Colony Counts 37 (48hrs)	CFU/1 ml	S	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.083	1.000
Colour	mg/l Pt/Co	S	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	< 4.373	< 4.563
Conductivity	uS/cm 20 C	S	24	24	0	0.000	72.000	81.583	150.000
Copper	mg Cu/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.043	< 0.357	< 0.546
Cyanide	ug/l CN	AS	24	23	0	0.000	< 5.500	< 5.500	< 5.500
Dicamba	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.028	< 0.028	< 0.028
Dichlorprop	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
Diflufenican	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Dimethenamid	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Diuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
E. coli	CFU/100 ml	S	48	48	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Enterococci	CFU/100ml	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Epoxiconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.005	< 0.005	0.006
Fenpropimorph	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Flufenacet	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005
Fluoride	mg F/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.150	< 0.150	< 0.150
Fluroxypyr	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Free - Residual disinfectant	mg Cl/l	S	48	48	0	0.000	0.100	0.560	0.810
Glyphosate	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Hydrogen Ion	pH value	S	24	24	0	0.000	6.800	7.300	7.800
Iron	ug/l Fe	S	24	24	0	0.000	< 1.538	< 19.174	100.000
Isoproturon	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Lead	ug Pb/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.090	< 0.103	0.150
Linuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Manganese	ug Mn/l	S	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.642	< 1.943	16.000
MCPA	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.009	< 0.009	< 0.009
MCPB	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Mecoprop	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
Mercury	ug per l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.041	< 0.041	< 0.041
Metalaxyl	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Metamitron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Metazachlor	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Metoxuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Metribuzin	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Nickel	ug Ni/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.260	< 1.060	3.900
Nitrate	mg/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	1.200	1.550	2.000
Nitrate/Nitrite Formula		S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.024	< 0.031	< 0.040
Nitrite	mg/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.030	< 0.030	< 0.030
Odour	Diln No	S	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Oxamyl	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002

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							Min	Mean	Max
PAH - Sum of four substances	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Pendimethalin	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Pesticides - Total Substances	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.006
Phorate	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.009	< 0.009	< 0.009
Pirimicarb	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Propachlor	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Propiconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Propyzamide	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.012	< 0.012	< 0.012
Prothioconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002
Selenium	ug/l Se	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.057	< 0.261	< 0.410
Sodium	mg Na/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	5.500	6.775	14.000
Sulphate	mg SO4/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	14.000	15.750	17.000
Taste	Diln No	S	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Tebuconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.004	< 0.004	< 0.004
Tetrachloroethene/Trichloroethene - Sum	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.770	< 0.770	< 0.770
Tetrachloromethane	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.410	< 0.410	< 0.410
Total - Residual disinfectant	mg Cl/l	S	48	48	0	0.000	0.120	0.637	0.890
Total coliforms	CFU/100 ml	S	48	48	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Indicative Dose	mSv/year	AS	1	1	0	0.000	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100
Total Organic Carbon	mg C/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.800	0.975	1.100
Total Trihalomethanes	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	15.000	27.500	46.000
Triclopyr	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.012	< 0.012	< 0.012
Tritium	Bq/l	AS	1	1	0	0.000	< 10.000	< 10.000	< 10.000
Turbidity	NTU	S	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.090	< 0.106	0.200

PCV Exceedances:
Water Quality was satisfactory

Notes:
PCV = Prescribed Concentration or Value
U = Undertaking
S = Standard Sampling Frequency
R = Reduced Sampling Frequency
A = Authorised Supply Point
Commentary on Water Quality:

A: Supply point authorisation for pesticides and related products.

Population of zone = 19848

This zone has a surface water source :R3302

2024 WATER SUPPLY COMMENTARY

ZS0407 - Drumaroad Bangor West

The water supplied in this zone within the Ards and North Down council area complied with all the physical-chemical and microbiological standards laid down in the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 except for the following parameter(s):

Odour – One exceedance

Investigations found that this exceedance was most likely due to sample taken from outside tap and not representative of water in supply. Resamples satisfactory.

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Parameter	Units	Type	No samples planned for year	No samples taken in year	No samples contravening PCV	% samples contravening PCV	Concentration or value (all samples)		
							Min	Mean	Max
1,2 Dichloroethane	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.410	< 0.410	< 0.410
2,4-D	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
2,4-DB	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.016	< 0.016	< 0.016
Aluminium	ug Al/l	S	36	36	0	0.000	11.000	30.972	70.000
Ammonium	mg NH4/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Antimony	ug/l Sb	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.037	< 0.090	< 0.180
Arsenic	ug/l As	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.130	< 0.218	< 0.310
Asulam	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Bentazone	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.004	< 0.004	< 0.004
Benzene	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.150	< 0.150	< 0.150
Benzo(a)pyrene	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002
Boron	mg/l B	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.038	< 0.053	< 0.059
Bromate	ug BrO3/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.590	0.759	0.900
Bromoxynil	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Cadmium	ug/l Cd	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.042	< 0.112	< 0.300
Chloride	mg Cl/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	7.200	8.363	12.000
Chlorotoluron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Chlorpyrifos	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Chromium	ug/l Cr	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.260	< 0.294	< 0.370
Clopyralid	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Clostridium perfringens (sulph red)	CFU/100 ml	AS	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Colony Counts 22	CFU/1 ml	S	36	36	0	0.000	0.000	0.139	3.000
Colony Counts 37 (48hrs)	CFU/1 ml	S	36	36	0	0.000	0.000	0.028	1.000
Colour	mg/l Pt/Co	S	36	36	0	0.000	< 4.563	< 4.563	< 4.563
Conductivity	uS/cm 20 C	S	36	36	0	0.000	71.000	85.333	160.000
Copper	mg Cu/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.043	< 0.357	< 0.546
Cyanide	ug/l CN	AS	24	23	0	0.000	< 5.500	< 5.500	< 5.500
Dicamba	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.028	< 0.028	< 0.028
Dichlorprop	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
Diflufenican	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Dimethenamid	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Diuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
E. coli	CFU/100 ml	S	120	120	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Enterococci	CFU/100ml	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Epoxiconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.005	< 0.005	0.006
Fenpropimorph	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Flufenacet	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005
Fluoride	mg F/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.150	< 0.150	< 0.150
Fluroxypyr	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Free - Residual disinfectant	mg Cl/l	S	120	120	0	0.000	0.100	0.576	1.020
Glyphosate	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Hydrogen Ion	pH value	S	36	36	0	0.000	6.800	7.234	7.700
Iron	ug/l Fe	S	36	36	0	0.000	< 1.538	< 8.807	36.000
Isoproturon	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Lead	ug Pb/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.090	< 0.093	< 0.095
Linuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Manganese	ug Mn/l	S	36	36	0	0.000	< 0.642	< 1.003	< 2.000
MCPA	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.009	< 0.009	< 0.009
MCPB	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Mecoprop	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
Mercury	ug per l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.041	< 0.041	< 0.041
Metalaxyl	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Metamitron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Metazachlor	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Metoxuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Metribuzin	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Nickel	ug Ni/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.260	< 0.488	< 0.625
Nitrate	mg/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	1.200	1.625	2.100
Nitrate/Nitrite Formula		S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.024	< 0.033	< 0.042
Nitrite	mg/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.030	< 0.030	< 0.030
Odour	Diln No	S	36	36	1	2.778	0.000	0.278	10.000
Oxamyl	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002

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WATER SUPPLY ZONE - ZS0407 - Drumaroad Bangor West

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Parameter	Units	Type	No samples planned for year	No samples taken in year	No samples contravening PCV	% samples contravening PCV	Concentration or value (all samples)		
							Min	Mean	Max
PAH - Sum of four substances	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Pendimethalin	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Pesticides - Total Substances	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.006
Phorate	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.009	< 0.009	< 0.009
Pirimicarb	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Propachlor	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Propiconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Propyzamide	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.012	< 0.012	< 0.012
Prothioconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002
Selenium	ug/l Se	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.057	< 0.159	< 0.410
Sodium	mg Na/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	5.400	5.950	8.000
Sulphate	mg SO4/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	13.000	17.625	32.000
Taste	Diln No	S	36	36	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Tebuconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.004	< 0.004	< 0.004
Tetrachloroethene/Trichloroethene - Sum	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.770	< 0.770	< 0.770
Tetrachloromethane	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.410	< 0.410	< 0.410
Total - Residual disinfectant	mg Cl/l	S	120	120	0	0.000	0.120	0.653	1.090
Total coliforms	CFU/100 ml	S	120	120	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Indicative Dose	mSv/year	AS	1	1	0	0.000	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100
Total Organic Carbon	mg C/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.700	1.025	1.600
Total Trihalomethanes	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	21.000	34.375	52.000
Triclopyr	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.012	< 0.012	< 0.012
Tritium	Bq/l	AS	1	1	0	0.000	< 10.000	< 10.000	< 10.000
Turbidity	NTU	S	36	36	0	0.000	< 0.090	< 0.100	0.150

PCV Exceedances:
Sample failed 20-NOV-2024 (ZS0407AE) Odour = 10 Diln No.

Notes:
PCV = Prescribed Concentration or Value
U = Undertaking
S = Standard Sampling Frequency
R = Reduced Sampling Frequency
A = Authorised Supply Point
Commentary on Water Quality:

A: Supply point authorisation for pesticides and related products.

Population of zone = 50273

This zone has a surface water source :R3302

2024 WATER SUPPLY COMMENTARY

ZS0408 - Drumaroad Bangor East

The water supplied in this zone within the Ards and North Down council area complied with all the physical-chemical and microbiological standards laid down in the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 except for the following parameter(s):

Total coliforms – One exceedance

Total coliform exceedances are an indication of microbiological contamination. Exceedances can occur when there are problems with disinfection of the water supply or where the sample tap is contaminated. Most total coliform / E. coli exceedances are because of contamination of the customer tap. Investigation of this exceedance found that the water supply was satisfactory, and that the contamination was undetermined. Resamples were satisfactory.

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WATER SUPPLY ZONE - ZS0408 - Drumaroad Bangor East

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Parameter	Units	Type	No samples planned for year	No samples taken in year	No samples contravening PCV	% samples contravening PCV	Concentration or value (all samples)		
							Min	Mean	Max
1,2 Dichloroethane	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.410	< 0.410	< 0.410
2,4-D	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
2,4-DB	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.016	< 0.016	< 0.016
Aluminium	ug Al/l	S	36	36	0	0.000	15.000	33.083	77.000
Ammonium	mg NH4/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Antimony	ug/l Sb	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.028	0.138	0.450
Arsenic	ug/l As	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.130	< 0.220	< 0.310
Asulam	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Bentazone	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.004	< 0.004	< 0.004
Benzene	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.150	< 0.150	< 0.150
Benzo(a)pyrene	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002
Boron	mg/l B	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.038	< 0.051	< 0.059
Bromate	ug BrO3/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.500	< 0.713	0.950
Bromoxynil	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Cadmium	ug/l Cd	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.042	< 0.143	< 0.300
Chloride	mg Cl/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	7.200	7.763	8.200
Chlorotoluron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Chlorpyrifos	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Chromium	ug/l Cr	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.260	< 0.309	< 0.370
Clopyralid	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Clostridium perfringens (sulph red)	CFU/100 ml	AS	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Colony Counts 22	CFU/1 ml	S	36	36	0	0.000	0.000	0.389	8.000
Colony Counts 37 (48hrs)	CFU/1 ml	S	36	36	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Colour	mg/l Pt/Co	S	36	36	0	0.000	< 4.563	< 4.563	< 4.563
Conductivity	uS/cm 20 C	S	36	36	0	0.000	72.000	87.694	180.000
Copper	mg Cu/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.043	< 0.420	< 0.546
Cyanide	ug/l CN	AS	24	23	0	0.000	< 5.500	< 5.500	< 5.500
Dicamba	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.028	< 0.028	< 0.028
Dichlorprop	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
Diflufenican	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Dimethenamid	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Diuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
E. coli	CFU/100 ml	S	96	96	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Enterococci	CFU/100ml	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Epoxiconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.005	< 0.005	0.006
Fenpropimorph	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Flufenacet	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005
Fluoride	mg F/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.150	< 0.150	< 0.150
Fluroxypyr	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Free - Residual disinfectant	mg Cl/l	S	96	96	0	0.000	0.310	0.581	0.990
Glyphosate	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Hydrogen Ion	pH value	S	36	36	0	0.000	6.800	7.262	7.960
Iron	ug/l Fe	S	36	36	0	0.000	< 1.538	< 10.656	69.000
Isoproturon	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Lead	ug Pb/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.090	< 0.094	< 0.095
Linuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Manganese	ug Mn/l	S	36	36	0	0.000	< 0.642	< 1.205	6.200
MCPA	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.009	< 0.009	< 0.009
MCPB	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Mecoprop	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
Mercury	ug per l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.041	< 0.041	< 0.041
Metalaxyl	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Metamitron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Metazachlor	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Metoxuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Metribuzin	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Nickel	ug Ni/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.260	< 0.534	< 0.625
Nitrate	mg/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	1.200	1.525	2.200
Nitrate/Nitrite Formula		S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.024	< 0.031	< 0.044
Nitrite	mg/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.030	< 0.030	< 0.030
Odour	Diln No	S	36	36	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Oxamyl	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002

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WATER SUPPLY ZONE - ZS0408 - Drumaroad Bangor East

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Parameter	Units	Type	No samples planned for year	No samples taken in year	No samples contravening PCV	% samples contravening PCV	Concentration or value (all samples)		
							Min	Mean	Max
PAH - Sum of four substances	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Pendimethalin	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Pesticides - Total Substances	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.006
Phorate	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.009	< 0.009	< 0.009
Pirimicarb	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Propachlor	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Propiconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Propyzamide	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.012	< 0.012	< 0.012
Prothioconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002
Selenium	ug/l Se	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.057	< 0.199	< 0.410
Sodium	mg Na/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	5.500	5.775	6.000
Sulphate	mg SO4/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	13.000	15.375	17.000
Taste	Diln No	S	36	36	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Tebuconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.004	< 0.004	< 0.004
Tetrachloroethene/Trichloroethene - Sum	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.770	< 0.770	< 0.770
Tetrachloromethane	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.410	< 0.410	< 0.410
Total - Residual disinfectant	mg Cl/l	S	96	96	0	0.000	0.370	0.664	1.080
Total coliforms	CFU/100 ml	S	96	96	1	1.042	0.000	0.042	4.000
Total Indicative Dose	mSv/year	AS	1	1	0	0.000	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100
Total Organic Carbon	mg C/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.800	0.970	1.300
Total Trihalomethanes	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	20.000	36.375	65.000
Triclopyr	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.012	< 0.012	< 0.012
Tritium	Bq/l	AS	1	1	0	0.000	< 10.000	< 10.000	< 10.000
Turbidity	NTU	S	36	36	0	0.000	< 0.090	< 0.103	0.160

PCV Exceedances:
Sample failed 18-APR-2024 (ZS0408AE) Total coliforms = 4 CFU/100.

Notes:
PCV = Prescribed Concentration or Value
U = Undertaking
S = Standard Sampling Frequency
R = Reduced Sampling Frequency
A = Authorised Supply Point
Commentary on Water Quality:

A: Supply point authorisation for pesticides and related products.

Population of zone = 38058

This zone has a surface water source :R3302

2024 WATER SUPPLY COMMENTARY

ZS0409 - Drumaroad Ards East

The water supplied in this zone within the Ards and North Down council area complied with all the physical-chemical and microbiological standards laid down in the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 except for the following parameter(s):

Iron – One exceedance

Investigations found that this exceedance was most likely due to sample taken from outside tap and not representative of the water in supply. Resamples satisfactory.

NI Water has in place an extensive Mains Rehabilitation Programme, which favours mains replacement and zones are prioritised according to need. This programme will continue to maintain and improve the quality of water in your council area over the next few years.

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WATER SUPPLY ZONE - ZS0409 - Drumaroad Ards East

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Parameter	Units	Type	No samples planned for year	No samples taken in year	No samples contravening PCV	% samples contravening PCV	Concentration or value (all samples)		
							Min	Mean	Max
1,2 Dichloroethane	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.410	< 0.410	< 0.410
2,4-D	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
2,4-DB	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.016	< 0.016	< 0.016
Aluminium	ug Al/l	S	36	36	0	0.000	15.000	40.973	150.000
Ammonium	mg NH4/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Antimony	ug/l Sb	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.043	< 0.120	< 0.180
Arsenic	ug/l As	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.130	0.250	0.350
Asulam	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Bentazone	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.004	< 0.004	< 0.004
Benzene	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.150	< 0.150	< 0.150
Benzo(a)pyrene	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002
Boron	mg/l B	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.038	< 0.053	< 0.059
Bromate	ug BrO3/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.630	0.808	1.000
Bromoxynil	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Cadmium	ug/l Cd	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.042	< 0.146	< 0.300
Chloride	mg Cl/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	7.600	7.988	8.400
Chlorotoluron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Chlorpyrifos	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Chromium	ug/l Cr	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.260	< 0.385	0.700
Clopyralid	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Clostridium perfringens (sulph red)	CFU/100 ml	AS	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Colony Counts 22	CFU/1 ml	S	36	36	0	0.000	0.000	0.139	5.000
Colony Counts 37 (48hrs)	CFU/1 ml	S	36	36	0	0.000	0.000	1.083	37.000
Colour	mg/l Pt/Co	S	36	36	0	0.000	< 4.563	< 4.563	< 4.563
Conductivity	uS/cm 20 C	S	36	36	0	0.000	73.000	83.806	180.000
Copper	mg Cu/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.043	< 0.357	< 0.546
Cyanide	ug/l CN	AS	24	23	0	0.000	< 5.500	< 5.500	< 5.500
Dicamba	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.028	< 0.028	< 0.028
Dichlorprop	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
Diflufenican	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Dimethenamid	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Diuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
E. coli	CFU/100 ml	S	108	108	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Enterococci	CFU/100ml	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Epoxiconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.005	< 0.005	0.006
Fenpropimorph	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Flufenacet	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005
Fluoride	mg F/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.150	< 0.150	< 0.150
Fluroxypyr	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Free - Residual disinfectant	mg Cl/l	S	108	108	0	0.000	0.220	0.589	1.080
Glyphosate	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Hydrogen Ion	pH value	S	36	36	0	0.000	7.000	7.320	8.010
Iron	ug/l Fe	S	36	36	1	2.703	< 1.538	< 30.566	220.000
Isoproturon	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Lead	ug Pb/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.090	< 0.095	0.110
Linuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Manganese	ug Mn/l	S	36	36	0	0.000	< 0.642	< 1.912	15.000
MCPA	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.009	< 0.009	< 0.009
MCPB	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Mecoprop	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
Mercury	ug per l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.041	< 0.041	< 0.041
Metalaxyl	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Metamitron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Metazachlor	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Metoxuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Metribuzin	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Nickel	ug Ni/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.260	< 0.489	< 0.625
Nitrate	mg/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	1.200	1.525	1.900
Nitrate/Nitrite Formula		S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.024	< 0.031	< 0.038
Nitrite	mg/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.030	< 0.030	< 0.030
Odour	Diln No	S	36	36	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Oxamyl	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002

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WATER SUPPLY ZONE - ZS0409 - Drumaroad Ards East

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Parameter	Units	Type	No samples planned for year	No samples taken in year	No samples contravening PCV	% samples contravening PCV	Concentration or value (all samples)		
							Min	Mean	Max
PAH - Sum of four substances	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Pendimethalin	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Pesticides - Total Substances	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.006
Phorate	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.009	< 0.009	< 0.009
Pirimicarb	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Propachlor	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Propiconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Propyzamide	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.012	< 0.012	< 0.012
Prothioconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002
Selenium	ug/l Se	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.057	< 0.176	< 0.410
Sodium	mg Na/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	5.500	5.688	6.000
Sulphate	mg SO4/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	13.000	15.250	17.000
Taste	Diln No	S	36	36	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Tebuconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.004	< 0.004	< 0.004
Tetrachloroethene/Trichloroethene - Sum	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.770	< 0.770	< 0.770
Tetrachloromethane	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.410	< 0.410	< 0.410
Total - Residual disinfectant	mg Cl/l	S	108	108	0	0.000	0.400	0.663	1.110
Total coliforms	CFU/100 ml	S	108	108	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Indicative Dose	mSv/year	AS	1	1	0	0.000	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100
Total Organic Carbon	mg C/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.500	0.938	1.200
Total Trihalomethanes	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	14.000	30.750	44.000
Triclopyr	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.012	< 0.012	< 0.012
Tritium	Bq/l	AS	1	1	0	0.000	< 10.000	< 10.000	< 10.000
Turbidity	NTU	S	36	36	0	0.000	< 0.090	< 0.123	0.440

PCV Exceedances:
Sample failed 14-FEB-2024 (ZS0409AE) Iron = 220 ug/l F.

Notes:
PCV = Prescribed Concentration or Value
U = Undertaking
S = Standard Sampling Frequency
R = Reduced Sampling Frequency
A = Authorised Supply Point
Commentary on Water Quality:

A: Supply point authorisation for pesticides and related products.

Population of zone = 45623

This zone has a surface water source :R3302

2024 WATER SUPPLY COMMENTARY

ZS0501 – Drumaroad Lisburn

The water supplied in this zone within your council area complied with all the physical-chemical and microbiological standards laid down in the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017.

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WATER SUPPLY ZONE - ZS0501 - Drumaroad Lisburn

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Parameter	Units	Type	No samples planned for year	No samples taken in year	No samples contravening PCV	% samples contravening PCV	Concentration or value (all samples)		
							Min	Mean	Max
1,2 Dichloroethane	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.410	< 0.410	< 0.410
2,4-D	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
2,4-DB	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.016	< 0.016	< 0.016
Aluminium	ug Al/l	S	36	36	0	0.000	13.000	43.306	180.000
Ammonium	mg NH4/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Antimony	ug/l Sb	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.027	< 0.068	< 0.180
Arsenic	ug/l As	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.130	< 0.191	< 0.310
Asulam	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Bentazone	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.004	< 0.004	< 0.004
Benzene	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.150	< 0.150	< 0.150
Benzo(a)pyrene	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002
Boron	mg/l B	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.038	< 0.056	< 0.059
Bromate	ug BrO3/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.500	< 0.709	0.860
Bromoxynil	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Cadmium	ug/l Cd	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.042	< 0.074	< 0.300
Chloride	mg Cl/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	7.400	9.289	20.000
Chlorotoluron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Chlorpyrifos	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Chromium	ug/l Cr	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.260	< 0.280	< 0.370
Clopyralid	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Clostridium perfringens (sulph red)	CFU/100 ml	AS	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Colony Counts 22	CFU/1 ml	S	36	36	0	0.000	0.000	0.917	21.000
Colony Counts 37 (48hrs)	CFU/1 ml	S	36	36	0	0.000	0.000	0.389	13.000
Colour	mg/l Pt/Co	S	36	36	0	0.000	< 4.563	< 4.563	< 4.563
Conductivity	uS/cm 20 C	S	36	36	0	0.000	72.000	94.417	390.000
Copper	mg Cu/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.043	< 0.357	< 0.546
Cyanide	ug/l CN	AS	24	23	0	0.000	< 5.500	< 5.500	< 5.500
Dicamba	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.028	< 0.028	< 0.028
Dichlorprop	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
Diflufenican	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Dimethenamid	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Diuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
E. coli	CFU/100 ml	S	84	84	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Enterococci	CFU/100ml	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Epoxiconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.005	< 0.005	0.006
Fenpropimorph	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Flufenacet	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005
Fluoride	mg F/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.150	< 0.150	< 0.150
Fluroxypyr	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Free - Residual disinfectant	mg Cl/l	S	84	84	0	0.000	0.190	0.589	0.950
Glyphosate	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Hydrogen Ion	pH value	S	36	35	0	0.000	6.920	7.328	7.600
Iron	ug/l Fe	S	36	36	0	0.000	< 1.538	< 43.343	290.000
Isoproturon	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Lead	ug Pb/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.090	< 0.116	0.230
Linuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Manganese	ug Mn/l	S	36	36	1	2.778	< 0.642	< 3.429	58.000
MCPA	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.009	< 0.009	< 0.009
MCPB	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Mecoprop	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
Mercury	ug per l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.041	< 0.041	< 0.041
Metalaxyl	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Metamitron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Metazachlor	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Metoxuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Metribuzin	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Nickel	ug Ni/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.260	< 0.488	< 0.625
Nitrate	mg/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	1.300	2.000	5.300
Nitrate/Nitrite Formula		S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.026	< 0.041	< 0.110
Nitrite	mg/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.030	< 0.030	< 0.030
Odour	Diln No	S	36	36	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Oxamyl	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002

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WATER SUPPLY ZONE - ZS0501 - Drumaroad Lisburn

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							Min	Mean	Max
PAH - Sum of four substances	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Pendimethalin	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Pesticides - Total Substances	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.006
Phorate	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.009	< 0.009	< 0.009
Pirimicarb	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Propachlor	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Propiconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Propyzamide	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.012	< 0.012	< 0.012
Prothioconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002
Selenium	ug/l Se	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.057	< 0.115	< 0.410
Sodium	mg Na/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	5.300	5.733	6.200
Sulphate	mg SO4/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	13.000	22.778	80.000
Taste	Diln No	S	36	36	1	2.778	0.000	0.111	4.000
Tebuconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.004	< 0.004	< 0.004
Tetrachloroethene/Trichloroethene - Sum	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.770	< 0.770	< 0.770
Tetrachloromethane	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.410	< 0.410	< 0.410
Total - Residual disinfectant	mg Cl/l	S	84	84	0	0.000	0.250	0.670	1.080
Total coliforms	CFU/100 ml	S	84	84	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Indicative Dose	mSv/year	AS	1	1	0	0.000	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100
Total Organic Carbon	mg C/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.700	1.200	2.700
Total Trihalomethanes	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	20.000	34.875	47.000
Triclopyr	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.012	< 0.012	< 0.012
Tritium	Bq/l	AS	1	1	0	0.000	< 10.000	< 10.000	< 10.000
Turbidity	NTU	S	36	36	0	0.000	< 0.090	< 0.134	0.630

PCV Exceedances:
Sample failed 10-DEC-2024 (ZS0501AE) Manganese = 58 ug Mn/l.
Sample failed 25-SEP-2024 (ZS0501AE) Taste = 4 Diln No.

Notes:
PCV = Prescribed Concentration or Value
U = Undertaking
S = Standard Sampling Frequency
R = Reduced Sampling Frequency
Commentary on Water Quality:
A = Authorised Supply Point

A: Supply point authorisation for pesticides and related products.

Population of zone = 35443

This zone has a surface water source :R3302

2024 WATER SUPPLY COMMENTARY

ZS0601 - Drumaroad Ballynahinch

The water supplied in this zone within your council area complied with all the physical-chemical and microbiological standards laid down in the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017.

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WATER SUPPLY ZONE - ZS0601 - Drumaroad Ballynahinch

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Parameter	Units	Type	No samples planned for year	No samples taken in year	No samples contravening PCV	% samples contravening PCV	Concentration or value (all samples)		
							Min	Mean	Max
1,2 Dichloroethane	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.410	< 0.410	< 0.410
2,4-D	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
2,4-DB	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.016	< 0.016	< 0.016
Aluminium	ug Al/l	S	52	52	0	0.000	12.000	33.604	110.000
Ammonium	mg NH4/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Antimony	ug/l Sb	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.038	0.108	0.200
Arsenic	ug/l As	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.130	0.244	0.410
Asulam	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Bentazone	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.004	< 0.004	< 0.004
Benzene	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.150	< 0.150	< 0.150
Benzo(a)pyrene	ug/l	S	8	7	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002
Boron	mg/l B	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.038	< 0.053	< 0.059
Bromate	ug BrO3/l	S	8	7	0	0.000	< 0.500	< 0.726	0.870
Bromoxynil	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Cadmium	ug/l Cd	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.042	< 0.141	< 0.300
Chloride	mg Cl/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	7.600	8.075	8.700
Chlorotoluron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Chlorpyrifos	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Chromium	ug/l Cr	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.260	< 0.354	0.590
Clopyralid	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Clostridium perfringens (sulph red)	CFU/100 ml	AS	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Colony Counts 22	CFU/1 ml	S	52	52	0	0.000	0.000	0.038	1.000
Colony Counts 37 (48hrs)	CFU/1 ml	S	52	52	0	0.000	0.000	0.077	2.000
Colour	mg/l Pt/Co	S	52	52	0	0.000	< 4.563	< 4.563	< 4.563
Conductivity	uS/cm 20 C	S	52	52	0	0.000	72.000	82.491	340.000
Copper	mg Cu/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.043	< 0.295	< 0.546
Cyanide	ug/l CN	AS	24	23	0	0.000	< 5.500	< 5.500	< 5.500
Dicamba	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.028	< 0.028	< 0.028
Dichlorprop	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
Diflufenican	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Dimethenamid	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Diuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
E. coli	CFU/100 ml	S	144	144	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Enterococci	CFU/100ml	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Epoxiconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.005	< 0.005	0.006
Fenpropimorph	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Flufenacet	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005
Fluoride	mg F/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.150	< 0.150	< 0.150
Fluroxypyr	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Free - Residual disinfectant	mg Cl/l	S	144	144	0	0.000	0.100	0.730	1.190
Glyphosate	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Hydrogen Ion	pH value	S	52	52	0	0.000	6.700	7.372	8.700
Iron	ug/l Fe	S	52	52	0	0.000	< 1.538	< 10.566	55.000
Isoproturon	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Lead	ug Pb/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.090	< 0.108	0.210
Linuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Manganese	ug Mn/l	S	52	52	0	0.000	< 0.642	< 1.314	7.400
MCPA	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.009	< 0.009	< 0.009
MCPB	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Mecoprop	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.011	< 0.011	< 0.011
Mercury	ug per l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.041	< 0.041	< 0.041
Metalaxyl	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Metamitron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
Metazachlor	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.015	< 0.015	< 0.015
Metoxuron	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008
Metribuzin	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Nickel	ug Ni/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.260	< 0.443	< 0.625
Nitrate	mg/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	1.300	1.675	2.100
Nitrate/Nitrite Formula		S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.026	< 0.034	< 0.042
Nitrite	mg/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.030	< 0.030	< 0.030
Odour	Diln No	S	52	52	1	1.887	0.000	0.189	10.000
Oxamyl	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002

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WATER SUPPLY ZONE - ZS0601 - Drumaroad Ballynahinch

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							Min	Mean	Max
PAH - Sum of four substances	ug/l	S	8	7	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Pendimethalin	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Pesticides - Total Substances	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.006
Phorate	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.009	< 0.009	< 0.009
Pirimicarb	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.006	< 0.006	< 0.006
Propachlor	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010
Propiconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.003
Propyzamide	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.012	< 0.012	< 0.012
Prothioconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002
Selenium	ug/l Se	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.057	< 0.170	< 0.410
Sodium	mg Na/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	5.500	5.738	6.100
Sulphate	mg SO4/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	14.000	15.250	18.000
Taste	Diln No	S	52	52	1	1.887	0.000	1.868	99.000
Tebuconazole	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.004	< 0.004	< 0.004
Tetrachloroethene/Trichloroethene - Sum	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.770	< 0.770	< 0.770
Tetrachloromethane	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	< 0.410	< 0.410	< 0.410
Total - Residual disinfectant	mg Cl/l	S	144	144	0	0.000	0.180	0.805	1.270
Total coliforms	CFU/100 ml	S	144	144	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Indicative Dose	mSv/year	AS	1	1	0	0.000	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100
Total Organic Carbon	mg C/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	0.600	0.963	1.200
Total Trihalomethanes	ug/l	S	8	8	0	0.000	18.000	36.375	70.000
Triclopyr	ug/l	AS	24	24	0	0.000	< 0.012	< 0.012	< 0.012
Tritium	Bq/l	AS	1	1	0	0.000	< 10.000	< 10.000	< 10.000
Turbidity	NTU	S	52	52	0	0.000	< 0.090	< 0.101	0.170

PCV Exceedances:
Sample failed 28-NOV-2024 (ZS0601AE) Odour = 10 Diln No.
Sample failed 28-NOV-2024 (ZS0601AE) Taste = 99 Diln No.

Notes:
PCV = Prescribed Concentration or Value
U = Undertaking
S = Standard Sampling Frequency
R = Reduced Sampling Frequency
Commentary on Water Quality:
A = Authorised Supply Point

A: Supply point authorisation for pesticides and related products.

Population of zone = 60398

This zone has a surface water source :R3302

ITEM 12

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Community and Wellbeing Committee
Date of Meeting	10 September 2025
Responsible Director	Director of Community and Wellbeing
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Leisure Services
Date of Report	21 August 2025
File Reference	SD155
Legislation	Recreation and Youth Services Order (1986)
Section 75 Compliant	Yes ☒ No ☐ Other ☐ If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Ards and North Down Sports Forum Grants (WG August 2025/2026)
Attachments	Appendix 1 - Successful Goldcard Report for Noting Appendix 2 - Successful Individual Travel and Accommodation for Noting Appendix 3 - Unsuccessful Report for Noting

The Ards and North Down Sports Forum administers grants for sporting purposes on behalf of Council under the Councils Grants Policy agreed in 2024.

£70,000 had been allocated within the 2025/2026 revenue budget for this purpose.

During August 2025, the Forum received a total of 36 applications: (6 Goldcards and 30 Individual Travel/Accommodation).

A summary of the **26 successful** applications are detailed in the attached 2025/26 Successful Goldcard and Travel/Accommodation Appendices.

Not Applicable

2025/26 Budget £70,000	Annual Budget	Proposed Funding Awarded August **2025**	**Remaining Budget**
Anniversary	£2,000	£0	**£500.00**
Coach Education	£3,000	£0	**£2,275.00**
Equipment	£22,000	£0	**£8,276.70**
Events	£10,000	£0	**-£1,085.43**
Seeding	£2,000	£0	**£1,192.09**
Travel and Accommodation	£28,000	*£4,950.00	**-£3,110.45**
Discretionary	£1,000	£0	**£660.00**
Schools/Sports Club Pathway	£2,000	£0	**£2,000**
2 Goldcards Awarded in August 25 (16 Goldcards in total during 2025/26)			

*The proposed remaining budget for Travel and Accommodation of **-£3,110.45** is based on a proposed award this month of **£4,950.00**

The proposed remaining budget for 2025/26 is **£10,707.91** (85% of the 2025/26 budget spent).

Noting the high volume of grant applications thus far in 2025/26, with 85% of budget allocated in the first 5 months of the financial year, Officers carried out a forecasting exercise utilising expenditure to date in 2025/26, and the last 2 financial years.

Considering the remaining seven months of this financial year, including soon to be released tranches for Sports equipment and sports events Officers would advise Members that it is possible that an additional sum of circa £12,000 could be required above the £70,000 budget agreed for 2025/26 to meet the expected level of applications if the current trend continues.

It is proposed that this funding is financed from the additional income at ABMWLC to ensure Council continues to fund this grant programme. The leisure team are confident that sufficient additional income to cover all predicted applications will be available at year end based on the current sales figures from ABMWLC. It is also proposed to seek additional funding in the 2026/27 rate setting process to ensure Council continue to support our sport development grants programme which provides essential assistance to our sporting community as they represent the Borough on the sporting stage.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council note the attached report and the reallocation of £12,000 to the grant fund by officers to support the ongoing demand for sports grants.

APPENDIX 1 - SUCCESSFUL GOLDCARD REPORT FOR NOTING 2025-26

APPLICANT	SPORT	EVENT	DATES	GOLDCARD	REPRESENTING	PROPOSED	NOTES
Amilia McAleer (1975)	Rowing	Home International Regatta / U23 European Championships	26th July 2025 / 6-7 September 2025	ABM, LDPK, PORTAFERRY, BA, QUEENS (Gym, Pool, Health Suite, Cryo Spa)	Ireland	Yes	**A letter from Rowing Ireland confirms that Amilia will be competing at the Home International Regatta in Dorney Lake, London on 26 July 2025. She will also be attending the U23 European Championships in Racice, Czech Republic from 6-7 September 2025. Goldcard recommended until 7 September 2025.**
Jared Martin (1964)	Mountain Running	Mountain Running Senior Home International, Trail Running Championships	17th August 2025, 25-28th September 2025	ABM, Bangor, Sportsplex & Health Suite (Gym, Health Suite, track)	Ireland	Yes	**A letter from the Irish Mountain Running Association confirms Jared will be competing at the Home International on 17th August, England and the Trail Running Championships on 35-38th September, Spain. Goldcard recommended until 28th September 2025.**
TOTALS						**2**	

APPENDIX 2 - SUCCESSFUL INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL/ACCOMMODATION REPORT FOR NOTING 2025-26

APPLICANT	SPORT	EVENT	DATES	LOCATION	REPRESENTING2	REQUESTED	PROPOSED	NOTES
Nicola Hutchison (1944)	Swimming	Deaf Olympics	15-26 November 2025	Tokyo, Japan	Great Britain	£600.00	£300.00	**Nicola has been selected to compete at the Deaf Olympics from 15-26 November 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from UK Deaf Sport. Recommend funding of £300.**
John Toogood (1945)	Hockey	World Masters Hockey Home Nations	25-27 July 2025	Cardiff, Wales	Ireland	£338.46	£200.00	**John has been selected for Ireland to compete at the World Masters Hockey Home Nations Championships from 25-27 July 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from Hockey Ireland. Recommend funding of £200.**
Allister McVicar (1946)	Hockey	World Masters Hockey Home Nations	25-27 July 2025	Cardiff, Wales	Ireland	£381.00	£200.00	**Allister has been selected for Ireland to compete at the World Masters Hockey Home Nations Championships from 25-27 July 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from Hockey Ireland. Recommend funding of £200.**

Erin McConnell (1947)	Triathlon	2025 World Triathlon Cup Tiszaujvaros	5-6 July 2025	Tiszaujvaros, Hungary	Ireland	£1,199.38	£100.00	**Erin has been selected to compete in the 2025 World Triathlon Cup Tiszaujvaros, Hungary from 5-6 July 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from Triathlon Ireland. Recommend funding of £100 as Erin has now reached her £600 funding limit per financial year.**
James Knox (1952)	Weightlifting	British Senior Championships 2025	12th July 2025	NEC Birmingham	Northern Ireland	£200.00	£200.00	**James has been selected to take part in British Senior Championships 2025 from 11-13 July 2025 in Birmingham. This has been confirmed by a valid selection email provided from British Weightlifting. Recommend funding of £200.**
Hannah Crymble (1953)	Weightlifting	British Senior Championships 2025	12th July 2025	Birmingham	Northern Ireland	£200.00	£200.00	**Hannah has been selected to take part in British Senior Championships 2025 from 11-13 July 2025 in Birmingham. This has been confirmed by a valid selection email provided from British Weightlifting. Recommend funding of £200.**

Hannah Crymble (1954)	Weightlifting	IWF World Championships	2-11 October 2025	Forde, Norway	Ireland	£250.00	£250.00	**Hannah has been selected to compete at the IWF World Championships in Forde, Norway from 2-11 October 2025. This has been confirmed by a valid selection email from Weightlifting Ireland. Recommend funding of £250.**
Eva Ross (1955)	Trampolining	Inter-Regional Challenge Cup Finals	11-13 July 2025	Birmingham	Northern Ireland	£226.33	£200.00	**Eva has been selected to compete at the Inter Regional Challenge Cup Final in Birmingham from 11-13 July 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from Gymnastics NI. Recommend funding of £200.**
Sofia Chambers (1957)	Hockey	Ulster U13 Regional Girls Championship Beeston 2025	11-13 July 2025	Nottingham	Ulster	£200.00	£200.00	**Sofia has been selected to compete at the Ulster U13 Regional Girls Championship Beeston 2025 in Nottingham, from 11-13 July 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from Ulster Hockey. Recommended funding of £200.**
Rachel Menary (1958)	Trampolining	Inter-Regional Challenge Cup Final	11-13 July 2025	Birmingham	Northern Ireland	£200.00	£200.00	**Rachel has been selected to compete at the Inter Regional Challenge Cup Final in Birmingham from 11-13 July 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from Gymnastics NI. Recommend funding of £200.**

Eloise Keers (1959)	Polocrosse	Pony Club UK Area Cup	18-20 July 2025	Gloucestershire, England	Northern Ireland	£200.00	£200.00	**Eloise has been selected to compete at the Pony Club UK Area Cup in Gloucestershire, England from 18-20 July 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from the British Equestrian Federation. Recommend funding of £200.**
Eloise Keers (1960)	Polocrosse	UK Pony Club Championships	9-10 August 2025	Off Church Bury, England	Northern Ireland	£200.00	£200.00	**Eloise has been selected to compete at UK Pony Club Championships in Off Church Bury, England from 9-10 August 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from the British Equestrian Federation. Recommend funding of £200.**
Polly Robinson (1961)	Sailing	International Topper Class World Championships	21-25 July 2025	Medemblik, Netherlands	Northern Ireland	£250.00	£250.00	**Polly has been selected to compete at the International Class Topper World Championships from 21-25 July 2025 in Medemblik, Netherlands. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from RYA NI. Recommend funding of £250.**

Lauren McGlennon (1966)	Equestrian	Pony Club Regional Championships	14th August 2025	Off Church Bury, Warwickshire	Northern Ireland	£600.00	£200.00	**Lauren has been selected to compete at the Pony Club Regional Championships in Off Church Bury Warwickshire on 14 August 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from British Equestrian. Recommended funding of £200.00**
Holly Blythe (1968)	Equestrian	JCB National Championships	8-16 August 2025	Off Church Bury, Warwickshire	Northern Ireland	£493.91	£200.00	**Holly has been selected to compete at the Pony Club Regional Championships in Off Church Bury Warwickshire on 8-16 August 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from British Equestrian. Recommended funding of £200.00**
Zophia Quigley (1969)	Lifesaving	European Lifesaving Championships	24-31 August 2025	Szczecin & Miedzyzdroje, Poland	Great Britain	£250.00	£250.00	**Zophia has been selected to compete at the European Lifesaving Championships in Szczecin & Miedzyzdroje, Poland from 24-31 August 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from the Royal Life Saving Society UK. Recommended funding of £250.00**

Lauren McGlennon (1970)	Equestrian	Pony Club Regional Championships	15-16 August 2025	Off Church Bury, Warwickshire	Northern Ireland	£600.00	£200.00	**Lauren has been selected to compete at the Pony Club Regional Championships in Off Church Bury Warwickshire from 15-16 August 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from British Equestrian. Recommended funding of £200.00**
Amilia McAleer (1972)	Rowing	Home International Regatta	26th July 2025	Dorney Lake, Eton Dorney, London	Ireland	£200.00	£200.00	**Amilia has been selected to compete at the Home International Regatta at Dorney Lake, Eton Dorney, London on 26 July 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from Rowing Ireland. Recommended funding of £200.00**
Amilia McAleer (1973)	Rowing	U23 European Training Camp	17 August - 3 September 2025	National Rowing Centre, Cork	Ireland	£50.00	£50.00	**Amilia has been selected to attend the U23 European Training Camp in Cork, Ireland from 17 August – 3 September 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from Rowing Ireland. Recommended funding of £50.00**

Amilia McAleer (1974)	Rowing	U23 European Championships	6-7 September 2025	Racice, Czech Republic	Ireland	£250.00	£250.00	**Amilia has been selected to attend the U23 European Championships in Racice, Czech Republic from 6-7 September 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from Rowing Ireland. Recommended funding of £250.00**
Shannon Foster (1976)	Trampolining	Home Nations	16-17 August 2025	Lilleshall, Birmingham	Northern Ireland	£200.00	£200.00	**Shannon has been selected to compete at the Home Nations in Lilleshall, Birmingham from 16-17 August 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from Gymnastics NI. Recommended funding of £200.00**
Shannon Foster (1977)	Trampolining	Loule Cup	22-27 October 2025	Loule, Portugal	Northern Ireland	£250.00	£250.00	**Shannon has been selected to compete at the Loule Cup in Loule, Portugal from 22-27 October 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from Gymnastics NI. Recommended funding of £250.00**
Caleb Moore (1978)	Trampolining	Home Nations	16-17 August 2025	Lilleshall, Birmingham	Northern Ireland	£200.00	£200.00	**Caleb has been selected to compete at the Home Nations in Lilleshall, Birmingham from 16-17 August 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from Gymnastics NI. Recommended funding of £200.00**

Caleb Moore (1979)	Trampolining	Loule Cup	22-27 October 2025	Loule, Portugal	Northern Ireland	£250.00	£250.00	**Caleb has been selected to compete at the Loule Cup in Loule, Portugal from 22-27 October 2025. This has been confirmed by a selection letter from Gymnastics NI. Recommended funding of £250.00**
TOTALS							**£4,950.00**	

APPENDIX 3 - UNSUCCESSFUL REPORT

APPLICANT	APPLICATION	REQUEST	EVIDENCE REQUIRED	EXPLANATION
Rebecca Lavery (1950)	Goldcard	Applying for Goldcard	Our guidelines state that applicants must, "Provide a letter from the relevant SNI/Sport Ireland recognised governing body. The letter must verify the athlete is part of a recognised squad or an Individual in preparation for a specific event/competition. The Governing Body letter/email MUST state what event/competition details you are preparing for. The event/competition must be within 12 months of application being made".	**Goldcard not recommended as Rebecca has not submitted a valid selection letter to confirm her selection.**

Vanessa Monaghan (1962)	Goldcard	Applying for Goldcard	Our guidelines state that applicants must, "Provide a letter from the relevant SNI/Sport Ireland recognised governing body. The letter must verify the athlete is part of a recognised squad or an Individual in preparation for a specific event/competition. The Governing Body letter/email MUST state what event/competition details you are preparing for. The event/competition must be within 12 months of application being made".	**Goldcard not recommended as Vanessa has not submitted a valid selection letter to confirm her selection.**

Olivia Bloodworth (1963)	Goldcard	Applying for Goldcard	Our guidelines state that applicants must, "Provide a letter from the relevant SNI/Sport Ireland recognised governing body. The letter must verify the athlete is part of a recognised squad or an Individual in preparation for a specific event/competition. The Governing Body letter/email MUST state what event/competition details you are preparing for. The event/competition must be within 12 months of application being made".	**Goldcard not recommended as Olivia has not provided a valid selection letter. NI Weightlifting are not recognised as a National Governing Body by Sport Northern Ireland or Sport Ireland.**

Daisy Moore (1971)	Goldcard	Applying for Goldcard	Our guidelines state that applicants must, "Provide a letter from the relevant SNI/Sport Ireland recognised governing body. The letter must verify the athlete is part of a recognised squad or an Individual in preparation for a specific event/competition. The Governing Body letter/email MUST state what event/competition details you are preparing for. The event/competition must be within 12 months of application being made".	**Goldcard not recommended as Daisy has not submitted a valid selection letter to confirm her selection.**
Isla Henry (1948)	Individual Travel/Accommodation	Isla's sport is Athletics and requested £600.00 for the 'Tailteann School's Interprovincial Competition' taking place on 21 June 2025 in Carlow, Ireland.	Our guidelines state, "the application must be submitted prior to the event commencing."	**Funding not recommended as the application was received on 2 July 2025 for an event that concluded on 21 June 2025.**
Isla Henry (1949)	Individual Travel/Accommodation	Isla's sport is Athletics and requested £600.00 for the 'National Juvenile Indoor Championships' taking place from 29-30 March 2025 in Athlone, Ireland.	Our guidelines state, "the application must be submitted prior to the event commencing."	**Funding not recommended as the application was received on 2 July 2025 for an event that concluded on 30 March 2025.**

Tilly Hunniford (1951)	Individual Travel/Accommodation	Tilly's sport is Athletics and requested £100.00 for the 'National Track & Field Championships' taking place on 29 June 2025 in Tullamore, Ireland.	Our guidelines state, "the application must be submitted prior to the event commencing."	**Funding not recommended as the application was received on 3 July 2025 for an event that concluded on 29 June 2025.**
Eva Ross (1956)	Individual Travel/Accommodation	Eva's sport is Trampolining and requested £252.28 for the 'League Finals' taking place from 27-28 September 2025 in Derby, England.	Our guidelines state, applicants must "provide a specific event selection letter for the Event from the relevant SNI/Sport Ireland recognised Governing Body on official Governing Body headed paper or official Governing Body email statement".	**Funding not recommended as Eva has not submitted a selection letter to confirm her selection.**
Matthew Milliken (1965)	Individual Travel/Accommodation	Matthew's sport is Canicross and requested £250.00 for the 'Canicross World Championships' taking place from 7-9 November 2025 in Pardubice, Czech Republic.	Our guidelines state, applicants must "provide a specific event selection letter for the Event from the relevant SNI/Sport Ireland recognised Governing Body on official Governing Body headed paper or official Governing Body email statement".	**Funding not recommended as Matthew has not provided a valid selection letter. Canicross Ireland are not recognised as a National Governing Body by Sport Northern Ireland or Sport Ireland.**

Faith Bogle (1967)	Individual Travel/Accommodation	Faith's sport is Trampolining and requested £200.00 for the 'BG Inter Regional Challenge Cup Final 2025' taking place from 11-13 July 2025 in Birmingham, England.	Our guidelines state, "the application must be submitted prior to the event commencing."	**Funding not recommended as the application was received on 21 July 2025 for an event that concluded on 13 July 2025.**

ITEM 13

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Community and Wellbeing Committee
Date of Meeting	10 September 2025
Responsible Director	Director of Community and Wellbeing
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Leisure Services
Date of Report	07 August 2025
File Reference	CW74
Legislation	Recreation and Youth Services Order (1986)
Section 75 Compliant	Yes ☐ No ☐ Other ☒ If other, please add comment below: N/A For information only
Subject	Bi Monthly Update on Portavogie 3G and Penninsula 3G pitches and Portaferry Sport Centre
Attachments	13.1 Appendix 1 - Portavogie 3G Update 13.2 Appendix 2 - Peninsula 3G Update 13.3 Appendix 3 - Status Update on Portaferry Sports Centre Floor Repair 13.4. Appendix 4 - Review of Road Service Response

In February 2024, Council agreed to the following:
“that Council notes the closure of the training area at Portavogie Football Pitch due to health and safety concerns, recognises the negative impact this has on local provision and sports development and tasks Officers to bring forward a report on options to provide temporary training facilities in the village in the short term and repairs to the pitch in the long term. As a matter of urgency Council tasks Officers to bring forward a bimonthly progress report on the development of the Portavogie 3G Pitch, Portaferry Sports Centre and Portaferry 3G Pitch to this committee.”

Not Applicable

This report provides the three updates requested on a bi-monthly basis, and for the two capital projects, in a 'RAG' format as further requested by the proposer in May 2024.

1. The update report for the Portavogie 3G project is attached at appendix 1.

2. The update report for the Peninsula 3G project is attached at appendix 2. A further report on financial matters has been provided for Members consideration in the 'in confidence' section of the committee's agenda.

3. The status update for the defective floor at Portaferry Sports Centre is attached at appendix 3.

In addition, Council made a further decision to seek the advice of a roads engineer with a view to challenging the Department for Infrastructure's requirements to enhance the access to the Portavogie pitch site. This was duly commissioned, and a report was received in August 2025. The report is attached at appendix 4.

The conclusion of the expert is that the technical review of the comments provided by DfI Roads in the latest planning response has confirmed that the issues raised align with the current standards and requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB). Also, the proposed parking provision complies with the Planning Service's Parking Standards guidance document. Therefore, it would seem unwise for the Council as the applicant to challenge the requirements as set out by DFI.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council notes the three update reports and the Road Engineers expert opinion on the Departments comments on the planning application pertaining to access and parking.

Portavogie 3G Project. Update 20.
Information up to date as of 6th August 2025

This report has been prepared for information purposes and is issued to interested parties to update them on the most pressing of work streams currently being undertaken.

Planning application:	LA06/2020/0844/F (submitted on 21 September 2020)
Proposal:	Upgrade to existing football ground to include the placement of the existing grass pitch with synthetic surface, fencing and floodlighting along with replacement changing pavilion, additional car parking spaces and associated siteworks
Location:	Football ground to the rear of no. 8 and 10 New Harbour Road, Portavogie

For Information – RAG status

Green	Amber	Red
Good progress is being made, with no significant issues.	Progress is being made with some issues needing to be worked through.	Issues exist that could put elements or the whole project at risk.

Background

A planning application was submitted in September 2020. All consultation responses were received one year later, in September 2021, except NI Water (NIW) consultation response.

NIW have issued reports and maps that indicate the underinvestment and lack of capacity over significant areas of Northern Ireland, which is stifling, delaying, and preventing a large amount of capital development projects throughout Northern Ireland. Portavogie is one of the areas affected.

With regards to Portavogie, NIW responded to the planner in November 2021 objecting to the scheme and started a process that resulted in them requesting additional design works related to their infrastructure in the vicinity of the site. The design was to be carried out and developed to Stage 2 (as outlined in their solutions report) to allow NIW's sign off on the proposal and issue of their final consultation response to Planning.

In September 2023, the EU Commission adopted the EU REACH restriction on intentionally added microplastics. Once entered into force, the restriction will apply in the EU and Northern Ireland. A sales ban on granular infill materials will apply after eight years so that affected stakeholders have time to develop and switch to alternative materials.

In the interim and in light of the science underpinning the restriction, SES requested robust evidence of appropriate mitigation for artificial surfaces with linkages to designated sites, stating that the most effective control is avoidance of infill materials entering the aquatic environment. ANDBC were re-consulted through the planning process in May 2024 and asked to demonstrate that effective mitigation is in place for the Portavogie 3G Pitch.

Portavogie 3G Project. Update 20.
Information up to date as of 6th August 2025

In October 2024, DfI Roads withdrew their original consultation response to the proposed redevelopment and reconsulted with PlanningNI, advising that they now consider the proposal unacceptable, as submitted.

1. Programme

Green	Amber	Red
	The programme for the delivery of the project cannot be determined until planning is granted.	

The project programme will be updated when we have assurance that Planning approval will be granted and a realistic timeframe for securing same has been provided.

2. NI Water: Offsetting

Green	Amber	Red
A solution has been agreed with NIW who have confirmed their conditional approval to the proposed scheme.		

Following re-consultation through the formal planning process, NIW responded in July 2024 to confirm their conditional approval of the submitted drainage offsetting proposal. The proposed solution will free up capacity within the existing, adjacent combined sewer by redirecting drainage from Portavogie Primary School, to facilitate a foul drainage connection from the development site into the adjacent combined public sewer.

It should be noted that legal permission from the Education Authority (EA), is required to carry out the drainage works within the grounds of Portavogie Primary School (PPS) and work is ongoing to secure this. EA approval is conditional to planning approval, therefore it is not required in advance of receiving planning approval but must be achieved thereafter, to proceed with the development.

The EA has repeatedly advised that they have a number of priority projects which currently require input from their appointed solicitor and are taking precedence over their consideration of Council's request. However, the EA recently enquired about very specific aspects of the development proposal and responses have been provided. Council still await the EA's timescale for securing legal permission and frequently communicate with key personnel in the EA to encourage prompt conclusion of the process.

3. NI Water: Requisition

Green	Amber	Red
NIW has provided a conditional response to the resubmitted		

requisition application (received on 11.06.24) and detailed design development by NIW is underway.		

The development of the detailed design for the requisition sewer is still in progress, following ANDBC's payment of a £10K deposit. NIW have appointed consultants to prepare the required design. The proposed requisition sewer is required to drain surface run off from the proposed site and facilitate a connection for the re-routed PPS storm drainage (subject to receipt of the EA's legal permission). This aspect of the drainage proposal has received NIW's conditional approval through the formal planning process and we await NIW's detailed design solution for this aspect of the works.

4. Planning: Statutory Consultation – Shared Environmental Services

Green	Amber	Red
Planning consulted with NIEA Water Management Unit, Marine & Fisheries and SES, following our submission of an updated HRA		

In response to the EU future ban of use of microplastics in artificial pitches, SES reconsulted on all live planning applications affected by this decision, including this proposal in Portavogie. SES requested an updated HRA, to either i) confirm that natural infill will be used and evidence that it is not harmful to the environment or ii) or provide appropriate measures in the design to infiltrate rubber infill crumb before it is discharged out to the storm sewer.

Planning consulted with NIEA Water Management Unit, Marine & Fisheries and SES, following our submission of an updated HRA confirming that ANDBC will use natural infill in the 3G pitch, in accordance with mitigation option i), listed above.

SES - A positive consultation response was received from SES who confirmed they have no reason to disagree with the findings of the HRA published on 10/10/2024. SES considers that the Council has fulfilled its obligations under the assessment requirements of Regulation 43 (1) of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (as amended).

DEARA Marine & Fisheries – a positive consultation response was received from NIEA Marine & Fisheries division on 14/11/2024 advising that they welcome the mitigation measures outlined in the updated HRA.

DEARA Water Management Unit (WMU) – a positive response was received further to the issue of information requested by WMU. WMU has responded to confirm they have considered the impacts of the proposal on the surface water environment and,

on the basis of the information provided, are content with the proposal, subject to Conditions.

5. Planning: Statutory Consultation – DfI Roads

Green	Amber	Red
	DfI original consultation response withdrawn and additional information requested with significant impact on current access design. Proposed design agreed in principle.	

In October 2024, DfI Roads withdrew their original consultation response to the proposed redevelopment and reconsulted with PlanningNI, advising that they now consider the proposal unacceptable, as submitted because of access to the site.

Council can confirm that DfI Roads has requested an updated site access design with visibility splays. Further internal meetings were held to agree a strategy on how to deal with the requirements that DFI Roads have asked for.

A meeting took place at the site on 7th February 2025 when a number of options were discussed regarding potential solutions. Please see below under Section 6 for further detail on recent progress.

6. Planning Update: General

Green	Amber	Red
	All requests from consultees have been addressed with the exception DfI Roads which is in progress.	

The planning consultation process remains live until engagement with DfI Roads concludes through the formal planning process. We therefore await a planning decision once the further access information requested has been submitted and DFI further consulted.

By 3rd March draft drawings had been prepared for the planning service to have a discussion with DFI on their latest objection. Land and Property Services will be approached in relation to the value of any additional lands that will be required for the enhanced access to the site.

DFI have approved the suggested design in principle, LPS will be asked to provide a valuation of the lands in question so that this can be discussed with the landowners. The project architect has been asked to develop detailed drawings, to inform LPS's

valuation and for formal submission to DFI through the planning process, requesting a formal response.

In accordance with the agreement with the landowner of the additional lands, a formal response, addressing DfI Roads requirements, will be sent to the Department through the planning process in the hope that this will allow planning permission to be granted and the proposal will be detailed to the landowner in writing.

The landowner involved was written to with this update on the access road development on 4th March.

By the beginning of April, the meeting between DFI and Planning had taken place and additional lands have been identified as being required by DFI to allow a site access design that will comply with their requirements to be delivered. A request was made on 1st April for contact details of the owners of these additional 3rd party lands.

A further update was provided to the initial and main 3rd party landowner on 3rd April 2025.

Over the Easter break, the other landowners mentioned above (3) were written to asking if they would be willing to enter into discussions with the Council concerning the potential use of land owned by them to help deliver on the access solution. To date two out of the three have responded to the letter, however all three would need to be in agreement to assist in order to move forward.

Design development has taken longer than anticipated, however a meeting was held with the project consultancy team on 5th June who confirmed that a final design submission for the new entrance would be completed and submitted to planning before the end of June, following further engagement with the 4 private land owners whose agreement is required for this solution to be ultimately taken to Council for approval.

Update, August 2025.

In July in an email message we advised that we were still trying to secure engagement with the private landowners around the proposed entrance to the pitch site and DFIs requirements, at the existing laneway. Unfortunately we have been unable to secure agreement as required and are therefore currently considering an alternative entrance option at a nearby location. 3rd party discussions began in relation to this just after the July holidays. As stakeholders will appreciate we are unable to clarify the location of this alternative entrance while initial engagement is taking place.

In the meantime in accordance with the Council decision at the end of May, we engaged the services of a roads engineer with a view to query the response from DFI on the specification proposed for the entrance. This investigation has been completed by a suitable expert and a draft report has been forwarded to the Project Team for

consideration and onward reporting to Council members as soon as the final report is agreed.

Finally, the team are also still awaiting final sign off from the Education Authority for the "in principle agreed" scheme concerning NIWs required wastewater and run off infrastructure improvements.

Peninsula 3G Project
Information up to date as of 7 August 2025

This report has been prepared for information purposes only and is issued to members to update them on the main workstreams currently being undertaken.

Planning application: Not yet submitted
Proposal: A full-size GAA 3G pitch incorporating 2 full size soccer pitches and a range of multi-use design with to assist a range of GAA clubs and Soccer clubs in the area, for competitive GAA matches and multi sports training. Set close to St Columba's College with the intention that the school will make full use of the pitch during school hours, evenings and weekends as required.
Location: Cloughey Road Portaferry, behind the sports centre

For Information – RAG status

Green	Amber	Red
Good progress is being made, with no significant issues.	Progress is being made with some issues needing to be worked through.	Issues exist that could put elements or the whole project at risk.

Background

1. Design consultants appointed
2. Establishment of and site surveys in progress and nearing completion with pre-application discussions with planning in the next few weeks.
3. Preferred layout established and further discussion with the clubs is required.
4. Updated Capital Costs by consultant exceed the current Project Budget, Council instructed capital team to continue with the full scheme through to the planning process while the cost shortfall will be addressed via an update report to committee.

1. Programme

Amber
The programme for the delivery of the project cannot be determined until planning is granted as there are too many variables to accurately predict a date as to when the planning application will be determined at this stage. RIBA Stage 2 is completed with the Consultants report submitted. Elements of RIBA Stage 3 underway to enable consultation with planning in the coming weeks.

2. Key Risks

Amber
There have been several risks identified with particularly relevance to the stage, the top five are: 1. Funding allocated £2.2m within the current project prioritisation. Current estimated cost in excess of £6.5m, this is currently not included in council rate setting budget yearly profile. It was agreed at a resent committee

meeting a report to include a current cost estimates for members consideration will need to be presented at the appropriate time.
2. Water based habitat system over a large element of the site, cost of mitigation currently being established in the region of £1m.
3. NI Water mitigation measures are verbally agreed but this will stay a risk until these are agreed through the planning process and it appears that there is capacity within the current infrastructure to cater for this facility. There are not significant at this stage.
4. Entrance off the public road required widening, this will add cost and whilst positive discussions have taken place with DfI Roads they will only sign off proposals through the planning processes.
5. Close out of statutory consultees including NIEA through PAD process

3. Costs

Red

The estimated cost has risen since the OBC from c£2.2m in 2017 to in excess of c£6.5m 2025. This is due to:

- The original OBC was produced 2016/17 and at this stage the costs were established at 2017 rates. We have now predicted the cost at the potential midpoint of construction, that is more likely to be 2027. Therefore 10 years increase of costs.
- Construction inflation has risen significantly in recent years and although has settled it has not reduced.

In the original OBC these of elements have also affected the cost:

- The pavilion was smaller
- New electrical supply to the site was not taken for
- Preliminaries were a far lower percentage, a more realistic percentage based on recent experience has now been used
- A smaller car park was proposed
- No optimism bias allowance
- No allowance for earth works
- No allowance for fencing
- No allowance for drainage
- No allowance for new organic infill

The site investigation surveys carried out as part of the RIBA stages 1&2 have indicated that the following through consultation with statutory authorities will add costs.

- Major relocation of a wet land habituate
- Widened entrance off the main road
- Upgrade works external to the site
- Disposal of potentially hazardous materials from old landfill (this amount has reduced significantly since the last update)

Peninsula 3G Project
Information up to date as of 7 August 2025

4. Environmental Issues

Amber
• A full set of surveys instructed are reaching completion and engagement with relevant statutory consultees have taken place. • A water-based habitat system that NIEA will require relocating. The proposed new location is between the new 3G pitch and the councils soccer grass pitch, this will require some re-routing of the water course that exists in the area to ensure a wet area is maintained. The earth works and cost of these works has now been established with some assumptions at this stage i.e the level of hazardous and inert waste requiring disposal and the depth below the ground water level.

5. Lands

Green
Discussion with the Education Authority and Diocese regarding a lease are going well with good dialogue established. The Education Authority and Diocese confirmed that the rent of the land required for the project will be at peppercorn rate.

APPENDIX 3

Status update on the Portaferry Sports Centre Sports Hall Floor repairs

May 2025 Update

The hall remains only partly usable, with no funding yet confirmed forthcoming from the responsible organisation to carrying out the remaining repairs.

A meeting took place with the Diocesan Trustees, St MacNissi's Educational Trust, the Department of Education, the school, elected members and senior Community and Wellbeing Officers on Friday 8th November 2024 in an attempt to progress the issue. It was confirmed at that meeting that the Trust were responsible for the upkeep of the building and as such that the school principal would forward an application for works to be carried out on the floor to the Department of Education. It was explained by the Department representative that this would then be the responsibility of the Education Authority to scope out and that any works to be carried out would be subject to budgetary approvals.

The application was submitted by the school principal on 11th November 2024 and the Minister for Education has responded as follows.

I can confirm that the unavoidable minor works application submitted by the school on 11 November 2024 has been issued to the Education Authority (EA) for scoping and assessment. Subject to the necessary approvals, the project will be considered in line with available budget and against competing priorities. Officials from the Department's Estate Operations Team will ensure you are kept informed on progress of your application.

You will appreciate that the Department is currently having to make very difficult decisions about how best to target investment and any available capital budget has been directed to provide education access to the most vulnerable and to those inescapable emergency works that, if not completed, would force the closure of schools.

Following this, the principle was contacted by the Education Authority in January and site visit appointment with the EAs estate operations team locality manager was secured for a date in February.

The Department of Education visited the Portaferry Sports Centre on Tuesday 18th February 2025 and inspected the floor of the main hall along with the Principal and the Buildings Supervisor.

The outcome of the visit is that the Department Representative will contact the Education Authority regarding the matter and attempt to move things forward. The Dept representative also indicated at the meeting that she will provide an update directly to officers in the Council.

At the time of writing this update, no further information has been received from the Department Representative.

September 2025 Update;

There has been no further progress with the issue since the last update in May 2025.

Appendix 4

Review of Road Service Planning Response

Proposed 3G Pitch, Portavogie

Gilligan

CONSULTING CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS

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DATE. August 2025

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1. Introduction

Gilligan NI have been requested through Collins Rolston Architects by Ards and North Down BC to conduct a technical review of comments issued by the Department of Infrastructure: Roads Division(DFI Roads) in relation to the access lane of the new proposed 3G pitch at 6A New Harbour Road, Portavogie.

The proposals are currently being assessed by the planning authority – referenced: *LA06/2020/0844/F*.

It is the intention of this report to review and compare the items discussed by DFI Roads against the most up-to-date, relevant technical guidance as stipulated by the Planning Authority, DFI Roads and other associated bodies.

2. Existing and Proposed Site

2.1. Existing Site

The current site contains an existing grass pitch and changing facilities, with a total area of Circa 0.98ha. The existing site area would be considered as brownfield.

Land usage for the area is mainly residential, with the site being bordered by dwellings at all sides by houses. The Site Location Map can be found in **Appendix A**.

Figure 1 below shows a satellite photo of the site(site boundary in red).

Figure 1(Google Maps, 2025)

Site is accessed via. an access lane entered off the New Harbour Road. Access lane is located between houses 6 and 8 New Harbour Road. The driveways of both properties run parallel with the access lane, with boundary walls separating the properties and the access lane.

The New Harbour Road would be deemed as a minor unclassified local road, under the DFI Roads classification system. Portavogie does lie along the A2 coastal route, but it is thought that the New Harbour Road is part of the local towns road network, rather than a primary route. The speed limit for the New Harbour Road would be 30mph.

2.2. Proposed Site

The projects planning proposal description is as follows:

"Upgrade to existing football ground to include the replacement of the existing grass pitch with synthetic surface, fencing and floodlighting along with replacement changing pavilion, additional car parking spaces and associated siteworks.(Amended site plan)"

The most up-to-date site plan is included in **Appendix B**. It is proposed that a new state-of-the-art 3G pitch is to be installed, replacing the existing grass pitch, meeting all the requirements of Irish Football Associate(IFAs) intermediate standards. An upgrade to the existing changes pavilion is also included in this scheme; with an improvement to the existing parking provision being provided as well.

3. DFI Roads

3.1. Previous Planning Responses

DFI Roads first responded to this planning application with "No Objections" to the proposal on the 4th of December in 2020. Standard conditions were recommended in this consultation relating to visibility splays, forward sight lines and access gradients.

Later in 2022, a revised P1 form was issued onto the Planning Portal with updated vehicle and visitor number provided by Ards and North Down: Leisure Section. This demonstrated an expected intensification of use of the upgraded facilities. DFI Roads then later withdrew their planning response from 2020.

DFI Roads were then reconsulted, providing their latest response on the 14th of October 2024.

All DFI Roads correspondence can be found in **Appendix C**.

3.2. Current Response

DFI Roads have concluded that if the development is to incur an increase in the number of users of the access lane; the following items must be addressed as part of the planning application:

1. Sight splays of 2.0m X 33m
2. Access width to be 6.0m wide for the first 10m
3. 5.0m radii at access.
4. Pedestrian access from New Harbour Road to football field.
5. Adequate car parking for this proposal.

4. Technical Review of Comments

4.1. Relevant Technical Guidance

The main guidance document that should always be consulted and worked in accordance with would be the Deign Manual for Roads and Bridges(DMRB). The DMRB is made up of a catalogue of different design manuals, enforced by all Road authorities in the UK. Specifically in this case – as the response is in relation to mainly geometrical road items – the main document that should be referred to would be *CD 123: Geometric design of at-grade priority and signal-controlled junctions*.

Parking provision for a development can be guided by document such as "Creating Places" and "The Planning Service: Parking Standards". These provide a detailed analysis of different schemes and the parking requirements associated with the specific schemes.

4.2. Review

The engineers at Gilligan have conducted a technical review of the access lane based off the items mentioned in the latest response from DFI Roads, in accordance with the latest relevant guidance.

Each items is addressed under each of the following headings:

<u>Sight Splays: 2.0m x 33m</u>

Sight splays of 2.0m x 33m are proposed in accordance with the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB), document CD 123: *Geometric design of at-grade priority and signal-controlled junctions*. For a direct access junction(section 3.8), 2.0m is the minimum required X-distance (set-back distance). The 33m Y-distance(as per section 3.4) corresponds to the Stopping Sight Distance *(SSD)* appropriate for the anticipated vehicle speeds on New Harbour Road.

It has been noted that through later consultation with Ards and North Down BC - DfI Roads have requested a visibility splay of 2.4m x 33m, aligning with the requirements for a simple priority junction as per CD 123. The 2.4m X-distance(section 3.8) typically applies to

junctions where vehicles emerge from a minor road onto a busier route, thus offering enhanced visibility for approaching traffic.

Access Width: 6.0m over First 10m

According to *CD 123*, the minimum lane width for a standard carriageway is 3.0m(section 6.8). Since DfI Roads have indicated that this access will serve two-way traffic (entry and exit lanes), they are requesting the entrance to be widened to 6.0m for the initial 10m length. This ensures sufficient width for simultaneous ingress and egress of vehicles, in line with technical standards.

Junction Radii: 5.0m

While *CD 123* recommends a minimum kerb radii of 6.0m for simple junctions in urban areas(section 5.6.1), a 5.0m radii is considered acceptable in this instance due to spatial constraints and the relatively low traffic volumes anticipated. This slight reduction is within a tolerable margin for a minor access serving the proposed facility.

Pedestrian Access to Football Field

DfI Roads have requested pedestrian access provision from New Harbour Road to the football field, anticipating increased footfall as a result of the development. One potential solution is to design the access lane as a shared surface, accommodating both vehicles and pedestrians within the same corridor, thereby eliminating the need for a separate footway while maintaining safe access.

Further consultation with DFI Roads will be required to confirm this. If this is not possible, then a standard 2.0m wide footway must be provided for pedestrian access, as per *CD 123*.

Car Parking Provision

While DfI Roads do not have enforcement powers regarding parking provision, they are required to provide consultation comments on parking adequacy during the planning process. The relevant guidance documents to reference are “Creating Places” and “The Planning Service: Parking Standards”.

According to the Parking Standards (Table D2):

- 1 car parking space per 3 players
- 1 coach space per 4 pitches
- 2 cycle parking spaces per pitch

Based on the current site layout, which proposes 51 car parking spaces, the required parking for two full teams (assuming 18 players per team plus 2 coaches) equates to:

- 2 x 18 players = 36 players → 12 car spaces required
- 2 coaches → 1 coach space required

This yields a total parking requirement of 14 spaces (including coaches). With 51 car parking spaces provided, the development exceeds the minimum requirement by 37 additional spaces, which should adequately serve the 66-person spectator stand, adhering to a 1 space per 3 seats provision ratio.

5. Conclusion

The technical review of the comments provided by DfI Roads in the latest planning response has confirmed that the issues raised align with the current standards of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB).

The proposed parking provision complies with the Planning Service’s *Parking Standards* guidance document. Consultation responses from DfI Roads have been duly noted and will be considered by the planning authority as part of the planning assessment process.

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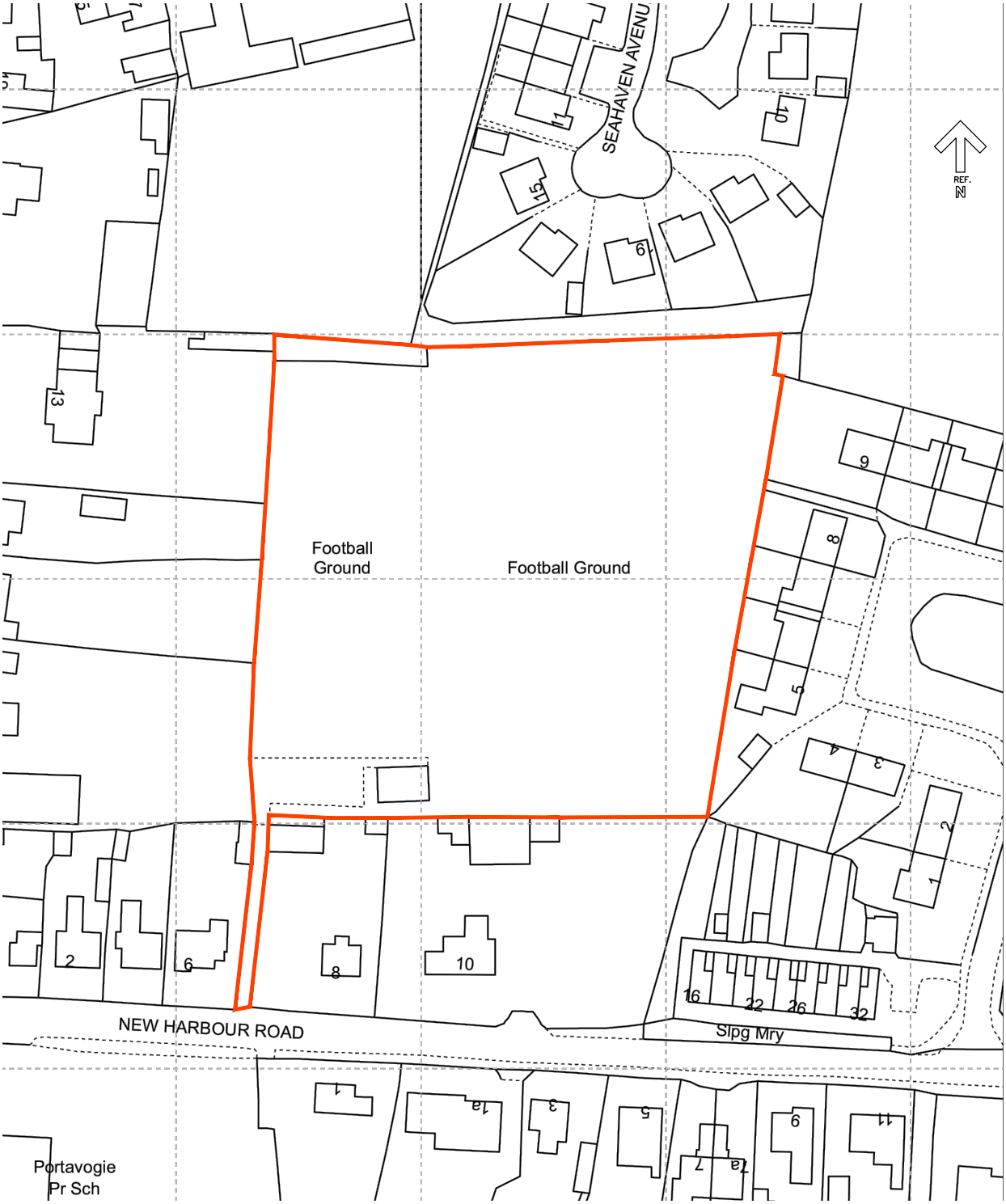

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PROPOSED 3G-PITCH, CHANGING ROOMS, FLOOD-LIGHTING & SITE WORKS.
AT NUMBER 6A, NEW HARBOUR ROAD, PORTAVOGIE, COUNTY DOWN, BT22 1EE.
FOR ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL.
PROJECT NUMBER: 18.926 SCALE: 1:1250@A4. 28.OCT'19/JMcC.

site location map **dwg.no. 18.926 01**

Appendix B

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File No.....

Drawing Number 030
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floodlight
floodlight
floodlight
single gate
4m
4m
1.2m
1.6m
1.6m
2.25m
2.25m
goal storage recess
single gate
maintenance free soft landscaping at perimeter
single gate
floodlight
2.3m
2.5m
support post for ball catch fence guy wire
support post for ball catch fence guy wire
3G synthetic pitch surface with football pitch markings (3G synthetic surface must be constructed in accordance with BS EN 15330-1:2013)
overall playing surface dimensions 55m x 90m
2.3m
2.5m
support post for 6m ball catch fence
support post for 6m ball catch fence
existing access point retained (new single gate to be erected in existing fence)
ball catch fence
maintenance free soft landscaping
proposed pitch drainage to be connected to existing drainage system (subject to detailed civil engineer's design)
55m
90m
double gate
ball catch fence
2.3m
2.5m
support post for 6m ball catch fence
support post for 6m ball catch fence
support post for ball catch fence guy wire
goal storage recess
support post for ball catch fence guy wire
proposed dugouts / technical area
double gate (maintenance & equipment access)
single gate
double gates (maintenance & equipment access)
2.25m
2.25m
1.6m
1.6m
1.6m
floodlight
4m
24.6m
4m
floodlight
floodlight
floodlight
SPECTATOR STAND
storage area gate
double gate (maintenance & equipment access)
changing pavilion
sterile area
access control gate
storage area gate
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
proposed spectator stand to accommodate 50 persons including provide 6 wheelchair positions
extended car park area
51 50 49 48 47 46 45 44 43 42 41 40 39 38 37 36 35 34 33 32 31 30 29 28 27 26
bitmac
grass

EXISTING ACCESS UNCHANGED

LEGEND

SITE BOUNDARY		
TYPE A - Low Fence (1.2m)	- metal mesh	
TYPE B - High Fence (2.0m)	- metal mesh	
TYPE C - High Fence (2.0m)	- timber acoustic fence	
TYPE D - Ballstop Fence (3.0m)	- timber acoustic fence	
TYPE E - Ballstop Fence (6.0m)	- 3.0m high mesh fence above 3.0m high timber acoustic fence	
Fence Mounted Obscured Panel	- material selection to be confirmed	

REF. N

0 5M 10M 20M 30M 40M
Scale Bar 1:500

F - NE and SE floodlights relocated west by 2.05m as requested by Planning/Env. Health.	28.SEP'22 / JMcC
E - Externally accessed w.c. changed to internal at request of B. Control.	22.MAR'22 / JMcC
D - New fencing included at north east corner of site at Client request.	21.JAN'22 / JMcC
C - Additional lighting columns added (x2) to reduce lighting of adjacent dwellings, as recommended by Light Impact Assessment.	10.DEC'21 / JMcC
B - Timber acoustic fence incorporated within boundary treatment strategy.	16.JUN'21 / JMcC
A - Location of fence mounted obscured panels indicated.	30.JUN'20 / JMcC

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proposed site layout plan **dwg.no. 18.926 SK20F**

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Appendix C

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Planning Authority Case Officer: Gillian Corbet
Planning Application Ref: LA06/2020/0844/F
Date consultation received: 14/10/2020
Date of Reply: 04/11/2020

Location: Football ground to the rear of no. 8 and 10 New Harbour Road, Portavogie

Proposal: Upgrade to existing football ground to include the replacement of the existing grass pitch with synthetic surface, fencing and floodlighting along with replacement changing pavilion, additional car parking spaces and associated siteworks

No objections to this proposal.

The vehicular access, including visibility splays and any forward sight distance, shall be provided in accordance within the Proposed Site Layout Plan, Drawing No.03 bearing the stamp dated 21-09-2020 prior to the commencement of any other development hereby permitted. The area within the visibility splays and any forward sight line shall be cleared to provide a level surface no higher than 250mm above the level of the adjoining carriageway and such splays shall be retained and kept clear thereafter.

REASON: To ensure there is a satisfactory means of access in the interests of road safety and the convenience of road users.

The access gradient to the dwelling hereby permitted shall not exceed 8% (1 in 12.5) over the first 5 m outside the road boundary. Where the vehicular access crosses footway, the access gradient shall be between 4% (1 in 25) maximum and 2.5% (1 in 40) minimum and shall be formed so that there is no abrupt change of slope along the footway.

REASON: To ensure there is a satisfactory means of access in the interests of road safety and the convenience of road users.

INVESTORS IN PEOPLE

Add Informatives:

Not withstanding the terms and conditions of the Department of Environment's approval set out above, you are required under Articles 71-83 inclusive of the Roads (NI) Order 1993 to be in possession of the Department for Regional Development's consent before any work is commenced which involves making or altering any opening to any boundary adjacent to the public road, verge, or footway or any part of said road, verge, or footway bounding the site. The consent is available on personal application to the Roads Service Section Engineer whose address is Jubilee Road, Newtownards. A monetary deposit will be required to cover works on the public road.

It is the responsibility of the Developer to ensure that water does not flow from the site onto the public road (including verge or footway) and that existing road side drainage is preserved and does not allow water from the road to enter the site.

Planning Condition:

The above comments are on the basis that full off street parking is provided for this proposal as any overspill onto the public road will not be permitted.

Informative:

The illumination level must comply with the institution of Lighting Professionals Technical Report No.5, Brightness of illumination.

REASON: In the interests of visual amenity, road safety and convenience of road users.

Dfl Roads Case Officer: Colum Mc Manus

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Planning Authority Case Officer: Gillian Corbet
Planning Application Ref: LA06/2020/0844/F
Date consultation received: 10/10/2024
Drawing No: **03A**
Date of Reply: 14/10/2024

Location: Football ground to the rear of no. 8 and 10 New Harbour Road, Portavogie

Proposal: Upgrade to existing football ground to include the replacement of the existing grass pitch with synthetic surface, fencing and floodlighting along with replacement changing pavilion, additional car parking spaces and associated siteworks

Following an internal review DFI Roads would request that the previous response dated 04/11/2020 be withdrawn.:

DFI Roads has been made aware that an amended P1 application form dated 23/04/2021 was submitted which indicates that there will be an intensification in use of the existing access.
DFI Roads would advise that the previous comments dated 04/11/20 are withdrawn.

In light of this amended P1 Form DFI Roads would like to make the following comments:

Dfl Roads considers the application unacceptable as submitted. Insufficient detail is available on transportation issues as highlighted below. Should Planning Service be minded to progress the application towards an approval Dfl Roads require the following points to be addressed.

1. Sight splays of 2.0m X 33m
2. Access width to be 6.0m wide for the first 10m
3. 5.0m radii at access.
4. Pedestrian access from New Harbour Road to football field.

5. Adequate car parking for this proposal.

Please reconsult DfI Roads in the event of a meeting request or when further information is available.

DfI Roads Case Officer: Colum Mc Manus

ITEM 14

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Community and Wellbeing Committee
Date of Meeting	10 September 2025
Responsible Director	Director of Community and Wellbeing
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Parks and Cemeteries
Date of Report	11 August 2025
File Reference	CW30
Legislation	N/A
Section 75 Compliant	Yes ☐ No ☐ Other ☒ If other, please add comment below: N/A
Subject	North Down Coastal Path Working Group Minutes
Attachments	14.1 Appendix 1 Minutes of the North Down Coastal Path Working Group held on 30th March 2025

The meeting of the North Down Coastal Path Working Group was held 30th March 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council note the attached minutes.

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

A meeting of the North Down Coastal Path Working Group of Ards and North Down Borough Council was held in Church Street, Newtownards, on Monday 31 March 2025 at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor McKimm (Chairman)

Alderman McRandal
Councillor Hennessy
Councillor McBurney
Councillor McKee

Ms Alison McQueen (For Another Path)
Mr James Hunter (Greenspaces Bangor)
Mr David Lennon (Friends of Columbanus, Bangor)
Mr Stephen McCrory (Ards and North Down Cycle Campaign Group)
Mr Frank Shivers (Bangor Chamber of Commerce)

Officers: Head of Parks & Cemeteries (S Daye), Parks & Cemeteries Development Manager (J Bettes) and Democratic Services Officer (P Foster)

1. APOLOGIES

The Chairman (Councillor McKimm) sought apologies at this stage.

Apologies were received from Alderman Graham, Councillors Cochrane, Harbinson, Hollywood, Irwin, McClean, McCollum and Ms Marianne Kennerley (Boom Inc! / Boom Studios), Director of Community & Wellbeing (G Bannister) and Head of Communications & Marketing (C Jackson)

NOTED.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman sought Declarations of Interest at this stage.

There were no Declarations of Interest notified.

NOTED.

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3. MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTH DOWN COASTAL PATH WORKING GROUP DATED 6 JANUARY 2025

PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED: Minutes of the North Down Coastal Path Working Group meeting dated 6 January 2025.

Mr Lennon noted reference made to the St Columba's Way in the minutes and stated that it should be referred to as the Columban Way.

AGREED, that the minutes be adopted.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES & 5. UPDATE REPORT AND PRESENTATION

PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED: Minutes from 30 September 2024 meeting were approved by the Group at the meeting on 6 January 2025 and were noted at the January Council meeting.

At the July 2024 meeting members of the Group agreed a way forward regarding the £150,000 budget, the delivery areas breakdown was as below:

- £80,000 (Path Repairs and Surveys)
- £45,000 (Machinery Maintenance)
- £25,000 (Signage, Promotion and Engagement)

The draft minutes from the 6 January 2025 had been circulated to members of the Working Group due to the time delay between meetings. Those minutes would be considered for approval at the Council meeting this month and would be presented at the April Council meeting.

At the meeting on 30 September several proposals were put forward to members of the group to progress improvements to the maintenance of the path, the promotion of it and the accessibility and connectivity of the path.

As was outlined at the meeting most of the path was not in Council ownership.

Maintenance

It was agreed at the September meeting that Council would undertake maintenance works on the Council owned sections of the path (Pickie to Swineley Bay):

- Verge encroachment clearance to reinstate the full original width of the path exposing the tarmac underneath
- Cut back overhanging vegetation

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- Temporary barriers would be replaced with railings similar to those adjacent to it at Downshire Road/Smelt Bay.
- Path would be surfaced on approach to Swineley Bay
- Address the drainage issues along the path.

Those works had been programmed to take place in January/February 2025. However, due to the workload created in the aftermath of Storm Eowyn and that the main contractor had also had to divert to deliver the Ward Park Dementia Friendly Garden. Due to funding deadlines the progress on this work had been limited. Some cutting back of overhanging vegetation had occurred which was undertaken by Parks staff. It was envisaged the other proposed works would be completed once the contractor was available.

Machinery

A procurement exercise had been completed for the purchase of a Non-Herbicide Weed Control Unit. This unit would do the future maintenance of the Coastal Path. Once the verges had been cleared back the entire path could be utilised, the new equipment would allow for ongoing chemical free maintenance of the path verges.

Additional equipment, namely a remote-control mower, had been purchased by Parks Operational teams to aid maintenance of the coastal path and would be delivered by the end of the end of March 2025.

Planning Application

Work was underway to prepare a planning application to cover the section from the bridge at Seahill to the Royal Belfast Golf Club, approximately two kilometres long. This section required restoration to its original width as previously outlined, the section along the Royal Belfast Golf Club was at risk of collapse given that the rock armour had slipped, and the path was unsupported in places. While the section being undermined did not comprise of the entire two kilometres, a planning application was required for the entirety given the sensitive nature of this protected area and the potential requirement for smaller structural works to the path.

Discussions would be required with the respective landowners prior to the submission of the planning application. Certain technical surveys would be required, and those were currently being implemented. A photomontage had been completed and would accompany the planning drawings so that the proposed improvements could be clearly understood. The planned works would be the minimal interventions to ensure the durability of the path and improve its condition only, however they would still require planning permission.

Previously it was reported that the intention was to present this planning application to the working group in March 2025, this may take longer as the work was still ongoing by the consultants (Aecom) to compile that planning application.

Signage and Promotion

The existing North Down Coastal Path leaflet had been reviewed and updated, and the new version had been delivered.

The new leaflets were distributed to locations including:

- Visitor Information Centres [VIC] in Ards and Bangor
- Cockle Row, Groomsport
- Translink Bangor
- Aurora
- North Down Museum
- Crawfordsburn Country Park
- Main hotels, e.g. The Old Inn, Clandeboye Lodge, etc.
- Offered to any other accommodation in the area that wants them to call and collect from the VIC for their premises
- Queens Hall Holywood
- Bangor Library

There were six signs along the North Down Coastal Path, at Seapark, Cultra, Grey Point, Bangor, Ballymacormick Point and Orlock. Those had perished over the years in the environment or had been removed. The content of those signs was updated and to date six panels had been installed at Seapark, Cultra, Grey Point, Pickie Park Bangor, Ballymacormick Point and Orlock.

Photographs illustrate the revised information panels installed at two of the six locations: Above pictures at Cultra And to the right signage at Seapark	

A wider signage audit and strategy for the North Down Coastal Path would be explored and codesigned in due course with the Working Group.

Events

The Development Officer (Community Trails and Greenways) had facilitated and programmed a series of events along the coastal path over the winter period.

More were planned as follows:

Inclusive Walks:

- Two inclusive walks in October were provided one in the morning and one in the afternoon on the Coastal Path from Pickie Park

Mindfulness Walks:

- Six monthly walks from October 2024 to March 2025 had been provided to the public. The Mindful walks lead groups of 11-17 participants in gentle activity by the coast at Helen's Bay, Seapark and from Pickie Park Bangor.

A Bioblitz was being programmed for 30 May 2025.

Cycling Friendly Borough

A Notice of Motion was agreed by Council in February 2023: "This Council acknowledges the environmental and health benefits associated with the recent increase in cycling and declares Ards & North Down a cycling friendly Borough".

In June 2023 a report was brought to Council outlining the elements that were in place or were currently in development, planned or being progressed that would contribute towards ensuring that a 'Cycling Friendly Borough' status could be

declared and sustained. The elements that would contribute towards a Cycling Friendly Borough were as follows:

f) The role of, and working with the Department of Infrastructure
f) The proposed Ards and North Down Borough Council Cycling Masterplan
f) Working with Sustrans, on its National Cycling Network and One Path Initiative
f) The Councils Greenway network programme
f) Cycle to Work Scheme
f) Cycle Friendly Workplace Scheme

The budget was agreed to progress the One Path Initiative in the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

As the amount of people walking and cycling in public spaces and on multi use paths had increased over the years, so too had the interactions between those users and in some cases, those were negative.

As managers of many public spaces and multi-use paths, it was incumbent on Council to try to respond to those complaints. The danger was however that a response such as imposing speed limits, segregation of paths or adding signage outlining a list of rules impeded one group of users and left them feeling targeted causing further tensions between user groups.

The approach of 'The One Path Initiative' was to discuss and understand the issues people faced when using shared paths and to collaboratively develop ways which helped people to better share the space. By participating in this process, people would feel more invested in their local space, understand other user's experiences, feel more connected to their community, and it would create a positive atmosphere. The ethos behind the One Path Initiative was 'Share, Respect, Enjoy'.

The initiative was delivered over a period of two years, helping users of shared spaces understand and respect how other users enjoyed the space as follows:

Stage 1: An audit and analysis of issues
Stage 2: Development of a creative engagement programme
Stage 3: Embedding the One Path ethos, 'Share, Respect, Enjoy'.

In the first year the project provided for engagement with a variety of user groups through a series of focus group sessions e.g. with running groups, walking groups, cycling clubs, dog walker groups, local community groups, statutory bodies and so on. This was followed in the second year by on path animation events to engage users in conversations about messaging and how they and others could safely use the path together without the need for restrictive codes of conduct and lists of dos

and don’ts – the initiative helped path users understand each other’s perspectives and that the simple message of ‘Share, Respect, Enjoy’ was applicable to all.

At the end of the two-year programme a One Path festival would be held along a shared space giving the various user group representatives opportunity to highlight their own work by running engagement events then and thereafter.

Given the progression of the Comber-Newtownards-Green Road Greenway project, and that the budget had been agreed, the One Path Initiative would commence in the autumn of 2025.

Mapping the Path

The path had now been 360 degree photographed and mapped from Holywood to Stricklands Glen and could be viewed on Google Streetview.

A videographer had created promotional footage and ariel shots of the Coastal Path and its surrounding landscape. The footage had been received would be used for future promotions of the Coastal Path and associated events. Raw footage supplied by the videographer would also assist this group with decision making and understanding of areas under discussion.

In January 2025 officers met with representatives from the Ards and North Down Heritage groups at their cluster meetings. At the meeting it was agreed to progress a living history project in collaboration between the Heritage Group and Parks and Cemeteries Officers. A specification for the project was being developed and would be finalised at the next cluster meeting in April.

Alternative Cycle Route at Grey Point

Officers were exploring the potential for an alternative cycle/accessible route in the vicinity of Grey Point Fort. At this point the path became narrow and uneven, not suitable for family cycling. There may be the option to direct people along Grey Point (public road) to The Fort and down alongside the fort to the path. There was an alleged Right of Way that linked Sheridan Drive with the coastal path and officers were currently exploring if that could also provide an alternative link to the path.

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Grey Point: Map showing possible alternative route – red line – via possible Right of Way linking Sheridan Drive to Coastal path

The Park & Cemeteries Development Manager, with the aid of a presentation provided an in-depth update on the above report, highlighting the salient points it included.

The Chairman agreed that questions could be asked throughout the presentation's progression and the following comments were made.

Maintenance

The Park & Cemeteries Development Manager updated members to advise that the completion of infrastructure repairs was scheduled for the end of May 2025.

Machinery

Mr McCrory sought an update on the new machinery and was informed that it had been purchased but required a new trailer to transport it. It was further noted that the tender for the Mechanical Sweepers had been completed and it was hoped those would be in place by the end of June, in time for the start of the Summer. Members

of the Group were also informed that the maintenance would be carried out along the entire length of the path.

Signage and Promotion

Alison McQueen reported that the sign at Pickie was too high and would not be able to be viewed by wheelchair users. She added that the sign referred to at Ballymacormick Point was actually at Groomsport.

The Park & Cemeteries Development Manager advised that there had been some issues with the ground conditions at Pickie but indicated that he would look into this to see if the height could be adjusted accordingly.

Councillor McKee questioned the signs durability against vandalism and graffiti. The Park & Cemeteries Development Manager advised that officers had specifically sought the best signs available and as such were confident that they would withstand any vandalism or graffiti.

Frank Shivers asked if planning had to be sought for the new signs. In response the Park & Cemeteries Development Manager advised that had not been necessary as they were replacing existing signs. Continuing he sought guidance from the Group in relation to the next steps and asked if there was an appetite for the path to be broken down into sections or if they were happy for officers to come forward with further ideas.

Alison McQueen suggested that it would be nice for the signs to include some history of the local area. For instance reference could be made to the old boat building yard at Stricklands particularly as remnants of the old jetty still remained in place. The Park & Cemeteries Development Manager indicated that he would bring back some options for the Group to consider.

Councillor McKee suggested that there could be value in breaking the Path into smaller, distinct sections for example a five kilometre walk and one kilometre walk and so on.

At this stage the Head of Parks & Cemeteries also indicated that there could be an opportunity for providing some overall history of the Coastal Path. The Park & Cemeteries Development Manager added that by sectioning the path into small distinct areas would encourage people to use the path.

Mr McCrory asked if there would be any recommendations drawn up on how to use the path which would cover the behaviour of all users and how they could successfully integrate with each other.

At this stage Mr Lennon welcomed the signage adding that he had regular visitors from a wide variety of walking groups who undertook walks such as the Columban

Way and the Bell Walk in Bangor. He asked if consideration could be given to including walks such as those in the signage.

Events and Promotion

The Park & Cemeteries Development Manager advised that officers had been working on and facilitating a number of events along the coastal path throughout the winter period with positive feedback to date. It was noted that more events were scheduled to take place over the coming months.

In response to a query from Alderman McRandal, the Park & Cemeteries Development Manager advised that the walking events held covered approximately one kilometre with approximately 15 to 20 people in attendance. He added that the proposed Biobltiz would take place in and around the Brompton area.

Alderman McRandal asked for consideration to be given to alternative venues for any forthcoming Bioblitz's.

The Group were then informed that the path had been photographed and mapped with the promotional video now complete. Officers would now work with their colleagues in the Council's Communication section to take the matter forwards. It was also noted the Heritage Groups were fully on board and a specification was now being developed.

Cycling Friendly Borough

The Park & Cemeteries Development Manager reported that the Council's Cycling Masterplan had been agreed by the Council and officers would work alongside Sustrans and the One Path Initiative to develop a two year programme.

At this stage Alison McQueen asked that no reference was made to the One Path Initiative. The Head of Parks & Cemeteries acknowledged there was a toxic element to this and reassured Ms McQueen that the matter had been discussed and officers were aware of the sensitives.

Stephen McCrory asked for clarification around what those concerns were.

In response Alison McQueen stated that it was considered 'a foot in the door' for Sustrans to resurrect its Greenway plans.

The Head of Parks & Cemeteries advised that a full time officer was looking at this matter in respect of an international version of the One Path Initiative with a view to localising it.

Alison McQueen indicated that even the slightest hint of widening the path would create problems.

In response to a query from James Hunter about the potential impact Sustrans could have, the Park & Cemeteries Development Manager confirmed that currently it had no involvement with the project. Instead he advised that it had merely been mentioned to provide an idea of the thought process and it was officers intention to sensitively look after the path and make it more localised. It was noted that consideration would be given to the use of logos on the path in an attempt to get users to engage with the path respectfully.

At this stage Mr McCrory informed the Group that the section of the Path from Helen's Bay to Pickie Fun Park was part of the National Cycle Network.

Grey Point Alternative Cycle Route

The Park & Cemeteries Development Manager informed the Group that there were no further updates to this matter.

In response to a query from James Hunter, the Park & Cemeteries Development Manager outlined the proposals for this location.

At this stage the Chairman expressed his thanks to all of the officers involved for their hard work undertaken to date and asked the Head of Parks & Cemeteries to pass on those thanks.

NOTED.

5. ANY OTHER NOTIFIED BUSINESS

The Chairman referred to an area which had recently been cleared by Northern Ireland Water (NIW) in order to locate a manhole cover. He sought an update on the assurances which had been given around the area being replanted.

Alison McQueen noted the recent work which had been undertaken by the National Trust at Ballymacormick Point and was informed that a local farmer had carried out the planting there on behalf of the National Trust.

The Chairman advised of the following items of Any Other Notified Business submitted by Mr Jame Hunter (Greenspaces, Bangor) about the recent planting of some black pines along the path and would like to know:

1) Why was a non-native species chosen?

The Head of Parks & Cemeteries advised that black pines had been chosen as they had already been planted at that location and had thrived, as such they were deemed to be appropriate for that location.

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2) Are the trees chosen a dwarf or standard variety and was any consideration given to their impact on views of the sea?

The Head of Parks & Cemeteries advised that the trees chosen were of a standard variety which would see growth only at the top.

Mr Hunter advised of some concern that local residents could take matters into their own hands in respect of this matter.

The Head of Parks & Cemeteries stated that the Council was in a position to prosecute anyone felling trees on its land. It was further noted that it was generally the case that more trees were planted than were required and the best ones selected for use.

3) Why was the open grass area chosen for dense tree planting as opposed to developing the area for rewilding and maximising biodiversity potential?

The Head of Parks & Cemeteries advised that the Council was doing both. It was planting trees for the birds and insects while rewilding opportunities would be provided for biodiversity.

4)The planting seems to be very regimented in straight lines, why was it done this way?

The Head of Parks & Cemeteries commented that the replacement trees would be planted and the best of those trees then used. Mr Hunter suggested that it was normally the case for trees to be planted in clumps to replicate mother nature. The Head of Parks & Cemeteries advised that the Council had a trained Woodland Officer in post to carry out that work adding that the long term maintenance of trees and the original tree canopy was more important than concern around individual trees.

Mr Hunter commented that he would predict what his members would say, that being that the Council consulted with them in advance of any future tree planting to be undertaken to prevent any possible misunderstandings. He suggested that consultation was undertaken annually.

In response the Head of Parks & Cemeteries commented that the Council would not be in a position to hold a conference on how to plant trees. He referred to the Council's forthcoming Tree Report to be considered by Committee which everyone would have sight of and he suggested that if any members of Mr Hunter's group had any concerns that they contacted their elected representative. He added that officers did endeavour to consult with local people as much as possible in respect of such matters. Mr Hunter was also advised that officers would also be happy to meet with

representatives of his Group adding that they were also readily available via telephone.

Mr Hunter asked if local residents had been consulted about the planting of the black pines.

In response the Head of Parks & Cemeteries replied no, adding that was not something which would normally be carried out every time the Council planted a tree, particularly as it aimed to plant over 15,000 trees annually. He added that officers met regularly with Groups and as such would be happy to meet with Mr Hunter's Group.

The Parks & Cemeteries Development Manager added that there would be an opportunity for elected members to have that debate around the plans for the planting of trees throughout the Borough.

NOTED.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman advised that the next meeting of the North Down Coastal Path Working Group was scheduled to take place on 30 June 2025 at 6.00pm at Church Street Council Chamber, Newtownards.

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CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 6.50pm.

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Calendar of Events 2024/2025

Date	Event	Location
October 2024		
Sat 5 Oct	Brent Geese Guided Walk	Island Hill Comber
Thurs 17 Oct	Inclusive walk on the Coastal Path	Pickie Park café
Tues 29 Oct	Inclusive walk - Cairnwood	Cairn Wood, Craigantlet
November 2024		
Tues 5 Nov	Walking & Singing with Body Song	Corrog Wood, Portaferry
Thurs 14 Nov	Monthly Mindful Walks with TCV	North Down Coastal Path
Tues 26 Nov	To the Trees with Dylan Freeburn	Cairn Wood, Craigantlet
Thur 28 Nov (am)	Talking Trees Nugent's Wood	Nuggents Wood, Portaferry
Thur 28 Nov (pm)	Talking Trees, Corrog Wood	Corrog Wood,Portaferry
December 2024		
Thurs 12th Dec	Monthly Mindful Walks with TCV	North Down Coastal Path
January 2025		
Thurs 16th Jan	Monthly Mindful Walks with TCV	Pickie Park café
Thur 23 Jan	Our Siren Song: Art Making Walk	Millisle Community Hub
Every 4th Sunday	Local wildlife tour	Location varies each month.
February 2025		
Sat 8 Feb	Our Siren Song: Art Making Walk	Portavogie Community Centre
Thurs 13 Feb	Monthly Mindful Walks with TCV	North Down Coastal Path
Sat 15 Feb	Our Siren Song: Story Walk	Donaghadee Community Centre
Thurs 20 Feb	Winter Woodland Walk	Ballymenoch Park
March 2025		
Thurs 13th March	Monthly Mindful Walks with TCV	North Down Coastal Path
Tuesday 18th March	Tree Nursery Tour	Mount Stewart
Thurs 20 March	Our Siren Song: Story Walk	Millisle Community Hub
April 2025		
Sat 5 April	Our Siren Song: Art Making Walk	Cloughey Pavillion
Tues 8 April	Our Siren Song: Art Making Walk	Groomsport Boathouse
Tues 15 April	History & Heritage	North Down Coastal Path
Wed 30 April	Waterfall Walk	Crawfordsburn Country Park
May 2025		
10-18 May	Irish Bike Week - ANDCCG TBC	Cloughey
13-19 May	***Walking Week***	
13-May	OSS Portaferry Bike Tour	Strangford and Portaferry
14-May	OSS Cloughey to Portavogie	Cloughey Beach
15-May	OSS Ballyhalbert to Ballywalter	Ballyhalbert
June 2025		
9-15 June	***UK Bike Week - ANDCCG***	
Mon 9 June (am)	Free staff bike checks	Newtownards
Mon 9 June (pm)	Free staff bike checks	Bangor Walled Garden
Tues 10 June	BMX sessions - taster sessions	Newtownards

Wed 11 June	BMX sessions - taster sessions	Comber
Thurs 12 June	Bangor Heritage Cycle Tour	Bangor
Thurs 12 June	'The Engine Inside' film showing	The Courthouse Bangor
July 2025		
Tues 1 July	Coastal Path History & Heritage	Coastal Path, Groomsport
Sat 26 July	Park Pedal, bike clinic	Castle Park
Tues 29 July	Empower & Explore	Londonderry Park
Thurs 31 July	Beach Art	Ballywalter Beach
Thurs 31 July	Teens event	Portavogie skate park
August 2025		
Fri 1 August	Inclusive Cycling	Bangor Sportsplex

ITEM 15

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Community and Wellbeing Committee
Date of Meeting	10 September 2025
Responsible Director	Director of Community and Wellbeing
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Parks and Cemeteries
Date of Report	19 August 2025
File Reference	CW30
Legislation	Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014
Section 75 Compliant	Yes ☒ No ☐ Other ☐ If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Community Trails and Greenways Report 2025
Attachments	Appendix 1 - Calendar of Events 2024 to 2025

The purpose of this report is to update Elected Members on the progress of the Community Trails and Greenways unit within the Councils Parks and Cemeteries Service. Members will be aware that in 2024 Council appointed a Development Officer (Community Trails & Greenways) with a clear role to:

- manage and support the development of active travel & outdoor recreation opportunities within the Borough;
- ensure a customer focused approach by engaging with key stakeholders to identify and implement environmental and commercial measures and sustainable project solutions;
- develop, identify, and promote the appreciation and enjoyment of Council owned Parks and other open space assets and resources across the Borough;
- seeking external funding and commercialisation opportunities.

A suite of events list in the attached appendix aligns closely with the overarching goals outlined in the Ards and North Down Borough Council's Corporate Plan 2024-2028,

which emphasises creating a ‘sustainable, vibrant, and inclusive community’, specifically:

Developing the cultural and heritage assets of the Borough: such as the heritage & history walks on the North Down Coastal Path in partnership with the Council’s Heritage Officer.

Promoting Wellbeing and Quality of Life: Many events, such as outdoor walking and cycling festivals, seasonal walks, and biodiversity walks, support physical and mental wellbeing by encouraging outdoor activity and community participation;

Supporting a Green and Sustainable Environment: Activities like Tree and Plant ID, biodiversity walks, and Shorelife Festival directly contribute to environmental awareness and sustainability objectives.

Encouraging Community Engagement and Inclusion: Events such as inclusive walks and cycling, Coastal Path monthly walks and local primary school cycling to the participate in the a coastal BioBlitz. Seasonal series of walks open to individuals, helps foster active community involvement, promoting social cohesion and inclusivity.

Enhancing Education and Lifelong Learning: Themed walks such as History & Heritage walks on the Coastal Path and specialist lead ‘Talking Trees’ walks in woodlands, as well as Park Pedal initiative reinforces the Council’s commitment to lifelong learning and environmental stewardship;

Economic Vitality and Tourism: Activity focused festivals and large-scale events like Shorelife, Walking Week and Bike Week attract visitors, supporting local businesses and boosting the local economy.

In addition the North Down Coastal Path Working Group are informing the development of several work streams along the path including path maintenance; signage, promotion and engagement; celebrating the path; path refurbishment works.

Information signs have been installed along the path,.

An information leaflet has been reviewed, updated and distributed by the Council to outlets across the borough.

Not Applicable

Meeting the Service Plan for Parks and Open Spaces: The events detailed in this report support the core objectives outlined in the Parks and Cemeteries Service Plan. Getting more people into our Parks with Events and Activities which aim to maintain and enhance Parks and Cemeteries as accessible, safe, and vibrant community assets.

Enhancing Accessibility and Engagement: Events at various parks, trails and open spaces, such as Inclusive walks, biodiversity walks, Inclusive cycling and outdoor festivals of walking, encourage community access and active use of parks and open spaces.

ShoreLife Festival 2024, Island Hill, Comber

Greenway meeting with local residents, PSNI and Councillors, Newtownards

Inclusive bikes at Bangor Sportsplex

Tale Trails map guide at Cairnwood

Promoting Health and Wellbeing: Activities such as regular walking events, creation of a children & young peoples 'Tale Trail' at Cairnwood, Walking Week and Bike Week events, promote physical activity, contributing to healthier lifestyles. Environmental Stewardship. Bioblitz events and workshops, tree planting and biodiversity activities

support conservation efforts, aligning with Parks and Cemeteries role in fostering sustainability.

Supporting Community Cohesion: Provision of events across the borough. Inviting input from local experts and community to led events and volunteer opportunities foster social inclusion and local pride, ensuring parks serve as focal points for community life. Embedding of the 5 Steps to Wellbeing into all aspects of our events, specifically:

- **Take Notice** – focus on biodiversity such as trees; coastal sea life; wild plants on borough community trails, parks and woodlands
- **Keep Learning** – new skills developed through activities such as mindfulness; artistic printing; observing and drawing and beach art. As well as specific knowledge provided by walk lead; artists and facilitators on regular walks
- **Connect** – by spending time with other people; in natural environment; outdoors
- **Keep Active -** participating in regular exercise which is adjusted to suit all the participants
- **Give** - sharing knowledge and asking questions. Offering activities free of charge and open to all.

An Active Role in Climate Recovery, Biodiversity Gain & Sustainability: To enable an increase activities such as cycling and sustainable travel the following elements have been progressed and will continue to be developed to contribute towards a Cycling Friendly Borough:

- Working with the Department of Infrastructure through participation in panel discussion on cycling in the borough with the Departments, Active Travel Team;
- The Ards and North Down Borough Council Cycling Masterplan, tendered and successfully commissioned with work started in July 2025
- Working with Sustrans, on its National Cycling Network and Paths for Everyone Initiative
- The Councils Greenway network programme – Developing activities and community links along new Greenway corridor Newtownards to Bangor.
- AND Greenways website link displayed as a QR code on all contractor (Charles Brand) Greenway signage, website updated.
- Cycle to Work Scheme – audit being completed by colleagues in Health & Wellbeing.
- Cycle Friendly Workplace Scheme – promoted across the year and specifically Bike Week.
- Bike clinics for staff provided during bike week and monthly during daylight saving months.
- Heritage walking and cycling trail of Bangor developed with partners, trail map printed and available to public across Borough. Regular guided cycles offered by local campaign group.
- Celebrated cycling in the Borough with the first AND Bike Week with 7 events;
- Promoting and facilitating Inclusive bike fleet to public for use at Bangor Sportsplex;
- Developing monthly Park Pedal with Cycling Ireland;

Not Applicable

- Managed installation of two cycle parking facilities within Ward Park;
- Progressed plans to install cycle parking at Council offices and facilities to enable staff, guests and the public to cycle for more local journeys;
- Working with colleagues to audit existing facilities.

Ward Park cycle parking by bowling green and by the Castle Park Road entrance

The Community Trails & Greenways team has made significant progress in supporting Ards and North Down Borough Council's strategic vision of fostering a sustainable, vibrant, and inclusive community. Through a diverse and engaging calendar of events, the team have championed active travel, environmental stewardship, and community wellbeing. Events such as Walking Week, Bike Week, and biodiversity-focused activities enhance public health, promote social inclusion, and reconnect residents with local green spaces and heritage.

These initiatives directly contribute to key objectives within the Council's Corporate Plan and Parks and Cemeteries Service Plan, including enhanced accessibility, climate action, economic vitality, and community cohesion. Strategic partnerships with stakeholders like Sustrans and the Department for Infrastructure have also strengthened the Borough's cycling and sustainable travel infrastructure, culminating in the commissioning of a Cycling Masterplan and increased cycling facilities.

By embedding the Five Steps to Wellbeing and prioritising inclusive, educational, and environmentally conscious programming, the Community Trails & Greenways team have elevated the role of Council that provides essential assets for community engagement and environmental action. This ongoing work ensures that our green spaces remain accessible, well-utilised, and central to the Borough's vision for long-term sustainability and quality of life.

Future plans aim to build on this momentum with new facilities and ongoing seasonal programmes. These initiatives exemplify the Council's commitment to delivering high-quality, accessible parks that support health, wellbeing, and community development.

Not Applicable

Next Steps

Within the first year the service has developed successful internal and external partnerships and programmed a full years' worth of events while gaining an understanding of the Council systems and departments. Communicating with Elected Members , working with internal and external stakeholders has been key to the delivery of the role. There will be the continued delivery of a calendar of events in the coming year including:

- A series of walks on community trails across the Borough
- Monthly activities on the North Down Coastal Path
- Walking Week and Bike Week celebration events
- Implementation of the Paths for Everyone programme in 2026
- Implementation of the actions within Cycle Route Masterplan in 2026

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council notes the progress of the development of Community Trails and Greenways to date and future initiatives.

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Ards and North Down Borough Council

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Community and Wellbeing Committee
Date of Meeting	10 September 2025
Responsible Director	Director of Community and Wellbeing
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Parks & Cemeteries
Date of Report	15 August 2025
File Reference	PCA131
Legislation	Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014
Section 75 Compliant	Yes ☒ No ☐ Other ☐ If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Update on Maintenance of Grass Sports Pitches
Attachments	None

In September 2024 the following Notice of Motion (630) was agreed by Council:

"That Council notes the increasing complaints from local sports clubs regarding the poor annual summer maintenance of football pitches across the Borough and tasks officers to bring forward a report on options to improve the maintenance of our football pitches to ensure our pitches are maintained to a high standard to meet the sporting needs of local clubs and league requirements."

Responses to the Notice of Motion were tabled at the Community and Wellbeing meeting in November 2024 and June 2025, in June members requested a further report to be presented in September 2025. This report provides an update on the completion and outcomes of the 2025 end-of-season maintenance programme for sports pitches across the Borough.

Not Applicable

The 2025 maintenance season for bookable pitches has delivered notable improvements in both the quality and efficiency of works carried out. These improvements can be attributed to a combination of early planning, favourable weather conditions, and strategic investment in equipment and materials. Contractors were engaged well in advance, allowing for clear scheduling and timely completion of works, with the majority of activity concluded before the end of May, although maintenance and monitoring continues across the summer period. The weather (unusually higher temperatures and low rainfall) played a supportive role this year, enabling uninterrupted progress across all sites.

A key development this season was the Council's investment in a direct seeding unit, which allowed in-house teams to carry out an early application of grass seed on all pitches prior to the contractor's arrival. This proactive approach ensured seed was applied at the optimal time, reducing the risk of delays and improving establishment rates. The equipment also enabled targeted reseeding of problematic areas, enhancing overall pitch quality. In addition, all pitches were fertilised prior to handover to reduce stress on the sward and support healthy growth.

The procurement of high-quality sports seed further contributed to improved germination and establishment times. Where pitches required additional work beyond standard maintenance (as identified through specialist agronomist reports) partial remedial action were taken. Agronomist reports applies scientific principles to manage and improve the health and performance of turfgrass surfaces. These reports focus on the interactions between soil, water, plants, and the environment to ensure optimal playing conditions and sustainability.

Engagement with local sports clubs was another positive aspect of this year's programme. Officers from Parks & Leisure Departments met with club representatives on several occasions to discuss maintenance plans and address ongoing concerns. This collaborative approach, significantly improved communication and site management. Clubs also played an active role in stewarding pitches, helping to deter unauthorised play and address issues such as dog fouling. In one case, a club even assisted with watering dry areas during a period of drought, demonstrating strong community partnership.

Despite these successes, several challenges remain. Unauthorised use of bookable pitches continues to disrupt seed establishment and top dressing. For example, portable goals were placed on one pitch without permission, though this was quickly resolved through engagement with the relevant club, who issued a public appeal to deter unauthorised use and protect the surface.

Environmental factors also presented difficulties. A dry spell early in the schedule affected several pitches, particularly at Portavogie, which is known for its sandy, free-draining soil. Although reseeding was required, it was completed within the planned timeframe before beginning of June. We also used a wetting agent here to help with the dry conditions and reduce the need for club watering. At Greyabbey, tidal water

ingress remains a persistent issue, particularly in two corners of the pitch where high salt content and waterlogging hinder seed germination.

Increased usage of pitches continues to place pressure on older surfaces not designed for such high levels of play. While the success of local clubs is to be celebrated, it is essential that pitches are given adequate rest periods to maintain their condition and ensure the effectiveness of maintenance efforts.

In summary, the 2025 end-of-season maintenance programme has been successful, with all pitches available for booking from Saturday 9th August and in excellent condition. While some environmental and usage-related challenges persist, the Council remains committed to continuous improvement through ongoing investment, strategic planning, and strong engagement with stakeholders

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council notes this report.

ITEM 17

Ards and North Down Borough Council

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Council/Committee	Community and Wellbeing Committee
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Subject	PCSP Annual Report 2024-2025
Attachments	17.1 Appendix 1 - PCSP Annual Report 2024-2025

A meeting of the Ards and North Down Borough Council PCSP Partnership was held in Londonderry Park Centre, Newtownards on 16th June 2025. At the meeting the Partnership approved the Annual Report for 2024 – 2025. The Code of Practice for the Exercise and Functions of PCSPs states that Council must receive a copy of the PCSP Annual report each year (Appendix attached).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council notes the PCSP Annual Report for 2024-2025.

Policing & Community Safety Partnership

making Ards and North Down safer

Ards & North Down PCSP

Annual Report 2024-2025

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Chairperson Foreword

I have great pleasure in presenting the 2024-2025 Annual Report for the Ards and North Down Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP), which outlines the progress of the Partnership against the local outcomes and strategic objectives set out in the 2024-2025 Action Plan and approved by the Department of Justice and Northern Ireland Policing Board.

Throughout the year, PCSP Members and staff have continued to focus on building safer communities across the borough through initiatives designed to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, raise public awareness of community safety initiatives, and increase confidence in policing. As a PCSP, we have taken significant steps to develop our public profile and increase community engagement. We have worked with community and voluntary organisations in towns and villages, as well as statutory partners, delivering innovative and impactful projects that address local needs. The PCSP staff team has grown in 2024-2025, and has become well established, developing positive relationships with colleagues in PSNI, statutory agencies, and the community and voluntary groups who deliver so many of our projects.

Some of the highlights of 2024-2025 include:

- **Small Grants Programme:** the Small Grants Programme focused on delivering diversionary youth activities to tackle anti-social behaviour. 8 projects were funded, with over 1100 young people engaging in a range of diverse activities, often supported with neighbourhood police officers. These opportunities for young people to be supported and learn from positive role models are invaluable, and the Small Grants Programme continues to be an avenue for direct grassroots engagement.

- **Winter Running for Women:** Our Winter Running for Women event in November 2024 was a huge success, attracting over 100 participants, many of whom had not previously been aware of PCSP and its work. It was an opportunity to build the profile of PCSP and highlighted the importance of ensuring that community safety messages are relevant to people's interests.

- **Multi-Agency Support Hub:** The Support Hub has continued to be a vital service for vulnerable individuals within our communities who need support from a range of statutory agencies. By bringing these agencies together to allow information to be shared, vulnerable individuals can be better assisted to access the support and services they require, and agencies can ensure that a joined-up approach is taken. In February 2025, PCSP hosted a Support Hub Networking Event, engaging with wider community and voluntary organisations, to better promote the role of the Support Hub, and to build knowledge of the broad range of support available within our local communities.

We are encouraged by the growing level of public interest in the work of PCSP. We acknowledge and thank those people who have participated in our projects, and who have engaged with us through consultation to help shape the incoming 2025-2026 Action Plan. We encourage people to continue to engage with us over the next year through local independent and elected representatives and our staff. It is through valuable feedback from members of our communities that PCSP is able to respond to community safety challenges as they arise.

I would like to thank my fellow PCSP Members for their commitment throughout this past year, and for the motivation and enthusiasm they bring to their roles. As a Partnership, we will continue to consult, engage and discuss the community safety matters that are most important to the people we represent, making the Borough of Ards and North Down a safer place to live and work.

Cllr Vicky Moore

Chairperson

PCSP Introduction

Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs) play a vital role in fostering safe and resilient communities across Northern Ireland. Established to bridge the gap between communities, local councils, the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI), and other statutory partners, PCSPs bring together representatives from various sectors to address local safety and policing concerns. By developing collaborative approaches and supporting community-led initiatives, PCSPs enhance public safety, promote community cohesion, and work proactively to address issues such as anti-social behaviour, substance abuse, hate crime, and domestic violence. PCSPs also aim to improve community confidence in the policing system by providing opportunities for local engagement, feedback, and accountability, thereby ensuring that policing reflects the needs and priorities of each unique community.

PCSPs are unique in that they are locally driven partnerships that operate at the council level, giving them a clear mandate to address the specific needs of the communities they serve. By coordinating between local authorities, statutory organisations, the PSNI, and community and voluntary organisations, PCSPs can design their initiatives to target the most pressing issues in each area. They work to ensure that communities feel both engaged in and accountable for the policing strategies impacting their neighbourhoods. This collaborative approach allows for a more responsive, inclusive, and flexible system of public safety that empowers communities to take an active role in their well-being.

Background to PCSPs in Northern Ireland

PCSPs were established in Northern Ireland as part of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, which brought together two previous structures—the District Policing Partnerships (DPPs) and Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs)—under a single entity. The aim was to streamline efforts, reduce duplication, and create a more cohesive approach to community safety and policing.

The Joint Committee (Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB) and the Department of Justice) oversees PCSPs, while local councils are responsible for their administration and day-to-day operations. The Joint Committee provides guidance, funding, and support to ensure that PCSPs meet their statutory obligations, while local councils ensure the PCSPs are effectively resourced and aligned with local priorities. This governance structure helps maintain accountability while allowing PCSPs the flexibility to design interventions that address community-specific issues, from rural crime to urban anti-social behaviour.

PCSPs are made up of a combination of elected councillors, independent community members, and statutory representatives, including the PSNI and other agencies. This mix ensures that PCSPs benefit from diverse perspectives and expertise, fostering a more comprehensive approach to community safety. Through this multi-sectoral membership, PCSPs can draw on insights from different community groups and professionals, facilitating a holistic approach to identifying and addressing local safety challenges. This collaborative model has allowed PCSPs to deliver a wide range of projects and initiatives aimed at reducing crime, promoting social inclusion, and building safer, more supportive communities across Northern Ireland.

Ards and North Down Council and PCSP

Ards and North Down Borough Council (ANDBC) serves a vibrant and diverse Borough. This council area combines busy town centres, rural communities, and scenic coastal regions, offering unique challenges and opportunities for community safety, cohesion, and wellbeing.

The council is committed to delivering high-quality services that meet the needs of its residents while fostering a safe, healthy, and welcoming environment. Key areas of focus for ANDBC include community development, economic growth, environmental sustainability, and public safety—all of which align with the objectives of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP).

Ards and North Down Borough Council Community and Wellbeing Structure can be found in Appendix A.

Within the Council structure, the PCSP operates under the Community and Wellbeing Department. Oversight of the PCSP falls under the responsibility of the Externally Funded Programmes Manager, who ensures alignment with Council's community-focused objectives and strategic priorities. Day-to-day operations are managed by the dedicated PCSP Officer, who is responsible for implementing the PCSP strategy and Action Plan, coordinating with stakeholders, and driving community engagement efforts. The PCSP Assistant Officer is responsible for day-to-day delivery, while further support is provided by the PCSP Administrative Assistant.

Ards and North Down PCSP

The Ards and North Down PCSP plays a vital role within the council by addressing community safety concerns, building trust in policing, and supporting initiatives that promote safer neighbourhoods and a more cohesive community. The PCSP operates as a collaborative body that brings together representatives from various sectors, including elected officials, statutory bodies, voluntary organisations, and community representatives.

The PCSP's role is to create a space for dialogue and problem-solving on pressing community issues, ensuring that a wide range of perspectives and voices contribute to decision-making. By fostering strong partnerships with organisations such as the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI), local schools, youth services, and voluntary groups, the PCSP has been able to drive impactful initiatives and respond flexibly to emerging issues in the borough.

PCSP Members

The membership of the Ards and North Down PCSP reflects the diversity and expertise required to address complex community safety needs. Members include representatives from the council, the PSNI, community and voluntary sector groups, statutory agencies, and independent members from the local area. This multidisciplinary approach helps the PCSP to develop well-rounded strategies and targeted interventions that are sensitive to local needs and effectively support community wellbeing. The tables below outline the PCSP Members:

ELECTED MEMBERS	
NAME	**PARTY**
Cllr Alistair Cathcart	DUP
Ald. Trevor Cummings	DUP
Cllr Libby Douglas	DUP
Cllr Nigel Edmund	DUP

Cllr Christine Creighton (left October 2024)	Alliance
Cllr Hannah Irwin (started November 2024)	Alliance
Ald. Lorna McAlpine	Alliance
Cllr Gillian McCollum (started November 2024)	Alliance
Cllr Victoria Moore	Alliance
Cllr David Rossiter (left October 2024)	Alliance
Cllr Richard Smart	UUP
Cllr Pete Wray	UUP

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS
Johnny Currie (left June 2024)
Louise Little (left June 2024)
Jude McNeill (left June 2024)
Janette McNulty (left June 2024)
Gavin Sinclair (left June 2024)
Albert Spratt (left June 2024)
Jo Scott
Sandra Henderson
Michael Palmer (started June 2024)
Deborah Marcus (started June 2024)
Stephen Gibson (started June 2024)
Alison Blayney (started June 2024)
Karen Smith (started June 2024)
Sarah Collyer (started June 2024)
Sarah Robinson (started June 2024)

STATUTORY ORGANISATIONS
Education Authority
Health & Social Care Trust
Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service
Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Probation Board for Northern Ireland
Police Service of Northern Ireland
Youth Justice Agency

Subgroups and Relevant Forums

To enhance its effectiveness and ensure specialised attention to key areas, the PCSP has established various subgroups and participates in relevant forums. These subgroups allow the PCSP to focus on specific themes, such as anti-social behaviour, substance misuse, and support for vulnerable populations. Each subgroup operates with a clear mandate, meeting regularly to review progress, address emerging challenges, and align efforts with broader PCSP objectives. These subgroups and forums include:

- PCSP Community Safety Sub-Group
- Ards and North Down PCSP Monitoring Subgroup
- Community Safety Team (CST)
- South Eastern Drugs & Alcohol Team (SEDACT)

- South Eastern Domestic & Sexual Violence Partnership
- Anti-Social Behaviour Forum
- Multi-Agency Support Hub

The AND PCSP also actively engages in district-wide forums and collaborative networks. This includes participation in multi-agency meetings, community planning forums, and partnerships with organisations focused on social cohesion, youth engagement, and public health.

PCSP Member Meeting Attendance

	PCSP Meeting	**Policing Committee Meeting**
Political Members		
Number held	**6**	**2**
Alistair Cathcart	5	2
Christine Creighton (left October 2024)	3	0
Trevor Cummings	5	2
Libby Douglas	6	2
Nigel Edmund	3	0
Lorna McAlpine	4	1
Victoria Moore	6	2
David Rossiter (left October 2024)	0	0
Richard Smart	3	1
Pete Wray	5	2
Hannah Irwin (started November 2024)	2	1
Gillian McCollum (started November 2024)	2	1
Independent Members		
Number held	**6**	**2**
Johnny Currie (left June 2024)	1	N/A
Sandra Henderson	2	2
Louise Little (left June 2024)	0	N/A
Jude McNeill (left June 2024)	1	N/A
Janette McNulty (left June 2024)	0	N/A
Jo Scott	3	1
Gavin Sinclair (left June 2024)	0	N/A
Albert Spratt (left June 2024)	0	N/A
Alison Blayney (started June 2024)	3	2
Sarah Collyer (started June 2024)	4	1
Stephen Gibson (started June 2024)	4	2
Deborah Marcus (started June 2024)	4	2
Michael Palmer (started June 2024)	5	2
Sarah Robinson (started June 2024)	4	2
Karen Smith (started June 2024)	4	2
Statutory Organisations		
Number held	**6**	**2**
Johnny Crymble (EA)	5	1
Joanne Garrett (HSCT)	3	0
Jonathan Gamble (NIFRS)	3 (sent another representative for 1)	0
Eileen Thompson (NIHE)	3	1

Kelvin Doherty (YJA)	1	1
Mark Nicholson (PBNI)	0	0
Superintendent Johnston McDowell (PSNI)	6	2
Chief Inspector Trevor Atkinson (PSNI) (left August 2024)	1	0
Chief Inspector Keith Hutchinson (PSNI)	4	1

PCSP Contact Details

PCSP Members can be contacted via pcsp@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

PCSP funding by Action Plan theme

Strategic Objective 1: Form & Deliver functions of PCSP	**Expenditure 2024-2025**
PCSP Delivery of PCSP meetings	1697.11
PCSP Awareness raising including PR and Communications	20712.57
Local Community Engagement Initiatives including road safety, rural crime, and crime prevention.	4818.72
Youth Voice	4000
PCSP Strategy 2025-2028	3500
	34728.4

Strategic Objective 2: Improve Community Safety	**Expenditure 2024-2025**
Early Intervention training programme and RAPID bin initiative.	9500
Substance Abuse Awareness Project	10000
Addressing ASB through diversionary sports programme	6668.07
Addressing ASB hotspots areas- Community safety & multi-agency approach	5903.2
Small Grants Programme with a focus on diversionary and prevention	28718.19
Voluntary Safety Wardens	38000
Schools Education Programme for ASB	9788.66
Enhanced Detached Youth Programme (EA)	14000

Domestic Violence Awareness & SED&SVP	4041.41
Healthy Relationships Awareness	10000
DV Female Victim Support Programme	14000
DV Male Victim Support Programme	5932.5
Hate Crime Initiative	2000
Cybercrime Initiatives	2950
4 -Tier Home Secure Project	35000
Road safety Initiatives and SID analysis.	1014.29
The P7 Be Safe Programme -with community safety team	4000
Support Hub	0
	201516.32

Strategic Priority 3 – To support confidence in policing, including through collaborative problem solving with communities	**Expenditure 2024-2025**
Policing Public and Private Meetings	1001.87
Building confidence in Policing	18732.21
Paramilitary Crime	0
	19734.08

Year-end Financials

2024/2025 Expenditure

Budget Line	***Allocated amount***	***Amount spent***
Administration and Operational	£317,833	£316,557.66
Meeting Expenses	£14,000	£5760
Total Budget (Admin, Operational and Meeting Expenses)	**£331,883**	**£322,317.66**

The full financial statement is contained in Appendix B.

Strategic Priority 1

To ensure effective delivery in response to local need and improve the visibility and recognition of the work of the PCSP through effective consultation, communication and engagement.

through:

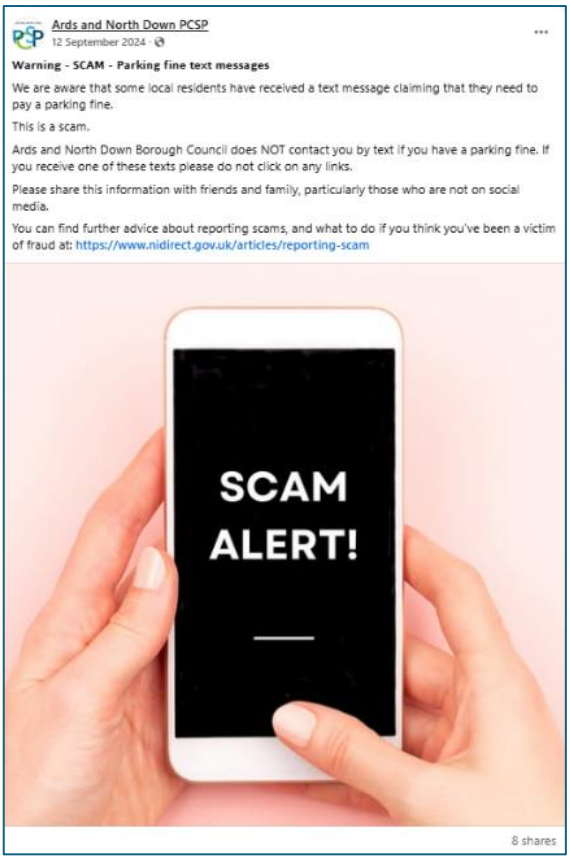
- *carrying out meaningful engagement in the district with the local community, relevant statutory partners / agencies, businesses and the community & voluntary sector in the development and implementation of PCSP Action Plans;*
- *ensuring ongoing two-way engagement in the district with the local community, relevant statutory partners / agencies, businesses and the community & voluntary sector to provide a problem-solving forum to identify effective solutions to local issues, ensuring sufficient flexibility to address issues as they emerge, and seeking relevant expertise from the designated organisations as appropriate;*
- *using a range of platforms, including multi-media, to communicate and promote the work of the PCSP; and*
- *increasing awareness of the work of the PCSP.*

PCSP Awareness Raising including PR and Communications

PCSP uses a range of methods to communicate with residents, community groups and other stakeholders throughout the borough, including social media, traditional print communications, and other promotional materials.

How much did we do?

- 2693 followers on Ards and North Down PCSP Facebook page.
- PCSP articles in local newspapers relating to 'Assaults on Police Officers', announcement of the 'New Chair and PCSP Members', 'Launch of PCSP



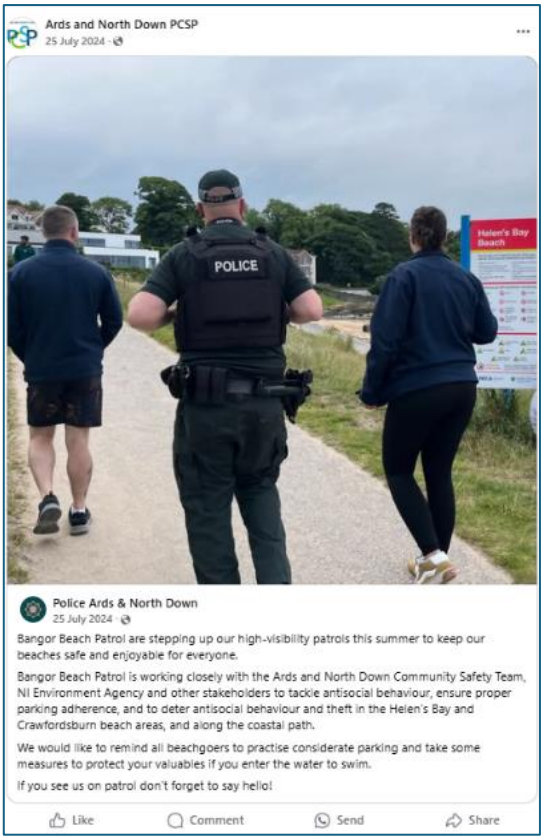
Small Grants Programme', various local newspaper promotions on domestic violence issues.
- Promotional Adshel raising awareness of domestic violence placed in locations within the borough.

How well did we do it?

- 28,100 people reached with AND PCSP Facebook posts in 2023-2024.
- Local newspaper reached 80,000; Ards Advertiser and North Down Advertiser 30,000 reach.
- 7 Council social media posts focused on domestic violence issues with 4000 reach and 44 interactions.
- Newspaper social media posts with 15,800 reach and 112 interactions.

Is anyone better off?

- Increased public awareness of AND PCSP through social media and local newspapers.



Local Community Engagement Initiatives

Throughout the year, PCSP staff deliver a range of local community engagement initiatives. These are an opportunity to provide information and guidance to members of the community around safety issues, to support the PSNI in engaging with the public, and to build awareness about the work of PCSP.

How much did we do?

- Completed 3 trailer marking and 7 bike marking events for members of the public.
- Attended 5 public fun days with PCSP info stand for community engagement.
- Attended BikeSafe 2024 to promote road safety among motorbike riders.
- Attended Freshers Week at SERC with PCSP info stand to promote community safety to new students.
- Attended the Positive Ageing Roadshow, delivering a talk on scams and information stand to approx. 250 people.
- Delivered PCSP info stands in 4 different shopping centres in Bangor and Newtownards, as well as at the NIFRS Freedom of the Borough event.
- Delivered 2 PCSP info stands in partnership with Danske Bank in Bangor and Newtownards.
- Delivered PCSP info stand at GrANDFest cultural diversity festival.
- Delivered the Road Safe Roadshow in partnership with PSNI to 900 school pupils from across the borough.
- Delivered 'Winter Running for Women' event with 105 attendees.
- Facilitated 12 monthly ASB Forum meetings.

- Facilitated 12 monthly Multi-Agency Support Hub meetings.
- Facilitated 12 monthly Ards Blair Mayne & Aurora ASB Forum meetings.
- Participated in 3 grant information sessions to promote PCSP Small Grants Programme to community.
- Delivered 9 community consultation sessions across the borough, including a minimum of one per DEA, to inform the development of the PCSP Action Plan 2025-2026 and Strategic Review 2025-2028.

How well did we do it?

- 100% of participants are better informed about community safety issues.

Is anyone better off?

- 100% of participants are aware of PCSP and the support available if needed.

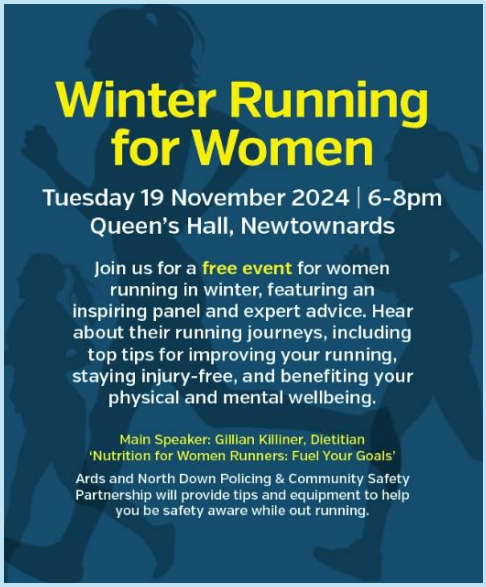
Best practice example:

Name of engagement activity/event: Winter Running for Women

Cost of event: £465.67

Partners: PSNI Neighbourhood Policing Team & Local Running Clubs

Description of activity/event:



PCSP community engagement events in recent years have often focused on older members of the community, with a much-needed emphasis on issues around scams, internet safety, and so on. However, in order to increase public awareness of PCSP and its activities, there was a need identified to engage different audiences and communities. By focusing on specific issues that engage people, we can make the link to community safety messages.

This led to the delivery of the Winter Running for Women event in Newtownards, on Tuesday 19 November 2024. Running is a hugely popular sport and recreation; however, in winter months, the number of women taking to the streets to run typically drops off. This is due to a combination of issues, including dark evenings, lack of knowledge of safe, well-lit running routes, and incidences of abuse or harassment being directed towards female runners.

The event showcased a range of speakers, including:

- two local female 'running legends', Sarah Benton and Mary Slocum, representing running clubs in Bangor and Newtownards, who talked about their running achievements, challenges they have experienced over the years, and their top tips for running.
- Gillian Killiner, 121 Dietitian, who delivered an informative talk entitled 'Nutrition for Women Runners: Fuel Your Goals'.
- 2 PSNI Neighbourhood Police Officers, who talked about staying safe while running in winter, and gave guidance and advice on how to ensure safety.
- Karen Collins, Director of Aware NI, speaking about running and mental health.

- Kim Cochrane and Alison Graham, two locally based female Couch to 5k runners, who inspired everyone with their 'running for normal people' talk.
- Sonya Summersgill, Sports Massage Therapist, who gave advice on remaining injury-free.

Following the presentations, all the speakers participated in a Q&A session with the audience. There were a number of safety-related questions directed to the PSNI officers, and good advice was given. In addition, PCSP provided all attendees with a goody bag containing personal safety items for use when running, such as personal alarms, wearable lights, and so on.

Impact of the work:

105 people attended the Winter Running for Women event. This was a much higher number than PCSP has had at previous events and highlights the value of focusing on specific issues that people can connect with and then making the community safety message relevant for participants.

Participant Feedback:

Would you say you have increased knowledge of AND PCSP following this event?

"I know now who they are, where they are, and I would be confident to contact them if needed".

"This was a good effort at engagement with the community, and proactive with help keep us safe to prevent difficulties or safety issues".

"I learned that PCSP and PSNI care about things like women's safety in running and want to do preventative work instead of just reactive. Great, please do more!"

"PSCP is more involved in the community than I thought."

Has your confidence in the police changed after this event?

"Yes, by seeing police officers as normal human beings tonight that in their spare time enjoy running and can appreciate the difficulties women face when running alone and on winter evenings / early in the morning."

"Great to have police speakers who were also runners."

OBA

How Much Did We Do?

- One Winter Running for Women event held on Tuesday 19 November 2024, with 105 participants

How Well Did We Do?

- 100% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the engagement event

Is Anyone Better Off?

- 91% of respondents reported feeling safer as a result of the assistance and information provided at the event

- 76% of respondents said their knowledge of community safety issues had increased due to the engagement event
- 51% of respondents said their confidence towards the police had increased after the engagement event
- 83% of respondents said they had increased knowledge of PCSP following the engagement event

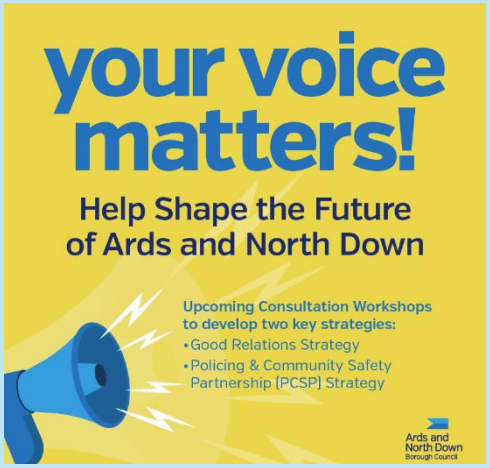
Best practice example:

Name of engagement activity/event: Strategic Review 2025-2028 and Action Plan 2025-2026 – Consultation Events

Cost of event: £3500

Partners: Third Sector Connect

Description of activity/event:



The PCSP Action Plan is reviewed annually, to ensure that projects and activities are appropriate and reflect the wishes of the community. A critical part of this process involves engagement with individuals across the Borough, to ascertain their views, and ensure that the PCSP Action Plan 2025-2026 is rooted in the needs and priorities of the community.

A series of face-to-face consultations were held across the Borough, with at least one event in each District Electoral Area (DEA). These consultations provided residents, council staff, and local stakeholders with a platform to discuss their specific community safety concerns, and to suggest improvements. By hosting at least one event in each DEA, it ensured representation across the Borough, allowing PCSP to capture diverse local insights and priorities.

In addition to the face-to-face sessions, a survey was designed and distributed to widen the reach of the consultation process. This survey was designed to gather perspectives from a broad audience, including the public, council staff, elected members, PCSP members, and other stakeholders. It was distributed to all those on the community database, as well as via social media and other contacts. The survey data helped PCSP to identify recurring themes and unique community safety challenges, while also providing a quantitative measure of community feeling.

DATE	VENUE
4/11/24	Hamilton Hub Community Centre
4/11/24	Donaghadee Community Centre
5/11/24	Redburn Community Centre
6/11/24	Portavogie Community Centre
7/11/24	Comber Community Centre
8/11/24	Ballygowan Village Hall
11/11/24	Ards Arena
12/11/24	Kilcooley Women's Centre, Bangor
12/11/24	St Patrick's Community Centre, Portaferry

Full details of the consultation process can be found in the Ards and North Down PCSP Strategic Review 2025-2028 and Action Plan 2025-2026.

Impact of the work:

- 45% of participants had a satisfactory level of confidence in policing.
- 50% of participants wished to see higher levels of PSNI foot patrols
- 58.75% believed that ASB was the biggest issue in Ards and North Down.

OBA

How Much Did We Do?

- 9 community consultation sessions were delivered in a range of locations across the Borough, covering all DEAs

How Well Did We Do?

- The PCSP Action Plan 2025-2026 and Strategic Review 2025-2028 were approved by PCSP on January 27th, 2025, and by Joint Committee in March 2025.

Is Anyone Better Off?

- PCSP's 2025-2026 Action Plan is reflective of the views and wishes expressed through community consultation.

Best practice example:

Name of engagement activity/event: Youth Voice

Cost of event: £4000

Partners: Education Authority & PSNI

Description of activity/event:

Youth Voice is a youth participative structure which has been established as a platform for young people's voices to be heard across the Ards & North Down area. Youth Voice provides a forum for key agencies to consult young people on a range of civic and youth issues. It also provides a key forum for partner agencies to have meaningful engagement with young people, including PSNI, PCSP, ANDBC and Education Authority. Youth Voice provides a direct link with Elected Members and enables young people to lobby on behalf of other young people.

Impact of the work:

Quarter 2:

Youth Voice engaged with Ards & North Down's Over 50s Council and U3A Group. The groups together decided to develop an intergenerational podcast. Initial conversations around developing themes for the podcast raised the young people's awareness of how they can become more civically engaged, and how they can work together to create positive change within their local communities. It was decided that the podcast would aim to raise awareness of the importance of intergenerational work and identify how younger and older generations can both be more inclusive of others in the community.

Youth Voice members attended an event in Bangor Chamber, where they delivered presentations to the Mayor of Ards & North Down along with other council representatives and councillors. The young people's presentations were focused on their proposed campaign themes, which they had decided would be:

- Special Educational Needs (SEN)
- Intergenerational Work (Bridging the Gap in our Community)
- Young men's emotional health & wellbeing

Quarter 3:

16 Youth Voice members participated in a 4-day study visit to Edinburgh, exploring various tourist attractions, broadening their horizons, and engaging in new learning experiences. They also connected with young people from three local youth organisations in Edinburgh. They shared ideas, explored UNCRC and the rights of children and young people, identified local and global issues affecting young people's development, and collaborated on ways to make a positive impact within their communities.

Quarter 4:

Youth Voice members focused mainly on their OCN qualification in Representation and Advocacy, and preparing for their campaigns. They also continued to work closely with ANDBC's Over 50s Council and U3A groups, completing the recording of 8 episodes for their podcase, which would be launched during Intergenerational Week in April 2025. During their weekly meetings, Youth Voice members have been exploring political structures in Northern Ireland, identifying key issues affecting young people in their communities, and working out how as a group they can make a difference to these issues.

Feedback from Participants:

"Youth Voice has made me happier and given me a purpose and a new perspective of life. I will never forget it and the people here; it has shown me a new love for my community and stuff."

"It has grown my confidence as an individual and has made me open minded to a lot of difference."

"We are the future of this country so it's up to us to bring people together more and not get annoyed over religion and fighting over silly things."

"Youth Voice has made me more confident, has given me friends for a lifetime, has shown me new experiences, and we have met with figures of authority to truly make a change for our area."

"I enjoyed talking about all these issues tonight. I pushed myself out of my comfort zone to talk in front of everyone. I was scundered, but it wasn't as bad as what I thought."

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How Much Did We Do?

- 44 sessions delivered to 28 youth attendees, with 661 individual engagements.

How Well Did We Do?

- 95% of participants were satisfied with the Youth Voice meetings.

Is Anyone Better Off?

- 80% of participants were more likely to engage with PSNI after their involvement with Youth Voice.
- 95% of participants reported improved knowledge.
- 90% of participants reported improved leadership skills.
- 70% of participants reported improved citizenship knowledge and understanding.
- 100% of participants reported improved communication skills.

Strategic Priority 2:

Strategic Priority 2 *- To improve community safety by prioritising and addressing local community safety issues, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour*

through:

- *utilising the partnership created by the statutory, elected and independent/ community membership of the PCSP to initiate and lead work to improve community safety and tackle ASB locally;*
- *working in partnership to develop outcome and locality focused interventions to address the most pressing crime types and behaviours impacting local community safety, as evidenced by local need, with appropriate targets and indicators so that impacts can be measured;*
- *drawing on best practice, promote early intervention and collaborating effectively to improve PCSP-supported projects and programmes that address the underlying causes of ASB, crime and the fear of crime in the community, including, where appropriate, a focus on changing behaviours;*
- *enhancing safety and feelings of safety, in particular for those who might be more vulnerable;*
- *engaging with partners in the district, to horizon scan in order to respond to and re-direct resources to respond to emerging local community safety issues;*
- *having cognisance of the Community Safety Framework in developing local plans, and providing a feedback loop to the Community Safety Board on local issues in order to inform community safety policy development – and vice versa; and*
- *Providing comprehensive community input into decision making processes about tackling actual and perceived anti-social behaviour and giving feedback to the community on the effectiveness of interventions on meeting outcomes.*

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

How much did we do?

- Delivered the 'Addressing ASB through Diversionary Sports Programme' with Sport Changes Life, engaging 62 participants across 20 sessions across the borough.
- Delivered the 'Addressing ASB Hotspot Areas' project with AND's Community Safety Team, including diversionary activities, information events, foot patrols, e-bike hotspot patrols, and community safety campaigns.
- Delivered the 'Voluntary Safety Wardens' project with AND Street Pastors, with 146 patrols completed.
- Delivered the 'Schools Education Programme for ASB' with AND's Community Safety Team, engaging over 550 young people in raising awareness of anti-social behaviour and the consequences of risk-taking behaviours.
- Delivered 90 ASB awareness raising sessions to 1600 school pupils from 43 participating schools at the annual BeeSafe event.
- Delivered the 'Enhanced Detached Youth Programme' by Education Authority, engaging 552 youth participants in 214 sessions.
- Delivered the 'Small Grants Programme with a focus on ASB diversionary activities and prevention'. 8 small grants projects were funded to deliver locally based projects.

How well did we do it?

- 90% of participants in the 'Addressing ASB through Diversionary Sports Programme' with Sport Changes Life were satisfied with the support offered and rated their experience as "good or excellent".
- 100% of participants in the 'Addressing ASB Hotspot Areas' programme were satisfied with their participation, and 90% of participants returned to sessions.
- 98% of participants engaged, educated and supported through the Voluntary Safety Wardens programme were satisfied with their experience.
- 100% of participants in the Schools Education Programme for ASB have better understanding of ASB and how the Community Safety Team works to tackle ASB.
- 90% of participants in the Enhanced Detached Youth Programme were satisfied with their experiences on the programme.
- 8 community groups who received Small Grants funding received regular communications to encourage them to remain on track with all aspects of their small grant delivery and monitoring.

Is anyone better off?

- 80% of participants in the 'Addressing ASB through Diversionary Sports Programme' with Sport Changes Life understood "very well or extremely well" what is meant by ASB and its impact on the community (increased from 23% at the beginning of the programme).
- 100% of participants in diversionary activities through the 'Addressing ASB Hotspot Areas' programme with increased awareness of the consequences of ASB.
- 100% of users of the Voluntary Safety Wardens programme reported changed attitudes as a result of engagement.
- Over 2100+ participants in the Schools Education Programme for ASB have increased knowledge and understanding of the issues around ASB and its consequences.

- 522 / 100% of participants in the Enhanced Detached Youth Programme have a raised awareness of ASB.
- 9 community groups / 100% of applicants to the Small Grants Programme reported increased ability to engage with wider community members through their small grant.

Best practice example:

Name of Project: VOYPIC (Voices of Young People in Care)
Funded amount: £4566
Partners: Bangor YMCA, South Eastern Trust
Description of project: This programme was designed to provide sessions/activities for 25 care experienced young people (aged 13 – 19), from the 4 South Eastern Trust Children's homes, young people from BCM supported accommodation, and foster homes.
Impact of the project: Over the 3 quarters of delivery, VOYPIC held a total of 38 sessions for the care experienced young people. The young people engaged in a variety of activities to help deter them from engaging in ASB. They attended YMCA, a Belfast Giants game, laser tag, escape rooms, and more. They completed sessions at YMCA focusing on One Punch can Kill. The young people completed a session on graffiti art and spoke about the legalities of graffiti and how it was illegal. They spoke about the growth of graffiti and how it could be seen as anti-social behaviour when it was not done legally and the cost to remove it. They discussed how there had been racist graffiti during the summer and learned how that was a hate crime. **Feedback from participants:** "If I wasn't here, I would be on my phone". "If I didn't come here, I would be home alone". "Before VOYPIC, I would typically be out smoking week and doing other substances with the wrong crowd, and since I have met Nyree I have seen that I can choose a different path. Since coming here, it has helped keep me on the right path, and I have made new friends." "I have a cocaine problem, can you help?"
OBA ***How Much Did We Do?*** • 38 sessions delivered to a total of 26 participants. ***How Well Did We Do?*** • 100% of participants were satisfied with the quality programme that was delivered. • 100% of participants said they had increased awareness of ASB issues. ***Is Anyone Better Off?*** • 100% of participants had increased awareness of the consequences of ASB. • 95% of participants said they would change their behaviour.

Best practice example:

Name of Project: Addressing ASB Amongst Youth – Diversionary Sports Programme
Funded amount: £6668
Partners: PSNI, Community Safety Team, Education Authority, & ANDBC

Description of project:

This programme aimed to address ASB among young people by delivering a diversionary sports programme from Jan-March 2025. Following a quotation process, Sport Changes Life were awarded the funding to deliver this programme.

Sport Changes Life were tasked with delivering a minimum of 8 sports-based programme sessions, engaging a minimum of 50 young people at risk of engaging in ASB. They were required to target appropriate geographical locations across the borough, through identification of ASB hotspot areas and engagement with relevant agencies.

Two 6-week programmes were delivered at Kilcooley Community Centre in Bangor and West Winds Primary School in Newtownards. These programmes involved both sport and educational workshops focused on ASB. Participants discussed what was meant by the term 'ASB', different types of ASB, and what they would do in various scenarios. Sessions were also attended by local neighbourhood police officers who helped to deliver the workshops. Both programmes concluded with a trip to We Are Vertigo, also attended by neighbourhood police officers.

In addition, a further programme was delivered in Strangford Integrated College, engaging participants from around the Ards Peninsula area. This programme also covered topics of ASB and the consequences of risk-taking behaviour and was supported by neighbourhood police offices.

Impact of the project:

Over the course of the 3 programmes, 62 participants engaged over 20 sessions. Colin McIlwaine, Community Engagement Officer for Sport Changes Life, said:

"It has been a pleasure to deliver this programme in the Ards and North Down area, and through delivery we have learned a lot about the wants and needs of the area. An extremely positive aspect of the programme was the willingness of the local community organisations and PSNI to work together to help deliver the programme and to benefit young people in the area. The young people also engaged really well throughout the programme and will hopefully reap the rewards of what they have learned and discussed over the weeks."

Constable Peter White, who helped to deliver on the Newtownards programme, said:

"I can say that Mac and Aaron from Sport Changes Life were excellent. The kids really enjoyed the project and stayed engaged throughout it all. The group involved all young teenagers from the area, and speaking with them they all got something positive out of the project. We were so impressed with it that plans are already in place to have them back over the Easter break and work with a larger group. The work they did is educational and good for the young people's physical and mental health. I'm looking forward to working together again in the future, and I know the young people are too."

Feedback from participants:

"I loved this programme and found it very fun"

"Really enjoyed learning new skills and about my community."

"I really enjoyed the sports and the workshops."

"Very fun and good learning experience."

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How Much Did We Do?

- 20 sessions delivered to 62 participants across 3 programmes.

How Well Did We Do?

- 90% of participants were satisfied with the programme that was delivered.

Is Anyone Better Off?

- Prior to the programme beginning, 58% understood 'moderately well' and 23% 'very and extremely well' what is meant by the term ASB and the impact it has on the community. After the programme, 80% of participants understood "Very and extremely well" what is meant by the term ASB and the impact it has on the community.
- Prior to the programme beginning, 64% of participants felt risk taking behaviours (e.g., drugs or alcohol) can cause problems for a person with their health, relationships, or future "a lot or a great deal". After the programme, 85% of participants felt risk taking behaviours can cause problems for a person with their health, relationships, or future "a lot or a great deal".

Fear of Crime/Vulnerability/Home Security Programmes

How much did we do?

- 301 items of home security equipment provided to 137 homes under 4-Tier Home Secure Project.
- 203 referrals under 4-Tier Home Secure Project.
- 10 property marking events where trailers/bikes were marked.
- Business Watch scheme went live, with 102 local businesses signed up in 2024/2025

How well did we do it?

- 100% of participants satisfied with the property marking events.
- 100% of equipment beneficiaries satisfied with the 4-Tier Home Secure scheme.

Is anyone better off?

- 100% of participants feel safer as a result of engaging with the service.
- 100% of participants more likely to report crime as a result of engaging with the service.

Best practice example:

Name of Project: 4 Tier Home Secure Project
Funded amount: £35,000
Partners: Keyhole Surgery Locksmiths, PSNI, SEHSCT, NIHE, PBNI, & Women's Aid
Description of project: Ards and North Down PCSP have continued to support the 4-Tier Home Secure Scheme, which secures residential homes through providing and fitting target-hardening security equipment. The 4-Tier Home Secure Scheme is aimed at vulnerable people who have been victims of crime, domestic abuse, and anti-social behaviour, and the scheme works in partnership with the PSNI Crime Prevention Officer.
Impact of the project The 4-Tier Home Secure Scheme continues to be an asset to the partnership approach to address issues of crime and the fear of crime across the Council area. Referral levels have remained consistent throughout the year. Referrals in the Tier 4 category have represented almost 50% of total referrals, as the scheme continues to provide interventions in the most serious cases and to those clients most at risk within local communities. A key focus of the scheme is Domestic Abuse / Violence. The number of domestic abuse related referrals to the scheme has risen to over 50% of total scheme referrals. These referrals often require more resources in terms of equipment to be fitted, and the cost of intervention can be high with Tier 4 equipment such as Wi-Fi cameras and video doorbells to provide enhanced security for clients.
OBA ***How Much Did We Do?*** • 203 persons referred to the 4-Tier Home Secure Scheme as follows: - Tier 1: 26 referrals - Tier 2: 25 referrals - Tier 3: 46 referrals - Tier 4: 76 referrals • 301 security equipment items (Tiers 2-4) were installed in 137 homes • In addition, the following Tier 1 items were supplied / fitted: - 39 door alarms - 37 panic alarms - 33 door braces - 23 personal alarms - 6 padlocks - 10 window alarms - 4 light timers - 3 TV simulators • Referrals in Tiers 3 & 4 were 64% of total referrals. • 53% of referrals were domestic violence related ***How Well Did We Do?***

- 100% of beneficiaries were satisfied with the equipment and service they received.

Is Anyone Better Off?

- 100% of beneficiaries reported feeling safer to some degree depending on the risk they faced.

Alcohol, Drug and Substance Abuse Awareness

How much did we do?

- Delivered the 'Early Intervention Training Programme' with Lisburn YMCA, engaging 1300+ school pupils in 25 sessions of Tier 1 intervention, and 1040+ pupils in 60 sessions of Tier 2 interventions.
- Delivered the 'Substance Abuse Awareness Project' with Dunlewey Addiction Services, engaging 80 participants in 300 counselling sessions to support them to overcome substance addiction.
- 5 Rapid Bins currently in use across the borough. 2 further Rapid Bins have been removed from original locations as the venues closed / were sold. New locations being assessed for placement in partnership with Ascert and PHA.
- Delivered a Theatre in Education performance of 'I Love You, Mum – I Promise I Won't Die', a powerful drug education play and workshop, to 210 students in Regent House School in Newtownards.

How well did we do it?

- 100% of participants satisfied with the events.
- 100% of partners satisfied with RAPID Bin Initiative.
- Of the 210 students who attended 'I Love You Mum – I Promise I Won't Die' theatre performance, 81% said they would be able to cope with negative peer influence better; 94% had learned more about the possible consequences of taking drugs; 96% had learned more about the impact of drug use on others; 95% said the workshop had given them useful information and advice.

Is anyone better off?

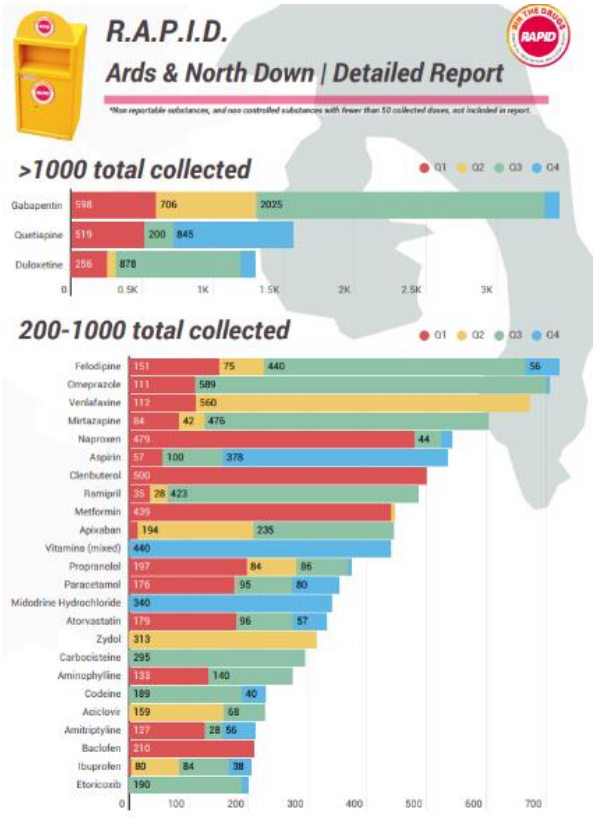
- Over 6000 drug items removed from the community through the RAPID Bin Initiative.
- 100% of participants more aware of the impact of drug/substance misuse.

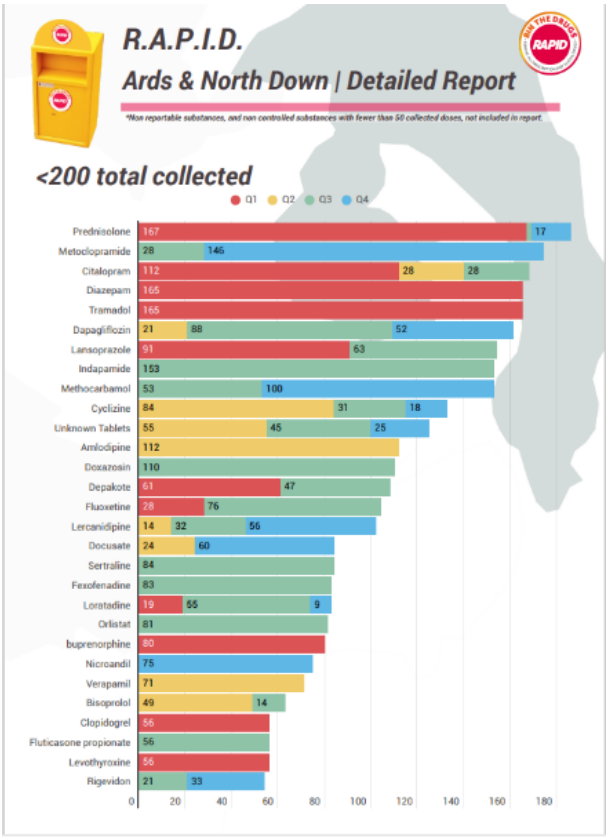
Feedback from students attending the theatre performance of 'I Love You, Mum – I Promise I Won't Die':

"The fact that Daniel was a high achiever, not a classic drug user – that impacted me."

"The overall fact that the play was based on a real-life scenario, it really hit home as it happened to somebody our age."

Overview of collections from Rapid Bins in Ards & North Down, 2024-2025:





Best practice example:

Name of Project: Lisburn YMCA
Funded amount: £9500
Partners: Secondary schools, EOTAS (Education Other Than At School), PSNI, Community Groups

Description of project:

The Drugs Early Intervention Training Programme at Tiers 1 and 2 supports young people aged 13-20 years old who live in the Ards and North Down Borough, who require support to address substance addiction. Following a successful quotations process, this work for 2024-2025 was awarded to Lisburn YMCA.

Lisburn YMCA's programme consisted of Tier 1 interventions comprising drug-related information and advice, screening, assessment, and referral to specialised drug treatment as required. In addition, Tier 2 interventions comprised of drug-related information and advice, screening, assessment, referral to structured drug treatment, brief psychosocial interventions, harm reduction interventions (including needle exchange) and aftercare.

Lisburn YMCA currently deliver drug prevention interventions to young people across the borough on behalf of Public Health Agency. To complement this work, the PCSP-funded programme 'What's Your Playlist?' was offered to post primary schools to all pupils of selected year groups. Lisburn YMCA's programme is based on the positive psychology principle of Flourishing (Seligman, 2016). Many academic studies have identified a lack of resilience as a key factor for drug and alcohol misuse among young people. 'What's Your Playlist?' is centred on building resilience and coping skills across the board for young people. This often helps Lisburn YMCA's team of skilled facilitators to identify the most at-risk pupils for the more targeted PHA drug and alcohol interventions.

Impact of the project:

Lisburn YMCA committed to deliver the following:

- Tier 1 Intervention: 10 Escape the Vape interventions / assemblies to whole year groups of young people on vaping, illegal substance consumption by vape, and the health and social consequences (10 x 100 pupils per session = 1000 pupils).

- Tier 2 Intervention: Develop a bespoke early intervention programme for larger groups of targeted young people. 60 x 1-hour sessions would be delivered to 30 groups of approximately 30 pupils per group (total 900 approx.). These 60 sessions would be delivered in a minimum of 6 schools or colleges in the Borough including SERC. Each centre would be asked to identify and target 4-5 groups of students.

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How Much Did We Do?

- 25 sessions of Tier 1 intervention delivered in 4 schools.
- 1300+ pupils participants in Tier 1.
- 60 sessions of Tier 2 intervention delivered in 11 schools.
- 1040+ pupils participants in Tier 2.

How Well Did We Do?

- 86% of Tier 1 participants felt the training was useful.
- 82% of Tier 1 participants felt they learned new information about vaping.
- 88% of Tier 2 participants rated the programme very good or excellent.
- 83% of Tier 2 participants said they would recommend the programme to others.

Is Anyone Better Off?

- 82% of Tier 1 participants felt they learned new information about vaping.
- 61% of Tier 1 participants felt this training would influence their decisions around vaping.
- 72% of Tier 2 participants felt they understood the causes of drug misuse better.
- 81% of Tier 2 participants now recognise the importance of mental wellbeing as a way to combat drug use.
- 89% of Tier 2 participants now recognise the harm of drug use on mental wellbeing.

- 78% of Tier 2 participants believe this programme has given them tools to improve their own wellbeing and resilience.

Hate Crime

PCSP issued a Service Level Agreement to AND's Good Relations department to deliver a project addressing Hate Crime issues in the borough. Initially, this was intended to be used to deliver a 'Bike Buddies' project, with volunteers from a local cycling group working alongside male asylum seekers located in the Marine Court Hotel in Bangor, helping them to make donated bicycles roadworthy, and teaching safe cycling skills. This project began in Quarter 3, and 3 sessions were delivered to 3 participants. However, the asylum seekers were moved to different locations, making the project unviable. For this reason, the project was amended to deliver GrANDFest, a cultural diversity festival for the borough, which is detailed below.

Best practice example:

Name of Project: GrANDFest
Funded amount: £2000
Partners: PSNI, ImageNation NI, & AMFam

Description of project:

GrANDfest 2024 was a one-day festival to celebrate local and ethnic diversity from across the borough of Ards and North Down. Delivered by ANDBC's Good Relations department, this was a free family-friendly festival of food, music, arts and dance, which aimed to foster a greater understanding and appreciation of the multicultural community within Ards and North Down. It was widely promoted throughout the borough, and open to all.

Impact of the project:

GrANDfest was attended by around 200 people from a wide range of backgrounds and cultures. The event was held in Queen's Hall, Newtownards, and included the following:

- Polish arts & crafts
- Colombian arts & crafts
- Indian arts & crafts
- Christmas crafts with the ANDBC Good Relations team
- Free selection of culturally diverse foods
- Indian music performance
- Indian folk dance
- Estonian dancers
- Salsa dancers
- African music

The various cultural performances, arts, crafts, and food stations provided attendees with a unique opportunity to explore and celebrate diverse cultures. From Indian folk dances to Estonian and Salsa performances, the event showcased the artistic richness that different cultures bring to the borough.

The arts and crafts stalls (including Polish, Colombian and Indian offerings) provided a hands-on opportunity for attendees to engage with cultural expressions from different parts of the world. The food stations were a particular highlight, giving attendees a chance to taste dishes from a range of cultural traditions.

In addition, PCSP had an information stand at the event, providing information on various community safety initiatives, as well as giving out small items to enhance people's personal security, such as personal alarms, torches, and information leaflets. PSNI neighbourhood police officers were also in attendance, and available to speak with individuals. It was a great opportunity for both PCSP and PSNI to engage with culturally diverse groups, to both inform and reassure them about the support available to them within the community.

The festival attracted a diverse crowd, with positive feedback received from attendees, many of whom expressed gratitude for the opportunity to learn more about different cultures. The inclusion of interactive elements such as the arts & crafts tables and the Indian dress trial allowed for a hands-on experience, making the event both informative and enjoyable.

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How Much Did We Do?

- GrANDFest was delivered to approximately 200 participants, including representatives from the following communities in the borough: Polish, Colombian, Indian, Estonian and African.

How Well Did We Do?

- 100% of participants were satisfied with the project.

Is Anyone Better Off?

- 100% of participants in GrANDFest had opportunity to engage with members of diverse communities within the borough.
- 100% of participants engaged with PCSP, receiving information, guidance and support, including small items of equipment to enhance personal safety.
- 100% of participants engaged with PSNI neighbourhood officers and Community Safety Team, building important relationships and connections.

Domestic and Sexual Violence

How much did we do?

- Funded and participated in the South Eastern Sexual and Domestic Violence Partnership, delivering the 'Nowhere to Run To' fun-run to raise awareness of domestic abuse, and a seminar on domestic abuse focusing on children and young people.
- Delivered the 'Healthy Relationships Awareness' programme with Lisburn YMCA, engaging 677 participants in developing their understanding of what a healthy relationship is (detailed below).
- Delivered the 'Domestic Violence Female Victim Support Programme' with Kilcooley Women's Centre, providing 13 one-stop shop clinics and enabling 48 clients to receive support and advice.
- Delivered the 'Domestic Violence Male Victim Support Programme' with Men's Advisory Project, providing 126 counselling sessions to 31 men experiencing domestic abuse.

How well did we do it?

- 100% of participants in the SEDSVP find value in meeting and working together to tackle issues.
- 96% of participants in the Healthy Relationships Programme were satisfied with the programme.
- 100% of clients were satisfied with the support they received through the Domestic Violence Female Victim Support Programme.
- 81% of men reported feeling less isolated due to the support they received, and information provided about services in the area through the Domestic Violence Male Victim Support Programme.

Is anyone better off?

- 85% of participants in the Healthy Relationships Programme now understand the role of choices in healthy friendships and relationships.
- 100% of participants in the Domestic Violence Female Victim Support Programme reported feeling safer and more supported as a result of the programme and also reported improved awareness of how to gain help in relation to domestic and sexual violence.
- 100% of participants in the Domestic Violence Male Victim Support Programme rated the service as good or very good.

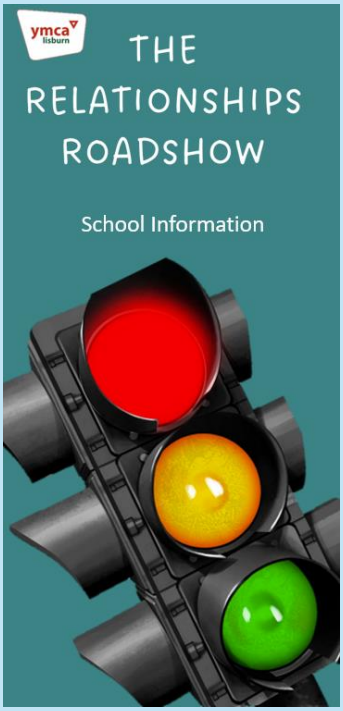
Best practice example:

Name of Project: Healthy Relationships & Domestic Violence Awareness

Funded amount: £10,000

Partners: Lisburn YMCA, PSNI, Post-Primary Schools, & EOTAS (Education Other Than At School)

Description of project:



The brief for this project was to deliver an early intervention for healthy relationships project to secondary school aged young people (aged 12-16) in schools, colleges, card for children's homes, and community youth group settings. The project aim was to increase awareness and knowledge of children and young people and the wider public that domestic and sexual abuse and cyber bulling are unacceptable, and to enable young people to make informed choices about their relationships. The project was required to include the following:

- Definition of sexual and domestic violence.
- Information in regard to the levels of and impact of domestic abuse in the hone (including abuse of parents by young people).
- Information in regard to cyber abuse / bullying and how to address it.
- Information in regard to the growth of domestic abuse between teens and parents.
- Information relating to consent regarding sexual relationships and the law.
- The key elements to support healthy relationships.
- Making informed choices.
- Information and discussion about the young person's role amongst their peers.
- Signposting to support services that are available to support victims of sexual and domestic violence and to agencies that support greater awareness.

Theme	Learning Outcomes / content
Theme 1 What are relationships?	• Different types of relationships, family, romantic, friendship and professional • When do we need different traits in others including trust, listening ability, fun and consistency • What traits would others say we have?
Theme 2 Toxicity – what are the signs	• What are the features of unhealthy / toxic relationships • Coercive control in different relationships -what it means, what it looks like and the damage it causes • What can be seen as abuse within relationships, verbal, physical, financial and sexual
Theme 3 Choice - What choices do we have and allow others to make	• What choices do we have about the nature and extent of different relationships • Consent, what it means when and how is is needed and can be given • Peer pressure, why we sometimes feel we have to go along with it and what to do about it
Theme 4 Online? – online friendships and relationships	• How online friendships and relationships develop • Ghosting, gaslighting and spotting the danger zone • Photos the do's and don'ts of sharing, explicit images, addresses, holiday pics and locations.
Theme 5 Communication	• How we communicate and the impact on relationships • How we can communicate better to ensure relationships stay healthy • How to ask for help if relationships are not healthy

Impact of the project:
Many young people struggle with the relationships in the lives. The 'Relationships Roadshow' is a youth work led programme to help groups of young people to explore different kinds of relationships and how we should treat each other. The programme lasts 90 mins per group and looks at a range of themes and learning outcomes using discussion, case study and interactive games.

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How Much Did We Do?

- 78 school sessions were delivered.
- 10 extended non-schools sessions were delivered.

How Well Did We Do?

- 677 participants engaged in the programme.
- 96% of participants were satisfied with the programme.
- 92% of participants found the programme worthwhile.
- 92% of participants would recommend the programme to others.

Is Anyone Better Off?

- 97% of participants reported increased knowledge of domestic violence.
- 86% of participants reported increased knowledge of different kinds of abuse.
- 92% of participants now know how to get help for domestic abuse / coercive control.
- 88% of participants now understand what consent is.
- 92% of participants understand what is needed for healthy relationships.
- 85% of participants understand the role of choices in healthy friendships and relationships.

Cyber Crime

There is a growing recognition of the use of digital technology in facilitating domestic abuse, through surveillance, stalking, and online harassment. PCSP funded North Down & Ards Women's Aid to deliver a programme of workshops directly addressing these emerging challenges, and this is detailed below.

Best practice example:

Name of Project: North Down & Ards Women's Aid

Funded amount: £2950

Partners: Ineqe Safeguarding Group

Description of project:

North Down & Ards Women's Aid work with women, children and young people affected by domestic and sexual abuse. More and more, NDAWA are seeing incidents of domestic abuse being facilitated by digital technology, often in the following ways:

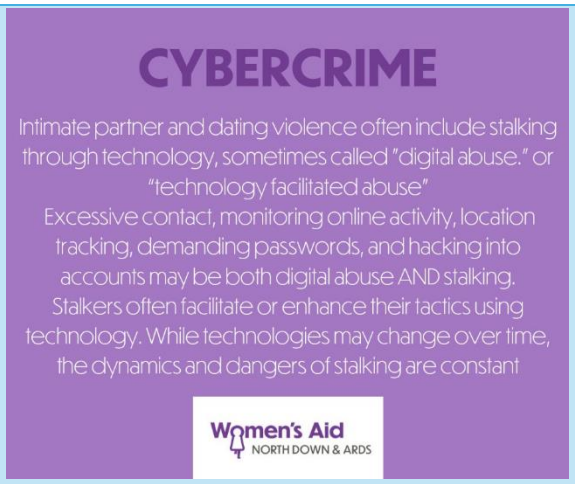
- Stalking and Surveillance: Abusers can use technology to stalk and monitor victims, including through social media, GPS tracking, and spyware.
- Cyberbullying and Harassment: Abusers can use technology to harass and intimidate victims through online platforms, such as social media, email, and messaging apps.
- Financial Control: Abusers can use technology to control victims' finances, such as by limiting access to bank accounts or monitoring spending.
- Isolation: Abusers can use technology to isolate victims from friends and family, making it more difficult for them to seek help.

NDAWA proposed a project to work with Ineqe Safeguarding Group to deliver specific workshop sessions on the following:

1. Increasing awareness for women NDAWA are working with and how they can stay safe on their phones. This would be in connection with their ex-partners who stalk / harass / intimidate via technology & may have spyware downloaded on the woman's phone and they are not aware of this. The aim of the sessions will be to help women check her phone / showing her how to stay safe / linking in with support agencies.
2. Training for NDAWA staff on keeping them safe & being able to pass this on to clients they work with.
3. Workshops for Children / Young People we work with on how to stay safe online.
4. Social media campaign on stalking / harassment /cyber-crime via technology and how to stay safe online.

The expected outcomes were as follows:

- Women, children, young people are professionals who attending the sessions would be better equipped to recognize signs of online stalking, harassment, and spyware.
- Women, children, young people and professionals attending sessions would be able to take proactive steps to protect themselves and their personal information.
- Women would be linked with support agencies to help provide them with additional resources and guidance.



Impact of the project:

In partnership with Ineqe Safeguarding Group, NDAWA delivered six workshops between Dec 2024 – Feb 2025, open to NDAWA staff, partnership organisations who work with NDAWA, and women and young people who use NDAWA services.

The first of these workshops was an online 2-hour 'Safeguarding in the Digital World' webinar, delivered to 17 NDAWA staff and other professionals. Three workshops were delivered directly to 18 women who use NDAWA services, followed by two workshops for 9 young people engaged with NDAWA services.

Feeback from participants:

"Very appropriate and informative for me as an elderly lady".
"Well presented, informative, and appropriately paced for the group".
"I had very poor knowledge, and this has really helped me".
"I enjoyed watching the video at the end about people you can trust".

OBA

How Much Did We Do?

- 6 workshops were delivered to 44 participants. Evaluation forms were completed by 38 participants.

How Well Did We Do?

- 38 / 100% of participants were satisfied with the information they received at the workshops.

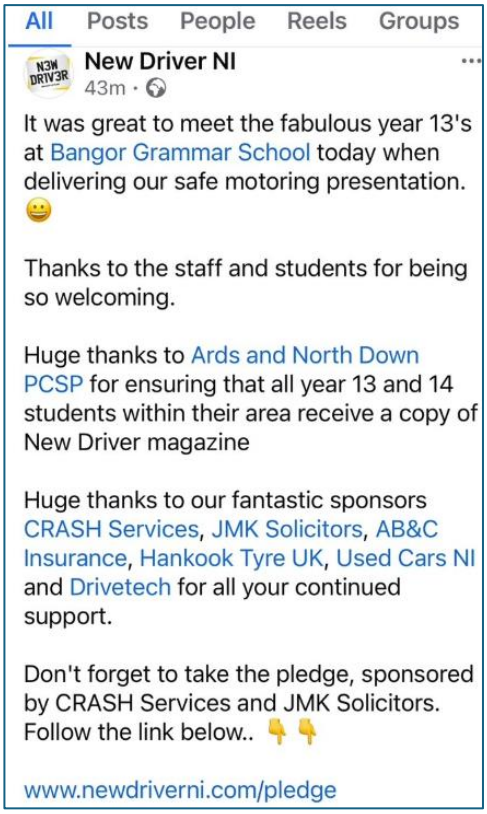
Is Anyone Better Off?

- 38 / 100% reported an increased awareness of cybercrime.
- 38 / 100% reported increased awareness of how to access support services.

Road Safety

How much did we do?

- 2 Mobile Speed Indicator Devices (SID) provided for deployment by PSNI across the borough.
- 4 awareness raising events or roadshows attended by an estimated 2500+ members of the public – including the Road Safe Roadshow for post-primary pupils, BeeSafe for primary school pupils, Schools Road Safety Quiz, and Bike Safe for motorcyclists.
- New Driver magazine provided to 1850+ Year 13 & 14 pupils in all post-primary schools in the borough.



How well did we do it?

- 100% of partners / local community reporting satisfaction with the SIDs .
- 100% of participants satisfied with the awareness raising events and roadshows.
- 100% of post-primary schools in the borough satisfied with the delivery of the New Driver magazine to all Year 13 & 14 pupils.

Is anyone better off?

- 100% of participants will apply knowledge from events to improve road safety.

Best practice example:

Name of Project: Road Safe Roadshow

Funded amount: £837.50

Partners: PSNI, PCSP Members, Community Safety Team

Description of project:

Teenagers from schools in the Ards and North Down area were the recipients of a hard-hitting road safety message at the award-winning PSNI Road Safe Roadshow held on Tuesday 12th November 2025. The roadshow, devised by the PSNI Road Policing Unit and supported by AXA Insurance and NI Road Safety Partnership, was performed to over 900 sixth formers. Recognising that young people aged 25 and under were one of the age groups most at risk of being killed or seriously injured on our roads each year, the roadshow aimed to being its message to those about to start out on what would be, hopefully, a long and safe motoring career. The story was told by a police officer, a paramedic, a fire officer, a young man who was jailed following a serious road traffic collision he was involved in, and a young person, who was paralysed following a horrific collision. The narrative was interspersed with music, video clips, television, and cinema adverts.

Impact of the project:

Constable Dumigan said "The Road Safe Roadshow had been a major success and enables us to bring a road safety message to thousands of young people in the highest risk group. We have no doubt that the road show shocks, perhaps even horrifies, our young audience."

A Spokesperson from the NI Road Safety Partnership said "The Partnership is committed to contributing to reducing the number of collisions and causalities on our roads by preventing and detecting speeding offences. We are delighted to sponsor the Roadshow as a means of reaching young people and helping them make safer choices on the roads."

OBA

How Much Did We Do?

- 2 sessions were run with over 900 participants in attendance.

How Well Did We Do?

- 100% of participants were satisfied with the quality of the Roadshow.

Is Anyone Better Off?

- 100% reported an increased awareness of road safety.
- 100% reported increased awareness of the consequences of reckless driving.

Strategic Priority 3:

Strategic Priority 3 *– To support confidence in policing, including through collaborative problem solving with communities*

through

- *ensuring local accountability through the Policing Committee's role in monitoring police performance;*
- *identifying priorities from the PCSP Plan for consideration in the development of the local Policing Plan which are consistent with the Northern Ireland Policing Plan;*
- *providing views to the District Commander through the Policing Committee and supporting the PSNI to engage with the community to identify and address local problems;*
- *delivering initiatives that link to identified local problems that impact confidence in policing;*
- *carrying out meaningful local events aimed at increasing PSNI engagement with local communities to build and strengthen public confidence in policing;*
- *delivering PCSP initiatives in the hardest to reach communities;*
- *providing a platform for the PCSP and PSNI to engage with young people, including on the themes of upholding the rule of law, and of ways of increasing confidence in policing; and*
- *building community confidence in the rule of law by helping mitigate the harm caused to people and communities by paramilitarism, criminality and organised crime consistent with wider Programme for Government objectives and through use of co-design principles, where appropriate.*

OBA Overview

How much did we do?

- 2 Policing Committees held
- 2 Monitoring Sub-Group meetings held
- 2 public PCSP meetings involving PSNI and local communities and 53 participants

How well did we do it?

- 100% members of the public satisfied with meeting/event
- 100% PCSP Members who feel supported to effectively deliver the Policing Committee functions

Is anyone better off?

- 100% of attendees with an increased knowledge of local policing priorities after attending the public meeting
- 100% of attendees with increased in confidence in policing following event/meeting
- 100% of participants more likely to engage with the police positively following meeting/event

Local Community Engagement with the PSNI

Best practice examples – PSNI engaging with the public

Name of Project/Initiative/Event: Retail NI meeting

Funded amount: £500

Partners: Retail NI, PSNI, & Chamber of Commerce

Description of project/initiative/event:

The purpose of the Meeting in Public was to allow members of the business community within Ards and North Down to meet and discuss business concerns with both Retail NI and the PSNI. Retail NI gave a presentation discussing recent increases in shoplifting, abuse of shop staff, and more. Chief Inspector Keith Hutchinson gave updates and advice on shoplifting from a PSNI perspective. The event was designed to allow participants to learn how to keep their business and staff safe.

OBA

How Much Did We Do?

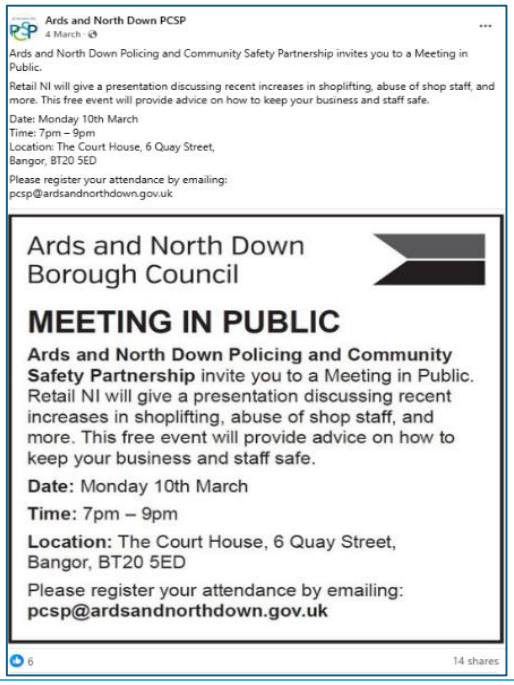
- 1 session was run with 33 participants

How Well Did We Do?

- 83% of participants were satisfied with the meeting
- 100% of participants felt they had sufficient input into the meeting
- 67% of participants thought the presentations were very good

Is Anyone Better Off?

- 100% of participants found the meeting useful
- 80% of participants had increased awareness of business crime



Best practice example:

Name of Project/Initiative/Event: Hooked on Holywood

Funded amount: £1700

Partners: Hooked on Belfast, Redburn and Loughview Community Association, Holywood Community Network

Description of project/initiative/event:

Arranging 2 x 5 weekly sessions of boxing training using newly formed boxing and fitness suite on High Street, Holywood. Police would hold an information talk to include One Punch and ASB whilst engaging with the local PSNI Officers.

Impact of the project/initiative/event:

The project created positive engagement and discussions around the dangers of 1 punch incidents. 10 young people from Redburn and Loughview Community Forum and 17 young people from Holywood Community Network were engaged. The project provided a good opportunity for police to engage with young people from 2 newly formed community groups. The project would allow for increased confidence in policing and increase in rapport with the local neighbourhood officer to reduce ASB, drug use, and to help reduce Loyalist crime gang influences in the Holywood area.

OBA

How Much Did We Do?

- 27 young people engaged.
- 10 sessions held.

How Well Did We Do?

- 100% of those involved in the process expressed they enjoyed the initiative and look forward to future engagement with police.

Is Anyone Better Off?

- 100% of participants with a changed attitude .
- 100% of participants more likely to engage with PSNI.
- 100% of participants who have more confidence in PSNI.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

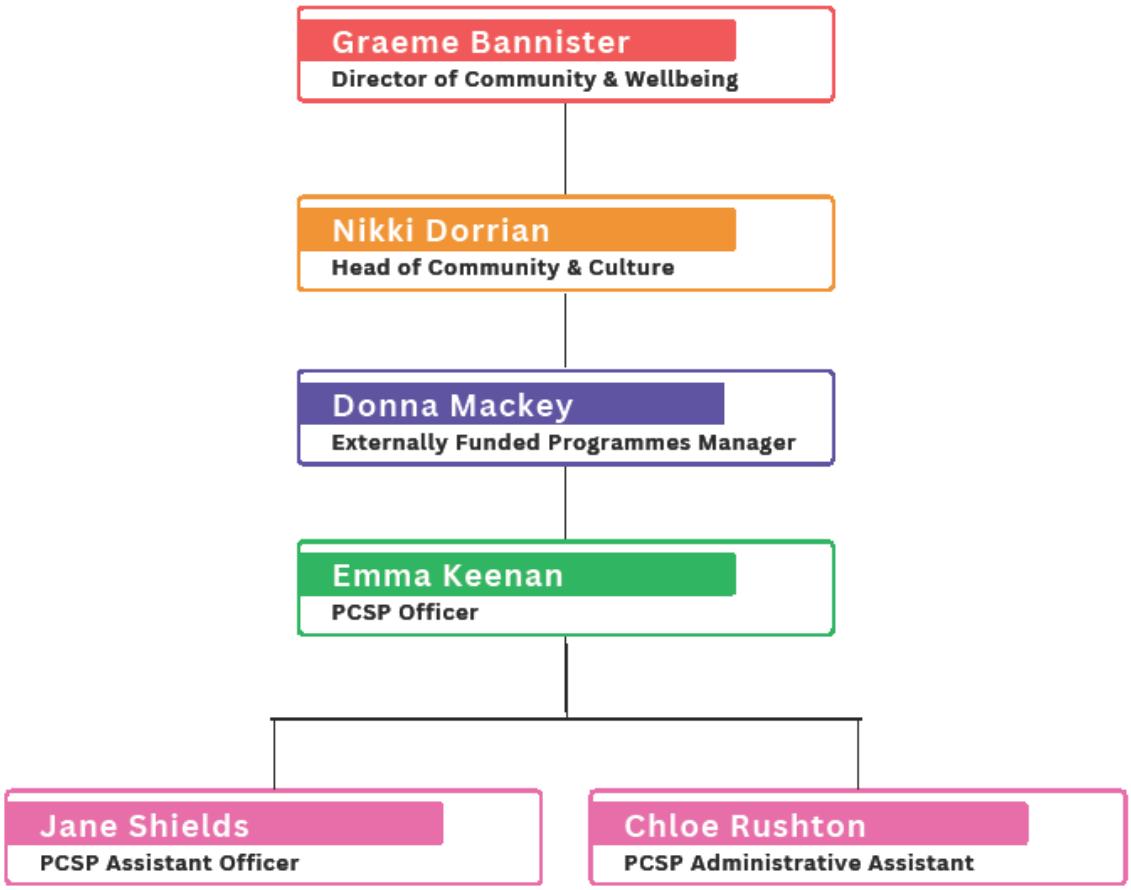
Ards and North Down PCSP currently have 20 Neighbourhood Coordinators covering 1628 addresses within the borough.

Appendices

Appendix A: Organisational Structure of Ards and North Down Borough Council Community and Wellbeing Department

Appendix B: Financial Statement, Ards & North Down PCSP, 2024-2025

Appendix A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Appendix B

ARDS & NORTH DOWN PCSP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Budget Category	Budget agreed Apr 24-Mar 25 £	Changes to budget less than 20% £	Revised Budget Apr 24-Mar 25 £	Actual Expenditure 2024/25 £	Expenditure Accrued £	Total Expenditure to date £	Q1 Payment Apr - Jun £	Q2 Payment Jul - Sep £	Q3 Payment Oct - Dec £	Q4 Payment Jan - Mar £	Total Payments to date £
Salaries	**57,766.00**	0.00	**57,766.00**	57,766.00	0.00	**57,766.00**	30,523.77	27,242.23	0.00	0.00	**57,766.00**
Running Costs											
Staff Mileage (inc. essential car allowance)	**1,300.00**	0.00	**1,300.00**	1,017.52	0.00	**1,017.52**	94.63	159.47	524.60	238.82	**1,017.52**
Staff mileage	**815.00**	-80.00	**735.00**	294.74	67.60	**362.34**	23.85	21.60	169.73	147.16	**362.34**
Printing & Stationery	**200.00**	0.00	**200.00**	30.00	0.00	**30.00**	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	**30.00**
Staff Mobiles	**200.00**	0.00	**200.00**	0.00	0.00	**0.00**	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	**0.00**
Training Courses	**1,323.00**	80.00	**1,403.00**	1,403.00	0.00	**1,403.00**	0.00	0.00	1,323.00	80.00	**1,403.00**
Sub-total running costs	**3,838.00**	-	**3,838.00**	**2,745.26**	**67.60**	**2,812.86**	**118.48**	**181.07**	**2,017.33**	**495.98**	**2,812.86**
Total Administration	**61,604.00**	-	**61,604.00**	**60,511.26**	**67.60**	**60,578.86**	**30,642.25**	**27,423.30**	**2,017.33**	**495.98**	**60,578.86**
OPERATIONAL											
Strategic Objective 1: Form & Deliver functions of PCSP											
PCSP Delivery of PCSP meetings	**2,000.00**	-300.00	**1,700.00**	1,697.11	0.00	**1,697.11**	407.46	254.08	407.60	627.97	**1,697.11**
PCSP Awareness raising including PR and Communications	**20,129.00**	590.00	**20,719.00**	10,938.79	9,773.78	**20,712.57**	1,479.08	2,526.38	4,249.99	12,457.12	**20,712.57**
Local Community Engagement Initiatives including road safety, rural crime, and crime prevention.	**5,000.00**	-180.00	**4,820.00**	4,142.72	676.00	**4,818.72**	0.00	0.00	1,910.67	2,908.05	**4,818.72**
Youth Voice	**4,000.00**	0.00	**4,000.00**	4,000.00	0.00	**4,000.00**	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	**4,000.00**
PCSP Strategy 2025-2028	**3,500.00**	0.00	**3,500.00**	3,500.00	0.00	**3,500.00**	0.00	273.50	3,226.50	0.00	**3,500.00**
Strategic Objective 2: Improve Community Safety											
Early Intervention training programme and RAPID bin initiative.	**9,500.00**	0.00	**9,500.00**	4,395.00	5,105.00	**9,500.00**	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,500.00	**9,500.00**
Substance Abuse Awareness Project	**10,000.00**	0.00	**10,000.00**	10,000.00	0.00	**10,000.00**	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	**10,000.00**
Addressing ASB through diversionary sports programme	**7,000.00**	-330.00	**6,670.00**	4,973.35	1,694.72	**6,668.07**	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,668.07	**6,668.07**
Addressing ASB hotspots areas- Community safety & multi-agency approach	**6,000.00**	0.00	**6,000.00**	3,392.03	2,511.17	**5,903.20**	0.00	2,026.96	772.48	3,103.76	**5,903.20**
Small Grants Programme with a focus on diversionary and prevention	**28,000.00**	720.00	**28,720.00**	24,587.29	4,130.90	**28,718.19**	0.00	700.00	8,875.66	19,142.53	**28,718.19**
Voluntary Safety Wardens	**38,000.00**	0.00	**38,000.00**	38,000.00	0.00	**38,000.00**	9,198.00	8,598.00	9,148.00	11,056.00	**38,000.00**
Schools Education Programme for ASB	**10,000.00**	-210.00	**9,790.00**	7,072.06	2,716.60	**9,788.66**	0.00	2,344.51	466.72	6,977.43	**9,788.66**
Enhanced Detached Youth Programme (EA)	**14,000.00**	0.00	**14,000.00**	14,000.00	0.00	**14,000.00**	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,000.00	**14,000.00**
Domestic Violence Awareness & SED&SVP	**4,100.00**	0.00	**4,100.00**	672.91	3,368.50	**4,041.41**	202.00	372.50	186.00	3,280.91	**4,041.41**
Healthy Relationships Awareness	**10,000.00**	0.00	**10,000.00**	4,025.00	5,975.00	**10,000.00**	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	**10,000.00**
DV Female Victim Support Programme	**14,000.00**	0.00	**14,000.00**	6,400.00	7,600.00	**14,000.00**	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,000.00	**14,000.00**
DV Male Victim Support Programme	**6,000.00**	-60.00	**5,940.00**	0.00	5,932.50	**5,932.50**	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,932.50	**5,932.50**
Hate Crime Initiative	**2,000.00**	0.00	**2,000.00**	2,000.00	0.00	**2,000.00**	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	**2,000.00**
Cybercrime Initiatives	**3,000.00**	-50.00	**2,950.00**	2,950.00	0.00	**2,950.00**	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,950.00	**2,950.00**
4 -Tier Home Secure Project	**35,000.00**	0.00	**35,000.00**	35,000.00	0.00	**35,000.00**	20,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	**35,000.00**
Road safety Initiatives and SID analysis.	**1,000.00**	20.00	**1,020.00**	922.63	91.66	**1,014.29**	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,014.29	**1,014.29**
The P7 Be Safe Programme -with community safety team	**4,000.00**	0.00	**4,000.00**	4,000.00	0.00	**4,000.00**	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	**4,000.00**
Strategic Priority 3 – To support confidence in policing, including through collaborative problem solving with communities											
Policing Public and Private Meetings	**1,000.00**	10.00	**1,010.00**	1,001.87	0.00	**1,001.87**	360.20	0.00	141.67	500.00	**1,001.87**
Building confidence in Policing	**19,000.00**	-210.00	**18,790.00**	17,332.21	1,400.00	**18,732.21**	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,732.21	**18,732.21**
Total Operational	**256,229.00**	-	**256,229.00**	**205,002.97**	**50,975.83**	**255,978.80**	**31,646.74**	**17,095.93**	**44,385.29**	**162,850.84**	**255,978.80**
TOTAL ADMIN & OPERATIONAL	**317,833.00**	-	**317,833.00**	**265,514.23**	**51,043.43**	**316,557.66**	**62,288.99**	**44,519.23**	**46,402.62**	**163,346.82**	**316,557.66**
Meeting Expenses	**14,000.00**	-	**14,000.00**	**5,280.00**	**480.00**	**5,760.00**	**1,200.00**	**480.00**	**1,860.00**	**2,220.00**	**5,760.00**
OVERALL TOTAL	**331,833.00**	-	**331,833.00**	**270,794.23**	**51,523.43**	**322,317.66**	**63,488.99**	**44,999.23**	**48,262.62**	**165,566.82**	**322,317.66**

ITEM 18

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Report Classification	Unclassified
Exemption Reason	Not Applicable
Council/Committee	Community and Wellbeing Committee
Date of Meeting	10 September 2025
Responsible Director	Director of Community and Wellbeing
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Finance
Date of Report	03 June 2025
File Reference	FIN45
Legislation	Section 5 Local Government Finance Act (NI) 2011
Section 75 Compliant	Yes ☐ No ☐ Other ☒ If other, please add comment below:
Subject	Community & Wellbeing Directorate Budgetary Control Reports - March 2025
Attachments	Appendix 1 - March 2025 Appendix 2 - June 2025

This report covers two periods for the Directorate. Appendix 1 (page 2) covers the 2024/2025 to March 2025. Appendix 2 (page 5) covers quarter 1 of 2025/26, to June 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes this report.

Not Applicable

Appendix 1.

March 2025.
The Community & Wellbeing Directorate's Budgetary Control Report covers the 12-month period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. The net cost of the Directorate is showing an underspend of £1,985k (15.4%) – box A on page 3.

Explanation of Variance
Community & Wellbeing's budget performance is further analysed on page 4 into 3 key areas:

Report	Type	Variance	Page
Report 2	Payroll Expenditure	£754k favourable	**3**
Report 3	Goods & Services Expenditure	£243k adverse	**3**
Report 4	Income	£1,474k favourable	**3**

Explanation of Variance
The Community & Wellbeing Directorate's overall variance can be summarised by the following table (variances over £50k): -

Type	Variance £'000	Comment
Payroll	(754)	Payroll underspends throughout the Directorate mainly due to vacant posts. • Environmental Health (£210k) • Community & Culture (£193k) • Parks & Cemeteries (£82k) • Leisure (£270k)
Goods & Services		
Community & Wellbeing HQ	74	• War Years Remembered Grant - £50k. Funded by underspends within C&W. • Legal Fees - £16k
Environmental Health	66	• Legal case which involved a judicial review (£33k). • EH Health & Wellbeing & Home Safety overspends (£40k) offset by income
Community & Culture	254	• Advice Service contributions £157k offset by additional grant income. • Conway Buildings Maintenance - £20k • Externally Funded Programmes - £69k offset by additional grant income
Parks & Cemeteries	(165)	• Coastal Path (£140k underspend)

Not Applicable

Type	Variance £'000	Comment
Income		
Environmental Health	(52)	• Additional Home Safety grant income (£35k) • Health & Safety income (£14k)
Community & Culture	(252)	• Additional grant income offsets additional spend.
Parks & Cemeteries	(176)	• Cemeteries income (£149k) • Franchise income (£13k) • Memorial Benches (£17k)
Leisure	(994)	• Ards Blair Mayne – (£474k) • Londonderry Park – (£65k) • NCLT Contract – (£308k) – not budgeted. • Community Centres – (£127k).

Not Applicable

REPORT 1 BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

Period 12 - March 2025

	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Variance	Annual Budget	Variance
	£	£	£	£	%
Community & Wellbeing					
100 Community & Wellbeing HQ	295,382	221,000	74,382	221,000	33.7
110 Environmental Health	2,137,589	2,333,500	(195,911)	2,333,500	(8.4)
120 Community and Culture	2,338,492	2,529,800	(191,308)	2,529,800	(7.6)
140 Parks & Cemeteries	4,823,908	5,246,800	(422,892)	5,246,800	(8.1)
150 Leisure Services	1,317,532	2,567,300	(1,249,768)	2,567,300	(48.7)
Total	**10,912,904**	**12,898,400**	**A (1,985,496)**	**12,898,400**	**(15.4)**

REPORT 2 PAYROLL REPORT

	£	£	£	£	%
Community & Wellbeing - Payroll					
100 Community & Wellbeing HQ	177,589	176,300	1,289	176,300	0.7
110 Environmental Health	2,577,986	2,788,100	(210,114)	2,788,100	(7.5)
120 Community and Culture	1,768,496	1,961,200	(192,704)	1,961,200	(9.8)
140 Parks & Cemeteries	4,070,074	4,152,500	(82,426)	4,152,500	(2.0)
150 Leisure	4,964,325	5,234,100	(269,775)	5,234,100	(5.2)
Total	**13,558,469**	**14,312,200**	**(753,731)**	**14,312,200**	**(5.3)**

REPORT 3 GOODS & SERVICES REPORT

	£	£	£	£	%
Community & Wellbeing - Goods & Services					
100 Community & Wellbeing HQ	119,431	46,400	73,031	46,400	157.4
110 Environmental Health	260,983	195,100	65,883	195,100	33.8
120 Community and Culture	2,098,629	1,845,000	253,629	1,845,000	13.7
140 Parks & Cemeteries	1,458,402	1,623,000	(164,598)	1,623,000	(10.1)
150 Leisure	1,014,481	999,900	14,581	999,900	1.5
Total	**4,951,926**	**4,709,400**	**242,526**	**4,709,400**	**5.1**

REPORT 4 INCOME REPORT

	£	£	£	£	%
Community & Wellbeing - Income					
100 Community & Wellbeing HQ	(1,638)	(1,700)	62	(1,700)	3.7
110 Environmental Health	(701,381)	(649,700)	(51,681)	(649,700)	(8.0)
120 Community and Culture	(1,528,632)	(1,276,400)	(252,232)	(1,276,400)	(19.8)
140 Parks & Cemeteries	(704,568)	(528,700)	(175,868)	(528,700)	(33.3)
150 Leisure	(4,661,273)	(3,666,700)	(994,573)	(3,666,700)	(27.1)
Totals	**(7,597,492)**	**(6,123,200)**	**(1,474,292)**	**(6,123,200)**	**(24.1)**

Not Applicable

Appendix 2.

June 2025
The Community & Wellbeing Directorate's Budgetary Control Report covers the 4-month period 1 April to 31 July 2025. The net cost of the Directorate is showing an underspend of £219k (5.3%) – box A on page 3.

Explanation of Variance
Community & Wellbeing's budget performance is further analysed on page 4 into 3 key areas:

Report	Type	Variance	Page
Report 2	Payroll Expenditure	£191k favourable	**3**
Report 3	Goods & Services Expenditure	£135k adverse	**3**
Report 4	Income	£163k favourable	**3**

Explanation of Variance
The Community & Wellbeing Directorate's overall variance can be summarised by the following table (variances over £15k): -

Type	Variance £'000	Comment
Payroll	(191)	Payroll underspends mainly due to vacant posts. • Environmental Health (£67k) • Community & Culture (£61k) • Leisure (£105k) • Parks & Cemeteries over budget £42k.
Goods & Services		
Community & Culture	26	Good Relations - £20k – offset by payroll underspend
Parks and Cemeteries	83	Operating costs over budget include:- • Training Employees - £20k, • Security/Key Holder costs - £14k • Parks Equipment - £12k • Hired Equipment - £15k • Cemetery Development - £10k
Leisure	27	Operating costs over budget include:- • Sports Equipment for Comber - £11k • Licenses - £7k • Community Centre Equipment - £8k These are more than offset by increased income.

Not Applicable

Type	Variance £'000	Comment
Income		
Environmental Health	(23)	• Smoking Enforcement and Age Friendly Grants
Parks & Cemeteries	(44)	• Cemeteries income (£38k) • Franchise income (£6k)
Leisure	(87)	• Ards Blair Mayne – (£44k) • Londonderry Park – (£8k) • The Commons – (£8k) • Portaferry Sports Centre – (£8k) • Community Centres – (£15k).

Not Applicable

REPORT 1	BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT				
	Period 4 - July 2025				
	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Variance	Annual Budget	Variance
	£	£	£	£	%
Community & Wellbeing					
100 Community & Wellbeing HQ	76,756	75,300	1,456	225,400	1.9
110 Environmental Health	819,373	910,800	(91,427)	2,584,400	(10.0)
120 Community and Culture	769,788	813,300	(43,512)	2,794,300	(5.4)
140 Parks & Cemeteries	1,847,450	1,767,000	80,450	5,592,600	4.6
150 Leisure Services	385,509	551,000	(165,491)	2,100,700	(30.0)
Total	**3,898,877**	**4,117,400**	**A (218,523)**	**13,297,400**	**(5.3)**

REPORT 2	PAYROLL REPORT				
	£	£	£	£	%
Community & Wellbeing - Payroll					
100 Community & Wellbeing HQ	60,284	60,100	184	180,600	0.3
110 Environmental Health	911,030	977,800	(66,770)	2,946,200	(6.8)
120 Community and Culture	583,238	644,200	(60,962)	2,005,700	(9.5)
140 Parks & Cemeteries	1,600,757	1,559,000	41,757	4,596,400	2.7
150 Leisure	1,679,127	1,784,000	(104,873)	5,347,400	(5.9)
Total	**4,834,436**	**5,025,100**	**(190,664)**	**15,076,300**	**(3.8)**

REPORT 3	GOODS & SERVICES REPORT				
	£	£	£	£	%
Community & Wellbeing - Goods & Services					
100 Community & Wellbeing HQ	18,164	16,900	1,264	46,500	7.5
110 Environmental Health	66,989	68,300	(1,311)	283,400	(1.9)
120 Community and Culture	385,351	359,800	25,551	1,810,900	7.1
140 Parks & Cemeteries	531,650	449,000	82,650	1,601,200	18.4
150 Leisure	254,325	227,500	26,825	1,139,000	11.8
Total	**1,256,479**	**1,121,500**	**134,979**	**4,881,000**	**12.0**

REPORT 4	INCOME REPORT				
	£	£	£	£	%
Community & Wellbeing - Income					
100 Community & Wellbeing HQ	(1,692)	(1,700)	8	(1,700)	0.5
110 Environmental Health	(158,646)	(135,300)	(23,346)	(645,200)	(17.3)
120 Community and Culture	(198,801)	(190,700)	(8,101)	(1,022,300)	(4.2)
140 Parks & Cemeteries	(284,957)	(241,000)	(43,957)	(605,000)	(18.2)
150 Leisure	(1,547,943)	(1,460,500)	(87,443)	(4,385,700)	(6.0)
Totals	**(2,192,038)**	**(2,029,200)**	**(162,838)**	**(6,659,900)**	**(8.0)**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes this report.